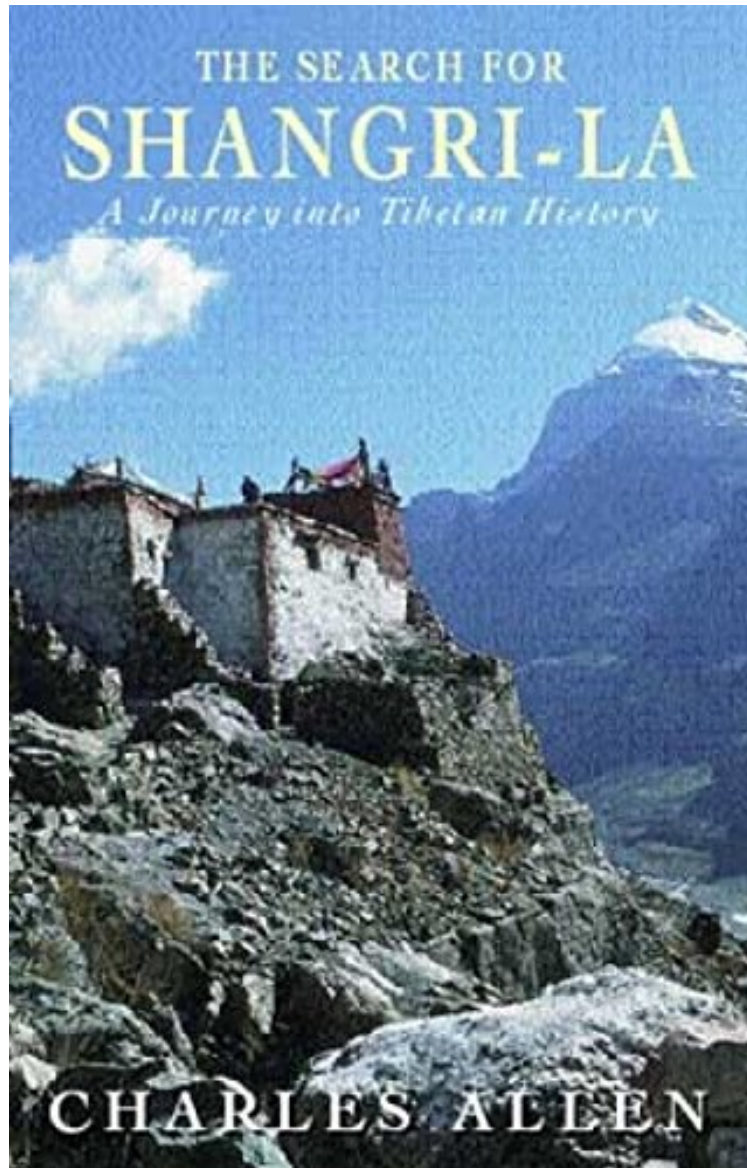


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Hard to keep track if you don't know TibetVon Ein KundeSince I am quite interested in Tibet, its history and religion I thought this book might be a good buy. Actually it is, it's very informative and gives quite some insight on Tibet's religious history and brings you closer to understand the myth of Shangri La. But I think it could be hard for somebody who does not have any prior information on Tibet, to understand this book, or better to say, keep an interest in the book. Even though the Glossary offers an explanation for most terms, it might become frustrating for somebody who isn't in to "mandalas", "chorten", "darchen" or "Bon"

KurzbeschreibungThe idea of a hidden refuge, a paradise far from the stresses of modern life, has universal appeal. In 1932 the writer James Hilton coined the word 'Shangri-La' to describe such a place, when he gave that name to a hidden valley in the Himalayas in his novel LOST HORIZON.In THE SEARCH FOR SHANGRI-LA acclaimed traveller and writer Charles Allen explores the myth behind the story. He tracks down the sources that Hilton drew upon in writing his popular romance, and then sets out to discover what lies behind the legend that inspired him. In the course of a lively and amusing account of his four journeys into Tibet, Allen also gives us a controversial new reading of the country's early history, shattering our notions of Tibet as a Buddhist paradise and restoring the mysterious pre-Buddhist religion of Bon to its rightful place in Tibetan culture. He also locates the lost kingdom of Shang-shung and, in doing so, the original Shangri-La itself: in an astounding gorge beyond the Himalayas, full of extraordinary ruins.PressestimmenA thoughtprovoking work, filled with unusual links and ideas that deserve to be explored (Patrick French in The Sunday TIMES)Retells the adventures of kings and seers, shamans and deities, handling the tales of war, triumph and defeat with mastery (Tahir Shah in The LITERARY REVIEW)Werbetext* Highly entertaining account of four journeys into the Himalayas and Tibet* Includes a ground-breaking survey of the history of early Tibet