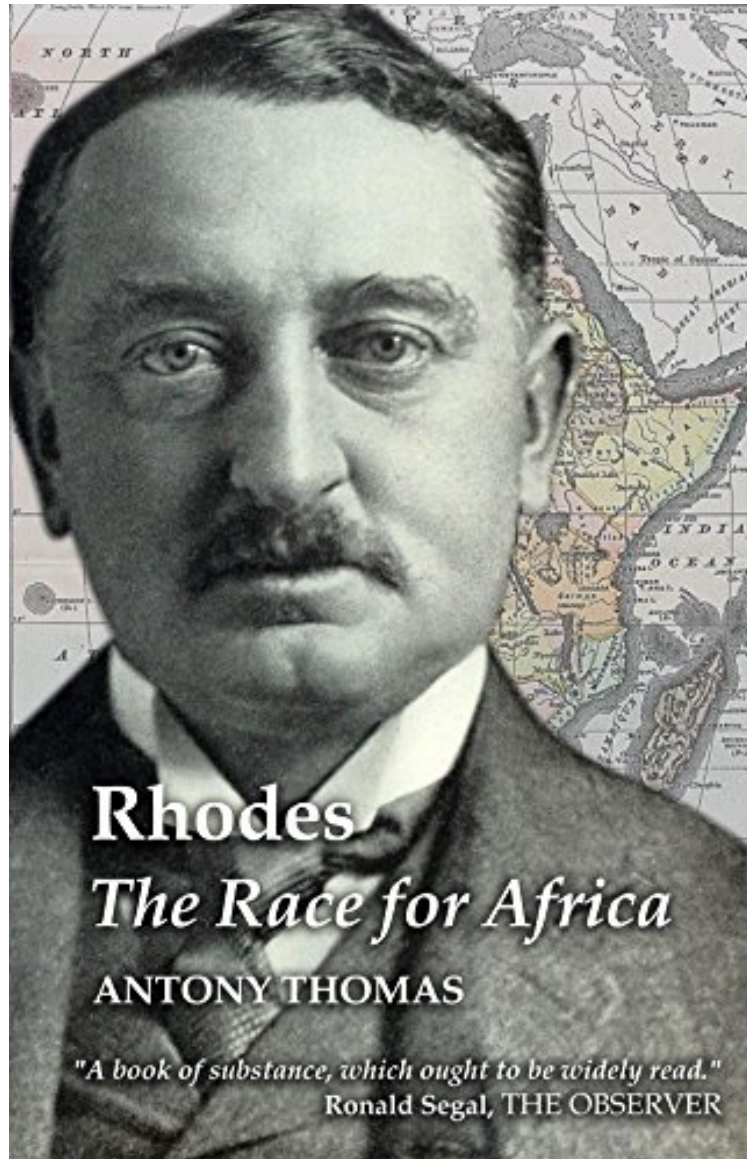


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Von Antony Thomas : Rhodes (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Rhodes (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A good survey on Rhodes's lifeVon E. EggenAntony Thomas does a very good job of presenting the life events a notable personage, while doing justice to the views of both Rhodes's many apologists and many critics. Rhodes thought his

name would live on through his accomplishments for a thousand years, yet in less than a century, most of his work has been undone. Southern Rhodesia is now Zimbabwe and Northern Rhodesia is now Zambia. I found the most interesting part of the book to be the description of the development and consolidation of the diamond fields at Kimberley. Oddly, the De Beers name which is now synonymous with diamonds around the world came from the name of a farm bought by Rhodes from the De Beers brothers early in the diamond rush. Other than this land sale, the brothers apparently had no role in the industry that made their name famous. Much of the book deals with the ventures of the British South Africa Chartered Company, including the conquest of Southern Rhodesia (Matabeleland and Mashonaland), and the ill-starred Jemison Raid. The tales of economic and political intrigue, both in Britain and in Africa, are first rate. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Contemplating the colossus Von Ein Kunde An extremely thorough summation of an amazingly complex person. The author's opinions are openly expressed, but presented as purely opinion. The story of Rhodes' life is put into the context of the era he lived in, leaving it to the reader to decide the degree of Rhodes' damnation or exaltation. Excellent! 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Excellent work telling how an ordinary man built an empire Von Ein Kunde Well written account of how one man made and lost several fortunes and became beloved then reviled. This book focuses on the character of the man and his contemporaries, and how he single handedly re-shaped the political boundaries of Africa. Very interesting for anyone interested in colonial history.

Kurzbeschreibung My special relationship with Cecil Rhodes dates back to the late 1940s, when, as a small child growing up in Cape Town, I would be taken by my grandparents to the botanical gardens in the city centre to spend a few reverential moments before the statue of Cecil Rhodes. So begins Anthony Thomas in a personal but objective account of a modern tragedy. Today the only monuments to the man are the scholarships awarded at Oxford University that bear his name and a civic centre in Bishops Stortford, the place of his birth. Thomas was prompted to work on his eight-part BBC documentary by African events in 1980, when the new nation of Zimbabwe was formed out of Southern Rhodesia, sixteen years after Zambia had reverted to its new name from Northern Rhodesia. The show aired in the months after Nelson Mandela, to whom the book is dedicated, was elected President of South Africa. Thomas outlines a life of a man who drew Britain into her most bloody conflict in the years between Waterloo and the First World War. Having arrived in South Africa in his teenage years as a cotton farmer, Cecil Rhodes soon founded a set of diamond mines by exploiting the discovery of natural resources. In 1880 Rhodes created De Beers, a company which monopolised the global diamond market. He followed this by profiting from the natural resources in gold, realising that South Africa had to sell their labour to its colonialists. After a brief period studying at Oxford, where he suffered a heart attack, he returned to Southern Africa and dealt with illegal diamond buying, falling share prices, smallpox, sabotage and matters of business. Communication was improved with the introduction of telegraph facilities, which relayed messages around South Africa and back to England. While in England Rhodes had been heavily influenced by new political thought, and stood for Parliament, establishing himself in Cape Town as Prime Minister of the region. He also appointed intermediaries in the manner of a skilled diplomat and politician, whose lives Thomas also details. There was also the infamous time when his own man, Jameson, launched his own raid on locals. Rhodes had originally set about dealing peacefully and in war with chiefs, rulers and Portuguese claimants of African land. Controversially, Rhodes had set in motion most of the elements which led to the apartheid regimes of the twentieth century, passing laws restricting voting rights and education to segregate the people. This clouds judgement on his brilliant career, which came to an end at the time of the Boer War, aged 48, in 1902. Praise for Anthony Thomas: This is a true story of our times, and all times, splendidly told. Nadine Gordimer, Nobel Laureate "Informative, lively ... fascinating" James Smethurst, CHICAGO TRIBUNE "A book of substance, which ought to be widely read." Ronald Segal, THE OBSERVER "Intelligent, detailed, well-researched and credibly nuanced John Carlin, THE INDEPENDENT The detail is penetrating, incisive, insightful ... An accurate historical picture of the times [and] nobody is spared. Alex Auswaks, JERUSALEM POST "A biography I really would recommend." Tony Palmer, BBC RADIO THREE "A gripping narrative Canon Wilkinson, CHURCH TIMES Anthony Thomas was brought up in South Africa and graduated from Cambridge University. He has achieved international recognition through his television documentaries and dramas. Endeavour Press is the UK's leading independent digital publisher. For more information on our titles please sign up to our newsletter at www.endeavourpress.com. Each week you will receive updates on free and discounted ebooks. Follow us on Twitter: @EndeavourPress and on Facebook via <http://on.fb.me/1HweQV7>. We are always interested in hearing from our readers. Endeavour Press believes that the future is now.. deAnthony Thomas, a South African exiled in 1977 after he made an anti-apartheid documentary, approached English empire builder Cecil Rhodes (1853-1902) with just the right attitude. Thomas strongly criticized the racially unjust and politically corrupt methods by which Rhodes built the white-dominated states of Southern Africa, but he was also fascinated by the forceful personality that enabled Rhodes to charm, cajole, and finagle his way into wealth and power. Vigorous prose and a propulsive story line do justice to Rhodes's action-packed life, which is also the subject of a

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