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Reviews of the A Town Like Alice *by* Nevil Shute

GWEZJ

TRASH--THIS IS NOT, REPEAT NOT!!!, THE NEVIL SHUTE BOOK. This should not be sold by Amazon. This is someone's junior-high-rewrite summary of the book, not even as good as the old Reader's Digest condensed editions. This has a controlled vocabulary, shortened simple sentences, and a totally skewed chronology, not even close to the original--it makes anyone who has read the true novel FIGHTING MAD to see this advertised/sold as Shute's actual work. THIS IS NOT THE NEVIL SHUTE NOVEL, THIS IS A TRAVESTY. There is another listing for A Town Like Alice on Amazon, and that is the one you want to buy. Download a sample first, and make sure you have the correct one--it starts off dryly, with legal information, but in the first paragraph you find out that the narrator is the solicitor (lawyer) who will be contacting Jean about her inheritance and the story starts off, returning to the Pacific theatre of war and her later life in Australia. AMAZON, TAKE IT

OFF--QUIT SELLING IT AND ADVERTISING IT. THIS IS A BETRAYAL BOTH OF THE AUTHOR AND OF ALL YOUR READERS.

Hinewen

I'm not sure what's going on, but I purchased this Kindle edition of 'A Town Like Alice' and Nevil Shute did not write whatever was delivered to my Kindle. The book has been a longtime favorite of mine, and this version is written like a child's text book. Very strange and disappointing. I'm going to try to find the real version... so I suggest that if you want to buy the authentic version, order a sample first. If it does not begin in a British solicitor's office, you've got the wrong one.

Bev

This is not A TOWN LIKE ALICE. It is not even an abridged version. It is a 100 page synopsis written like a middle school "D" student's book report. Do not buy this version. I was anticipating the pleasure of reading a much loved favorite. I feel cheated and misled. Amazon, if you must sell this, tell your customers what they are spending their time and money on, and that it is not what is advertised. This cover illustration shows a soldier in silhouette. Can I submit this with 0 stars?

Anardred

This is not a real book. I don't know who the audience is, but the book is an abridged version (to put it kindly - it is actually more like a Cliff Notes version). I have returned it for a full refund from Amazon. Hopefully, someone there will realize that there is some problem with this listing. One reader also noted the same problem with Kindle version, which is why I bought the print version.

Enila

Warning to those familiar with Nevil Shute. This version is not the original version. It is more like a children's book. It is told in a whole different voice and manner and if you are older than 12, you are going to be terribly disappointed. Nevil Shute's A Town Like Alice is complex and intriguing novel. This version is more a comic book version. Unfortunately it appears that the original is not available on Kindle possibly in some other format tho. I returned my copy for full refund. Thank you Amazon.

Update: there is a kindle version of the original at Amazon:

http://www.amazon.com/Town-Like-Alice-Nevil-Shute-ebook/dp/B00AEZZZF6/ref=sr_1_3?ie=UTF8&qid=1452443356&sr=8-3&keywords=a+town+like+alice

For further confirmation, you want the book that begins: "James Macfadden died ..."

Buzalas

This one-star review is ONLY for the specific Kindle edition which has "(Illustrated)" after the title, with the scenic photograph on the cover.

Do NOT buy this edition. I wanted to re-read this book , which is worthy of five stars. I zipped through this poor version in about an hour, asking myself over and over, "but where is the part about...?"

This is a badly condensed version that I suppose is intended for 5th graders, or lower. They should have called it "Dick and Jane visit Malaya and Australia." All the details, human interest, descriptions, and at least half of the story, are missing. There is nothing there either to horrify, or to lift the heart.

The unabridged version has 11 chapters; the first 5 cover before, during, and just after the war, and the last 6 take place in Australia.

This edition sums up most of the story in those last 6 chapters in 7 short paragraphs. Seven. Paragraphs. I would add the emoji which runs around tearing its hair out, if I could.

Let's see what I can do with Harry Potter: "There was a boy named Harry. His aunt and uncle were mean to him. One day he found out he was a wizard. He went to wizarding school. He found out that

a bad wizard wanted a Stone. It was hidden at the school. The bad wizard tried to steal the Stone. Harry and the bad wizard fought. Harry won. He was happy." There you have it; the first Harry Potter book, as re-written by the unimaginative producers of this awful edition.

I have now bought the version another reviewer recommended, with a drawing of Jean on one side of the cover, on a black background. The beginning is the one I remember, not the terse "Jeans Early Life" (note the missing apostrophe) in this boring condensed version.

Don't even buy this one for your kids, unless you want them to shun reading, and/or Nevil Shute's books, for the rest of their lives.

Malaris

I would not have purchased the book if I had realized that it was a most unimaginative condensation, not the original book. It is little more than a plot summary. Nevil Shute is a fine writer and the original book, which I have read several times before is a fine book. This however is not the real book. Kindle should be ashamed to sell this as if it was the original. I would not recommend it to anyone. Go to your library and get a copy.

Complete BS! Children's book although I read about it to ensure I was getting the right version! DO NOT BUY THIS unless you want a 120 page large-type watered down shadow of the story. I am livid. I literally researched the various products on Amazon before spending my time and money on this particular part number AND STILL WAS DUPED. Absolute robbery. Disgusted with this vendor, with Amazon for not better screening their description and with myself for trusting.

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