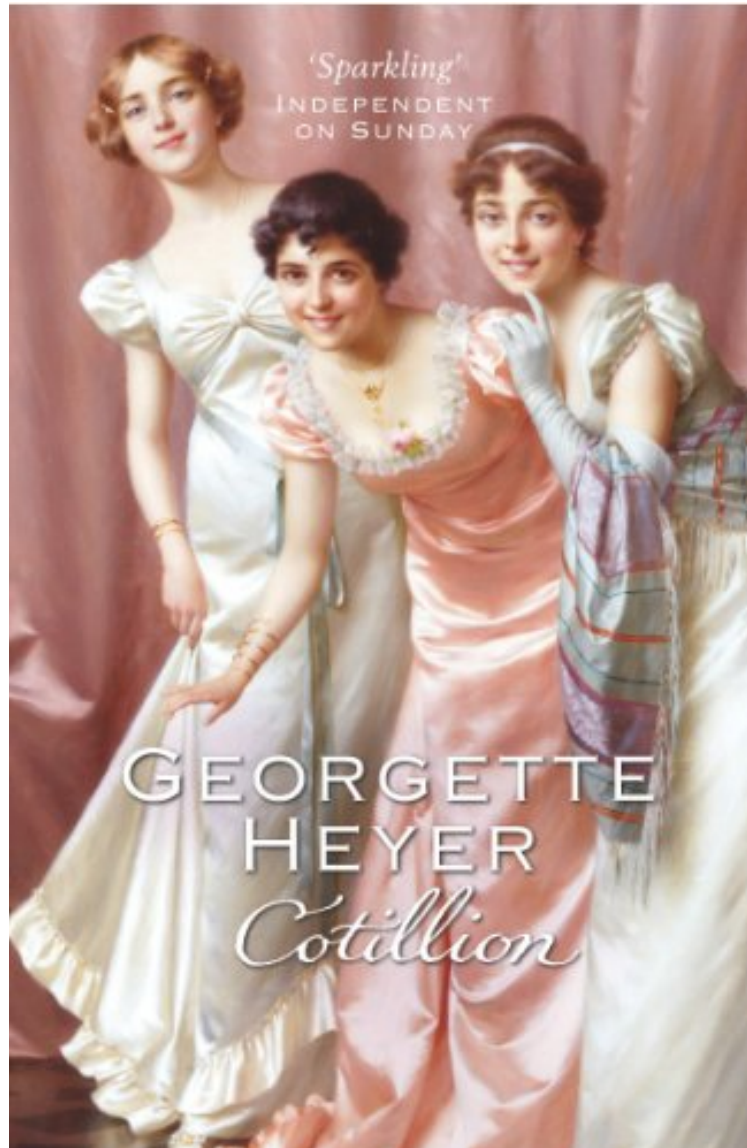


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen31 von 31 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich.
Ungewhnliches HeldenpaarVon Geisha XGeorgette Heyer ist die unbestrittene Hohepriesterin des Regency
Liebesromans. Mit "Cotillion" hat sie selbst fr ihre eigenen Verhltnisse ein Ausnahmebuch abgeliefert.Kitty ist unter
der Fuchtel ihres zurckgezogen lebenden, exzentrischen "Onkel Matthew" aufgewachsen. Der alte Herr, der whrend

eines Gichtanfalls gerne mal das ganze Haus tyrannisiert, hat sich dieses Mal ein besonderes Stck ausgedacht. Kitty soll sein beachtliches Vermgen erben - vorausgesetzt sie heiratet einen seiner zahlreichen Grossneffen. Diese werden ins Haus berufen, sollen um sie anhalten und sie soll sich einen von ihnen aussuchen. Dabei haben sowohl Onkel Matthew als auch Kitty ihr Auge auf Jack geworfen - doch Jack will zwar Onkel Matthews Erbe und Kittys Hand - jedoch zu seinen eigenen Konditionen und zu seinem selbst gewhlten Zeitpunkt und kommt nicht. Kitty jedoch will auch nicht weiter in Onkel Matthews zugigem Haus sitzen und auf Jack warten, kurzerhand beredet sie ihren Cousin Freddy Standen eine Verlobung mit ihr vorzuschlagen und sie nach London mitzunehmen, wo sie plant Jack zu einem Antrag zu bringen. Doch dort angekommen, muss Kitty realisieren dass nichts ganz so einfach ist, wie sie es sich vorgestellt hat. Und dass Jack vielleicht gar nicht der ideale Mann zum Heiraten ist...Georgette Heyer hat bessere und schlechtere Bcher geschrieben. "Cotillion" geht fr mich zu ihren besten, dabei ist es eigentlich ein Buch mit Handicap. Denn wir haben schon von dunklen Helden geht, gefhrlichen Helden, "Rakes" und "tortured Heroes" ... aber "liebenswrdigen Helden"??? Freddy Standen ist weder klug noch ein guter Boxer, sondern einfach charmant und berdies ein Gentleman. Heyer schafft es hier dem Leser einiges an Denkanstssen mitzugeben. Denn pltzlich wird hier klar, dass der Lebemann Jack eigentlich gar keine besonders netter Mensch ist, whrend der zunchst etwas langsam von Begriff wirkende Freddy ungeahnte Tiefen entwickelt. Dieser ungewhnliche Held alleine macht das Buch absolut lesenswert. Da aber dann noch eine ganze Reihe weiterer gut herausgearbeiteter Nebenfiguren, eine vergngliche Handlung und jede Menge Witz in das Buch einfließen hat es einen ganz besonderen Platz unter meiner Heyer-Top-Ten. Ein absolutes Wohlfl-Buch!19 von 21 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A charming tale to read again and againVon Helen HancoxI am interested that I'm reviewing this book on a German site - it can be difficult to understand Georgette Heyer's books for a native English speaker as she uses very different language and lots of 19th century idioms. But it's worth the effort to get to the heart of all her great stories.The first time I read Cotillion I found myself a little disappointed. Perhaps because Freddie isn't really the sort of hero I go for (The Marquis of Vidal, Marquis of Alverstoke or Earl of Worth from Heyer's novels spring to mind here), perhaps because Kitty wasn't the usual intelligent, witty heroine, perhaps because there were lots of different stories which diluted the overall effect.I read it again, two months later and completely changed my mind. Freddie IS a great hero because of his sweetness of nature, self-awareness and the way that he rises to the occasion when it becomes necessary and saves the day in so many ways, but humbly. And as for the hero character, Jack Westruther, who you might expect to be that - he isn't; we hear of his rake lifestyle and it's offputting. However, Freddie's father makes a fascinating side-character with his sly wit and amusing turn of phrase; Lord Legerwood definitely adds a spice to the book and he's now my hero of it, alongside his son.The period detail of Heyer's books is of course fantastic and this one is no different. What stands out for me in Cotillion is that Heyer is able to portray many different people, some of whom are simple or at least not particularly intelligent, with real veracity. Kitty's young and bighearted and is utterly convincing; Freddie isn't particularly intelligent but has a lot of common sense and worldly knowledge and he is convincing; Freddie's sister whose husband is away and is flexing her flirting muscles is convincing - all the characters we come across in Cotillion are different from each other (and from other Heyer characters) but work. No mean feat!I recommend this book very much, and it definitely improves with subsequent reading.11 von 12 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Her most heart-warming charactersVon C. WOf all of her books, this one is my favourite. Funny, with a good story line and character development. But best of all are the 2 lead characters - the most likeable of all her creations. Charming, funny, kind, heart-warming. I have read this book many, many times. Each time I finish it, it is with regret that I say goodbye to Kitty and Freddy. Surely the 2 most charming of all her heroes and heroines.

KurzbeschreibungA brilliant and compelling Regency romance by one of our best-known and most beloved historical novelists of all time.The three great-nephews of cantankerous Mr Penicuik know better than to ignore his summons, especially when it concerns the bestowal of his fortune -- the wily old gentleman has hatched a typically freakish plan for his stepdaughter's future and his own amusement: his fortune will be Kitty's dowry. But while the beaux are scrambling for her hand, Kitty counters with her own inventive, if daring, scheme: a sham engagement which should keep wedlock at bay ...Cotillion shows what made Georgette Heyer the undisputed queen of historical romance - one of the most popular novelists of her day, she is still adored by a huge readership..deYoung Kitty Charing stands to inherit a vast fortune from her irascible great-uncle Matthew--provided she marries one of her cousins. Kitty is not wholly adverse to the plan, if the right nephew proposes. Unfortunately, Kitty has set her heart on Jack Westruther, a confirmed rake, who seems to have no inclination to marry her anytime soon. In an effort to make Jack jealous, and to see a little more of the world than her isolated life on her great-uncle's estate has afforded her, Kitty devises a plan. She convinces yet another of her cousins, the honourable Freddy Standen, to pretend to be engaged to her. Her plan would bring her to London on a visit to Freddy's family and (hopefully) render the elusive Mr Westruther madly jealous. Thus begins Cotillion, arguably the funniest, most charming of Georgette Heyer's many delightful Regency romances.No sooner does Kitty arrive in London than she becomes embroiled in the romantic difficulties of several

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