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before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Ralph The Heir The Claverings: Two Anthony Trollope Classics (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Trollope shines as portraitist, moralist, amiable cynicVon EricaRalph The Heir, written late in Antony Trollope's life, is not as well known as his Palliser or Barchester novels, and this is a great shame. To my mind his talents are on display here in all their mature glory; his penetrating observation of human motive and weakness, combined with a raucous, convoluted storyline and a wicked sense of humor. Trollope knows people through and through, and it is no small thing that he refuses here to make even his villain a monster. In true Trollope form, Ralph who is the heir (there are two Ralphs and two heirs) is in embarrassed circumstances. Having spent a rather idle life waiting for his uncle to die so that he might inherit (and with the old squire hale at sixty, this will not likely happen soon), Ralph finds himself in debt up to his eyeballs...or perhaps his hand-tooled hunting boots. With a stable of hunters and a fierce riding breeches habit, Ralph must do something, but what? Just what Ralph does, and how it touches the whole pantheon within his circle (and a few decidedly outside it!) gently underlines Trollope's deep concerns for his time: just what is a gentleman? What, indeed, is nobility in man and woman? And how are we so often willfully blinkered by love, loyalty, ambition, and hate? There are several storylines in Ralph The Heir, and the author does not disappoint those who delight in watching him tie all these delicious tales together in almost Seinfeldian fashion. Parliament figures prominently and the election (or rather the attempt at an election) of a principal character is so marvelously portrayed, so wicked, it alone is worth the price of the book. Trollope is a gem. Gentle, kindly in his characters, he truly loves people and when he laughs at them, I rather think he is laughing also at himself. Enjoy this; it's one of Trollope's best.

Kurzbeschreibung Two of British author Anthony Trollope's bestselling novels are in this Kindle eBook: Ralph The Heir The Claverings (both fully hyper-linked for ease of reference)Ralph The Heir Squire Gregory Newton has an illegitimate son (Ralph), but his estate will be left to his nephew and heir (also named Ralph), who is a spendthrift. Before that happens, however, the Squire is killed. Meanwhile, there is a Parliamentary election in Percycross, a riding with a tradition of buying and selling votes. The Claverings (1867)This is the story of Harry Clavering, a young man jilted by his fiancée who is in need of a profession and a wife. It is also the tale of a young woman who made a marriage of convenience and must abide the consequences. Harry is the only son of Reverend Henry Clavering, a wealthy clergyman and uncle of the affluent baronet Sir Hugh Clavering. Harry's father urges him to make the church his profession but is his heart in it? About The Author Victorian-era novelist Anthony Trollope (1815-1882) was best-known for his novels known as the Chronicles of Barsetshire, involving the imaginary county of Barsetshire. He wrote about topical matters including political, social, and gender issues. His father was a barrister and he was educated in privileged, public schools Harrow School and Winchester but he had limited means and relied on his imagination to escape. His mother had success as a writer, but his father gave up the law for farming and eventually fled to Belgium to avoid arrest. In Belgium, Anthony Trollope was offered a commission in an Austrian cavalry regiment and learned French and German, but instead returned to London to work at the Post Office. He volunteered to work in Ireland and redeemed himself as a public servant. His salary and travel allowance went much further in Ireland than they had in London, and he enjoyed a small measure of prosperity. It was in Ireland that Trollope met Rose Heseltine, the daughter of a Rotherham bank manager, and they married. At the time of his marriage, he wrote The Macdermots of Ballycloran, his first novel, and wrote during long train trips around Ireland while working for the post office. As a result, many of his earliest novels have Ireland as their backdrop, reflecting his life there during the great famine. (The Macdermots of Ballycloran, The Landleaguers, and Castle Richmond). The Kellys and the O'Kellys (1848) is a humorous comparison of the romantic pursuits of the landed gentry (Francis O'Kelly, Lord Ballindine) and his Catholic tenant (Martin Kelly). In 1851, Trollope was sent to England for work, travelling throughout Great Britain on horseback and train. He visited Salisbury Cathedral where, according to his autobiography, he conceived the plot of The Warden, the first of the six Barsetshire novels. Barchester Towers, the second Barsetshire novel, was a success and he received an advance payment of 100. George Murray Smith and William Makepeace Thackeray, who were starting a magazine, offered 1000 for a novel, which led to Trollope writing Framley Parsonage, setting it near Barchester. It proved enormously successful and his position in literary society was solidified. Trollope eventually resigned from the Post Office, hoping to be elected to the House of Commons, and stood as a Liberal candidate in the East Riding of Yorkshire. He finished as the last of four candidates amid cries of corruption. The Percycross election in Ralph the Heir was closely based on the Beverley campaign. Trollope died in London in 1882, and is buried in a north London, near the grave of fellow author Wilkie Collins.His books include: The Warden (1855)Barchester Towers (1857)Doctor Thorne (1858)Framley Parsonage (1861)The Small House at Allington (1864)The Last Chronicle of Barset (1867)He Knew He Was Right (1869) The Way We Live Now (1875)Castle RichmondAn Eye for an EyeKurzbeschreibung Two of British author Anthony Trollope's bestselling novels are in this Kindle eBook: Ralph The Heir The Claverings (both fully hyper-linked for ease of reference)Ralph The Heir Squire Gregory Newton has an illegitimate son (Ralph), but his estate will be left to his nephew and heir (also named Ralph), who is a spendthrift. Before that happens, however, the Squire is killed. Meanwhile, there is a Parliamentary election in Percycross, a riding

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