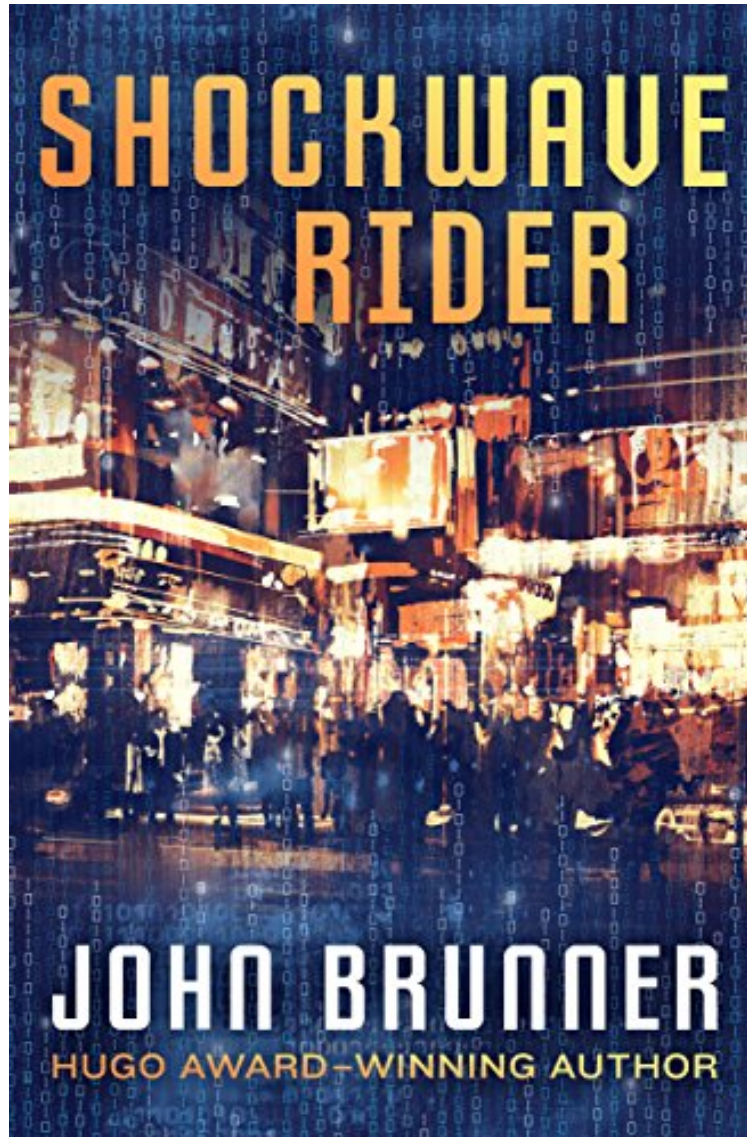


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Von John Brunner : The Shockwave Rider (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Shockwave Rider (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Tell me it's not true!Von ModeranThe late Mr. Brunner predated the cyberpunk genre in this and it's two companion volumes (The Sheep Look Up and Stand On Zanzibar). Unfortunately for the cyberpunks, John Brunner was a far better writer than any of them, and his vision more far-reaching. The plots of all three of these books almost have to be absorbed

rather than analyzed to get the full effect (show, don't tell), and each has at least one character that really stands out, in this case Nicky Halflinger. I still have the hardcover copy that I stole from the library, so I wouldn't have to keep buying it like I did *Stand On Zanzibar*, which was on its second go-round with me. Buy it, steal it, get it at the library, whatever. Just read it.² von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The one true visionary of Cyberspace and *The Net* Von Geoff White Don't believe the Hype! There are people out there who would have you believe that the concepts of cyberspace, a networked society and sentient computers came out of their writing efforts in the 80s and 90s. Not true! This book along with Brunner's other titles really started it all. Or should I say predicted it all... spot on. In fact, *Shockwave rider* published in 1975 predicted the fusion of TV, PSTH, Internet and the banking system into one cyber-mass that he prophetically refers to simply as *The Net*. Read it and see the future converge into the present before your eyes.¹ von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. This is what Science Fiction should be like Von Ein Kunde John Brunner's *Shockwave Rider* is a compelling novel successfully combining a stunning vision of a/the/our future society and a meticulously crafted plot that never lets you leave the book for anything but primordial necessities. The characters are intense and truly believable, while the social structure and technological developments are so realistic that their implications - especially in conjunction with where we stand today - leave you wondering whether the proper reaction should be a shudder down the spine or a thrill of joy. The only thing I dare question is the author's optimistic view of our intrinsic qualities, but that does not change anything about the quality of this novel. This is a must-read.

Kurzbeschreibung "Brunner writes about the future as if he and the reader were already living in it!"--The New York Times Book "When John Brunner first told me of his intention to write the book, I was fascinated--but I wondered whether he, or anyone, could bring it off. Bring it off he has, with cool brilliance. A hero with transient personalities, animals with souls, think tanks and survival communities fuse to form a future so plausibly alive it as twitched at me ever since."--Alvin Toffler, author of *FUTURE SHOCK* In a world drowning in data and information and choking on novelty and innovation, Nickie Haflinger, a most dangerous fugitive who doesn't even appear to exist, provides a window onto a global society falling apart in all directions, with madness run amok and personal freedom surrendered to computers and bureaucrats. Caught and about to be re-programmed, can he escape once again, defy the government and turn the tide of organizational destruction?" One of the most important science fiction authors. Brunner held a mirror up to reflect our foibles because he wanted to save us from ourselves."--SF Site For each generation, there is a writer meant to bend the rules of what we know. Hugo Award winner (Best Novel, *STAND ON ZANZIBAR*) and British science fiction master John Brunner remains one of the most influential and respected authors of all time, and now E-Reads is pleased to re-introduce many of his classic works. For readers familiar with his vision, it's a chance to re-examine his thoughtful worlds and words, while for new readers, Brunner's work proves itself the very definition of timeless.