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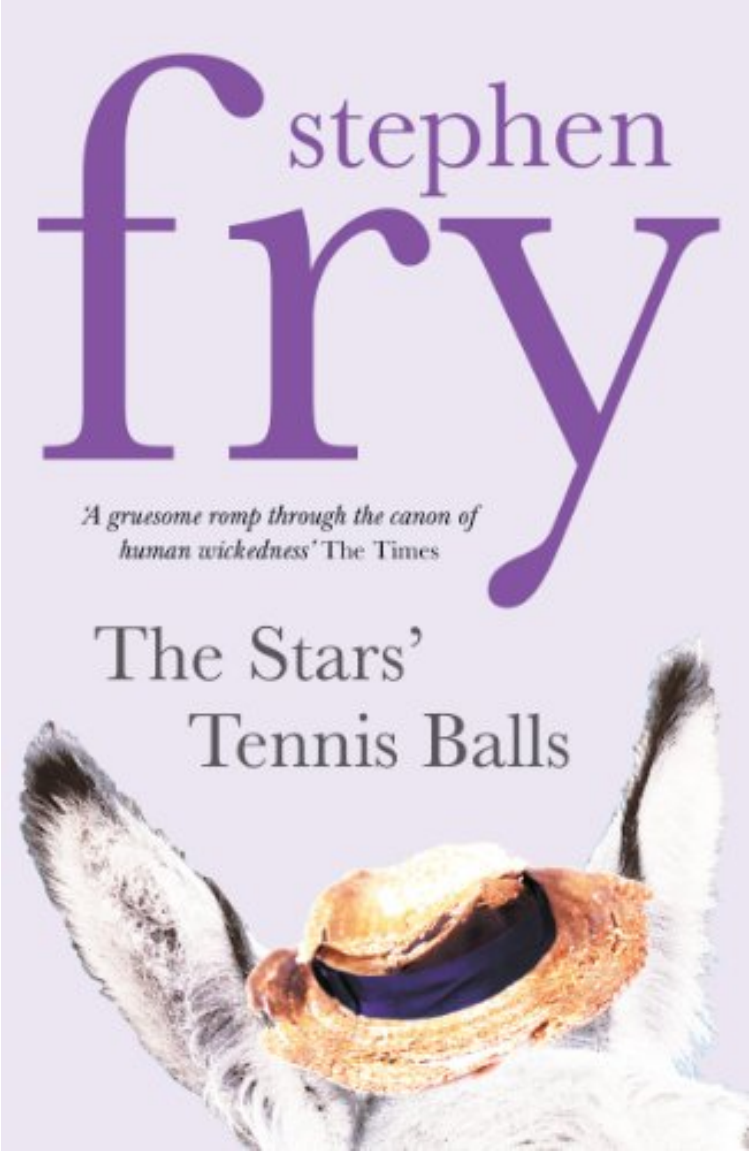

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Von Stephen Fry : The Stars' Tennis Balls before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Stars' Tennis Balls:

KurzbeschreibungA compelling novel of revenge told with wit and skill.Ned Maddstone has the world at his feet. He is handsome, talented and about to go to Cambridge, after which he is expected to follow his father into politics. But an unfortunate confrontation with a boy in his school results in a prank that goes badly wrong and suddenly hes incarcerated without chance of release. So begins a year long process of torment and hopelessness, which will destroy his very identity, until almost nothing remains of him but this unquenchable desire for revenge. Inspired by the Count of Monte Cristo, Frys psychological thriller is written with the pace, wit and shrewd insight that we have come to expect from one of our finest novelists..deNed Maddstone has it all. He's handsome and talented; he has the love of a beautiful woman and in 1980, he stands at the brink of a glittering future. He rounds off an outstanding public school career with a sailing trip to Scotland, which is where his fortunes enter a terrifying tailspin. Determined to honour the dying wish of his sailing instructor, Ned returns to London, where the schemes of jealous classmates catapult him into a 10-year nightmare. Confined to a solitary Hell, believed dead by all those who loved him, Ned transforms from a terminally nice guy into a creature bent on revenge, a revenge both satisfying and apocalyptic. Few writers can deliver so much in one package, but here Stephen Fry combines a riotous satire of the privileged classes with elements of the darkest thrillers. While the plot bounces from the sublime to the surreal, his characters remain acutely real. Ned's classmates, slow-witted hedonist Rufus Cade, and the Machiavellian climber Ashley Barson-Garland--who is aroused by the sight of straw boaters--are masterful creations. This novel has nothing to do with tennis, and everything to do with the cruel logic of Fate. Game, set and match to Mr Fry. - - Matthew BaylisPressestimmen"The Stephenesque ... a national as well as a family treasure." -- Guardian"It is impossible to be unimpressed by Stephen Fry's writing." -- Scotland on Sunday"No one can make you feel quite like Stephen Fry can." --Time Out"Stephen Fry is one of the great originals." -- Financial Times