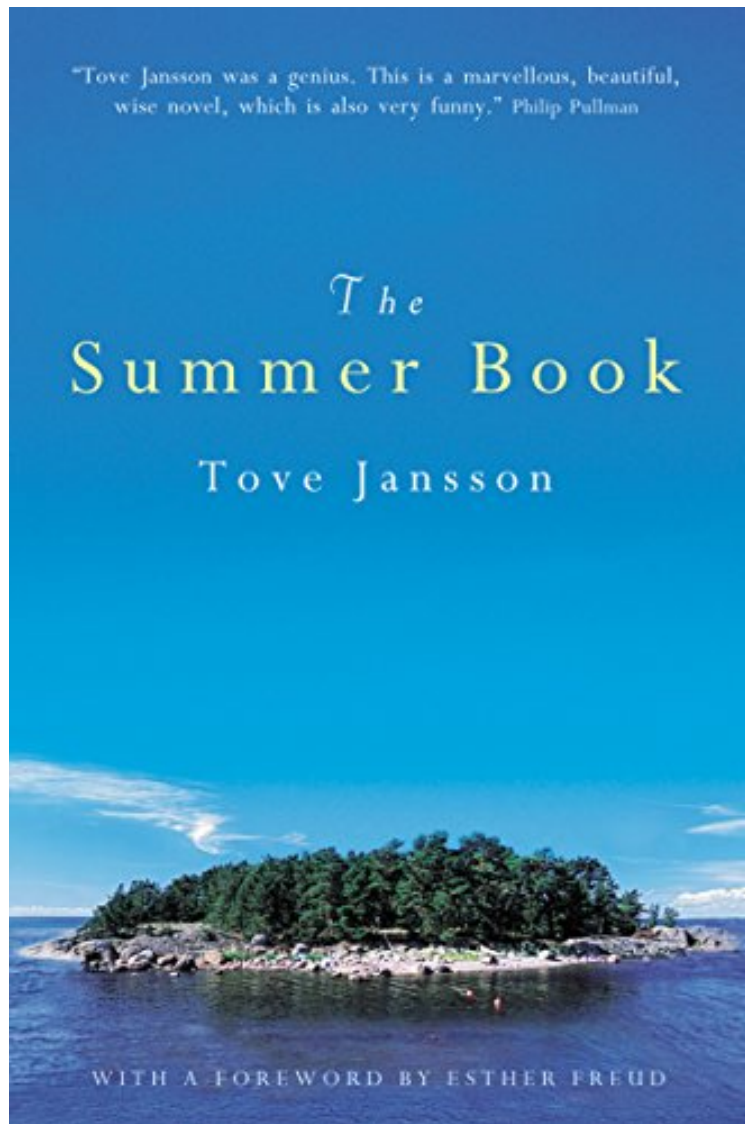


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Von Tove Jansson : The Summer Book before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Summer Book:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Lovely BookVon CustomerI purchased this book in preparation of a trip to Finland, and it is absolutely lovely. It gives great insight into Finnish culture and life itself through simple stories of life on a the tiny island. As others have mentioned, reading this book is quite like summer with days of beautiful imagery that roll into each other. One of my favorite aspects of this book was her ability to show nature for what it is (damp moss, ants, and ecosystems processes) without

"cleaning it up" and yet retaining the beauty of it. 7 von 7 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Absolutely beautiful :-)

Von Kristina This is a truly charming story. :-) Nothing actually happens, but it's magnificently written. Sophia and her grumpy grandma spend a summer together on a remote island. The conversations are sort of strange at times, but you clearly feel their mutual affection and concern. It's a fascinating testament to a genuine (and ephemeral) friendship between two different generations. Somewhat melancholic--but also joyful; touching--but unsentimental. The simplicity of the language is the perfect symbiotic counterpart to the detailed and insightful description of characters and nature. A delightful and engrossing read. However, you will only fully grasp and appreciate its deeper message if you pay attention to your heart.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Episodes of a Northern Summer

Von Christiane This little book was a pleasure to read. In these episodes of an idyllic summer spent swimming, rowing, walking, planting, discovering, we feel the deep but totally unsentimental bond between the old woman (no sweet little old lady knitting in a rocking chair) and young, spirited, impetuous, stubborn, motherless Sophia. Their strong personalities sometimes clash, sometimes they feel out of tune with each other but in the end they are always united in their curiosity, in their interest in everything that surrounds them (and the bigger questions of life and death). (The descriptions of the northern summer in all its glory makes one want to pack a bag and move to an island in the Gulf of Finland.)

Kurzbeschreibung The Summer Book 'TOVE JANSSON' WITH A FOREWORD BY ESTHER FREUD An elderly artist and her six-year-old grand-daughter while away a summer together on a tiny island in the gulf of Finland. As the two learn to adjust to each other's fears, whims and yearnings, a fierce yet understated love emerges - one that encompasses not only the summer inhabitants but the very island itself. Written in a clear, unsentimental style, full of brusque humour, and wisdom, The Summer Book is a profoundly life-affirming story. Tove Jansson captured much of her own life and spirit in the book, which was her favourite of her adult novels. This new edition, with a Foreword by Esther Freud, sees the return of a European literary gem - fresh, authentic and deeply humane. New and beautifully presented edition of a Scandinavian literary classic by Finland's most translated author should appeal to all ages dissolving boundaries between fiction, biography and travel.

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Jansson's clear prose capable of sentiment without being sentimental contains multitudes. The Summer Book is bright but dense; it is slim enough to read in a day but holds a whole world between its covers.

Powells Books Tove Jansson was a genius. This is a marvelous, beautiful, wise novel, which is also very funny.

Philip Pullman A wise, joyous book...it unfolds the knowledge and the beauty of the two lives it embraces old wisdom and young discover, intertwining like vines.

Rex Reed The Summer Book manages to make you feel good as well as wise, without having to make too much effort...[it] says so much that we want to hear in such an accessible form, without ever really saying anything at all.

The Independent (London) "Few books since Robinson Crusoe have evoked the joys of island living so powerfully as this Finnish novella." **The Observer, PAPERBACK OF THE WEEK** "The Summer Book is a marvellously uplifting read, full of gentle humour and wisdom." **Daily Telegraph (London)** "A marvellous book...The prose is sublime: plain, but not oppressively so." **Independent on Sunday (London)** "A...beautiful novel which blends humour and poetry with detailed observation of tiny things." **Daily Mail (London)** "It's hard to describe the astonishing achievement of Jansson's artistry...a perfection of the small, quiet read." **The Guardian, (London) BOOK OF THE WEEK** "A wonderful novel to devour in the sunshine...full of charm and character." **The Independent, 50 BEST BOOKS FOR SUMMER** "Every so often, a book is published that captures something in us...The Summer Book is one of those." **Daily Telegraph** Responses, conversations, and observations yield quietly reflective and funny ruminations on life and death.

The Age (Australia) Thomas Teal, a luminous translator of Janssons twin talent for surface and depth, simplicity and reverberation in language, and someone who knows exactly how to convey her gift for sensing the meaning embedded in the most mundane act or turn of phrase.

Ali Smith This is a wonderful, life-affirming, spirited book. Reading it was a tonic.

Chris Stewart (author, Driving Over Lemons) Eccentric, funny, wise, full of joys and small adventures. This is a book for life.

Esther Freud "The Summer Book is beautiful and warm, with the kind of wisdom we can adapt to our everyday lives." -Liv Ullmann "Take a book in which there is no plot but bucketloads of positive feelings presented simply, and it will become a cult. Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance and Jonathan Livingston Seagull were both bestsellers; no one could say what either was really about, but everyone could quote a meaningful truism from them. The Summer Book is in this mould: it manages to make you feel good as well as wise..." -Independent

The Summer Book is pure loveliness. The movements of tides and winds and boats and insects loom larger for our narrator than the currents of history, and the profound quiet of the setting. I'm reminded of Akhil Sharma's description of a prose like white light allows us to hear Janssons unsparing and ironic tenderness, a tone that

remains purely her own, even in translation. Garth Risk Hallberg, *The Millions* Kurzbeschreibung *The Summer Book* 'TOVE JANSSON' WITH A FOREWORD BY ESTHER FREUD An elderly artist and her six-year-old granddaughter while away a summer together on a tiny island in the gulf of Finland. As the two learn to adjust to each other's fears, whims and yearnings, a fierce yet understated love emerges - one that encompasses not only the summer inhabitants but the very island itself. Written in a clear, unsentimental style, full of brusque humour, and wisdom, *The Summer Book* is a profoundly life-affirming story. Tove Jansson captured much of her own life and spirit in the book, which was her favourite of her adult novels. This new edition, with a Foreword by Esther Freud, sees the return of a European literary gem - fresh, authentic and deeply humane. New and beautifully presented edition of a Scandinavian literary classic by Finland's most translated author should appeal to all ages dissolving boundaries between fiction, biography and travel.