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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen4 von 5 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Vom geliebten zum gelobten LandVon Ein KundeVom geliebten zum gelobten LandErinnerungen an die mhrische Heimat.von Elfriede Wojaczek-SteffkeMy Review:In the year of 2000, I read this book in the Czech translation (*Země milované do země zaslíbené*), published in Praha in 1995. I liked it very much. Now that it has been published in German, I feel that I have to tell you about my impressions of the book.This book gave me fresh incentive to work towards understanding the myriad of emotions experienced by my German friends and neighbours and their families between 1938 and 1989. It should be read by everyone who is interested to find out about the transformation of Central Europe in 20th century.Mrs. Wojaczek-Steffke, being a young German girl of about 15 when the 2nd World War finished in 1945, fills the pages with her many thoughts and feelings as well as facts based on memories of her old Moravian home (between 1930 and 1946) - and her new home in East Germany (as from 1946).The book is a heart-warming, impressive, well-written moving story about the Steffke family and their fight with life's twists as well as their enjoyment of life's little niceties. It is a poignant reminder of the family in crisis' perspective. It speaks of frustration, family relationships, and of their walk with the Lord.The book tells a dramatic, spell-binding true story that will indeed move you. At times I had difficulties to hold my tears back, at times I felt an overwhelming love.The story progresses quickly. Chapter after chapter moves directly toward the book's memorable conclusion. The biggest reward is to understand the love and hope, fight and determination the family had and how it led to their ultimate peace of mind.It gave me a glimpse into the hearts of people who were battered and bruised by the impersonal State's system and the destructive European nationalism.It reminded me of the confusion, fear and helplessness which accompany families facing life threatening situations.This is a must read for those of us who are committed to the friendship and understanding between the Czechs and the Germans.I see myself as a European and a Czech, though I think that I struck a firm root in Australia, my adopted country where I now lived for most of my life.I have a deep feeling for a certain Germany. German (and Austrian) literature, history, philosophy, technology, science, music, and my travelling in the German speaking countries, had a very strong influence on me. It is impossible to imagine the Czech history and development without the contribution of Germany.I have a frictionless, friendly and indeed wholly uncomplicated attitude to the German people and to the united Germany. I am strongly in favour of a deep and enduring conciliation and friendship between Czech and German postwar generations.