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Von Ivan Sergeevich, 1818-1883 Turgenev : Smoke before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Smoke:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Very readable, youthful Turgenev romantic/political novelVon Ein KundeA very readable translation, although more can be gained with an elementary level of French to catch some of the untranslated idiomatic phrases of the faux aristocracy. This short novel is not as sentimental or melancholy as "Spring Torrents" or "First Love," and perhaps lacks the polish of his best-known work "Fathers and Sons," but the mixture of the setting (Baden Baden, Germany)with the characters

from not only Russia, but also France, Germany et al., with a familiar plot device (love triangle) makes for not only an interesting love story but also an intriguing glance at the political history of Russia and western Europe. I would recommend this book to anyone who wants a more complete understanding of Turgenev's works, the Russian novel in general, and the late 19th Century European literature. Personally, I have enjoyed all of Turgenev's novels and would recommend any of them. If you are new to Turgenev, however, I would definitely recommend starting with "Fathers and Sons." All of Turgenev's novels combined make for less reading than say Tolstoy's "War and Peace" or Dostoevsky's "Crime and Punishment." Sample some Turgenev!

KurzbeschreibungHardPress Classic Books SeriesKurzbeschreibungHardPress Classic Books SeriesSynopsis Set in Baden-Baden, *Smoke* is Ivan Turgenev's most cosmopolitan novels. It is an exquisite study of politics and society and an enduringly poignant love story. *Smoke*, with its European setting, barbed wit, and visionary call for Russia to look west, became the center of a famous philosophical breach between Turgenev and Dostoevsky.