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Customer Reviews

This is my first time through Goethe's Faust thanks to my Kindle. This version is Part I; Part II was

published separately. This is the translation by Bayard Taylor and was originally available in 1871. This edition includes a preface by the translator that I found quite interesting. He explains the translation process and how he was able to get it into rhyming verse similar to the original German. Since I do not read German and this is the only translation I have ever read, it is hard for me to judge the quality of this translation, but I was impressed with how he got the English to fit into the original metres. This is written as a play in poetic form. The story itself is Goethe's version of the Faustian legend. I found that I was able to follow the story quite well, but I did find it useful to read a summary of the plot that clarified several events that are sometimes difficult for me to follow in poetic language. I shall next get my hands on Faust Part II. I highly recommend this Kindle freebie to anyone interested in literature. I can see why this ranks as one of the greatest works in German literature.

Faust is such a great book! I love the way it sounds when we read it out loud in class. (I am a teacher.) The other thing I like about reading it on my Kindle is that there are many words that even I don't know, and I can just click on the words to get their definitions. I also highlight words that I go back and put on the vocabulary quizzes. The more I delve into the study of Faust, the more I compare its cultural impact to that of Star Wars. It had such an impact -- worldwide -- and so many other stories spun off of its ideas. Mephistopheles is as well known as Darth Vader!

This was my first time reading Faust, and I have to say if it weren't for there being a free Kindle version it would have taken me much longer to get to it. Amusingly, I read it while in Leipzig, where one of the scenes took place. The book is lovely, and its influence on other literature is quite clear. It is certainly an elegant and eloquent read. I will want to get another version that has extensive foot notes, however, which the Kindle version lacks, and there are a few blurps in the Kindle version where some lines seem to be missing words. Certainly a great read and a classic. Consider getting a different version that provides more context and perhaps has better text layout than the free version.

Pros: A wonderful translation; you tend to forget that it is a translation. Cons: 1. A terrible page layout without any logical reason why sometimes its lines are double spaced and at other times not. 2. A very important portion is missing, without any explanation, i.e. the one where Faust decides to commit suicide, but is then rescued by the start of Easter. I enjoyed it thoroughly.

A MUST READ book of classic European literature. The book is set in a script for a play format. This

is usually very annoying, but somehow manages to enhance the story. The unabridged version is a FREE download, and Whispersync is only \$0.99. The addition of Immersion reading, makes reading along and the script format enjoyable. Take advantage of it. Add plenty of bookmarks, the conversations between Faust and Mephistopheles are compelling. You will also find that you recognize many modern sayings derived from this book.

This is specifically a criticism of the kindle edition, not Goethe's work. For some reason random lines would be vertical. Like this and it made it frustrating to read, especially since there weren't spaces in the vertical text so you had to puzzle out where one word stopped and then next started. It starts out with just a couple lines like that and then it gets worse as the story goes on. It's still workable if you want to read Faust and don't want to have to pay for it, it's just annoying.

The translator of this German classic seemed to be all apologies in his translation of this timeless classic. He need not worry. It was excellent. A man makes a deal with the devil in order to find his true love and runs into all KINDS of problems. Find out who REALLY got over on who. It is funny and great if you like classic poets.

Faust is A CLASSIC tale. Its storyline has been used so often that most readers may not realize that it is the original text for many works of fiction. Translating a German work is a challenge while maintaining the meter and rhyme. Not losing meaning derived the original German is a particular hurdle. In regards to the layout, I agree with some of the other reviews that the formatting is slightly cumbersome in that pages provide no break between the chapters. The character were all well written and helped maintain engagement in the reading to the end

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