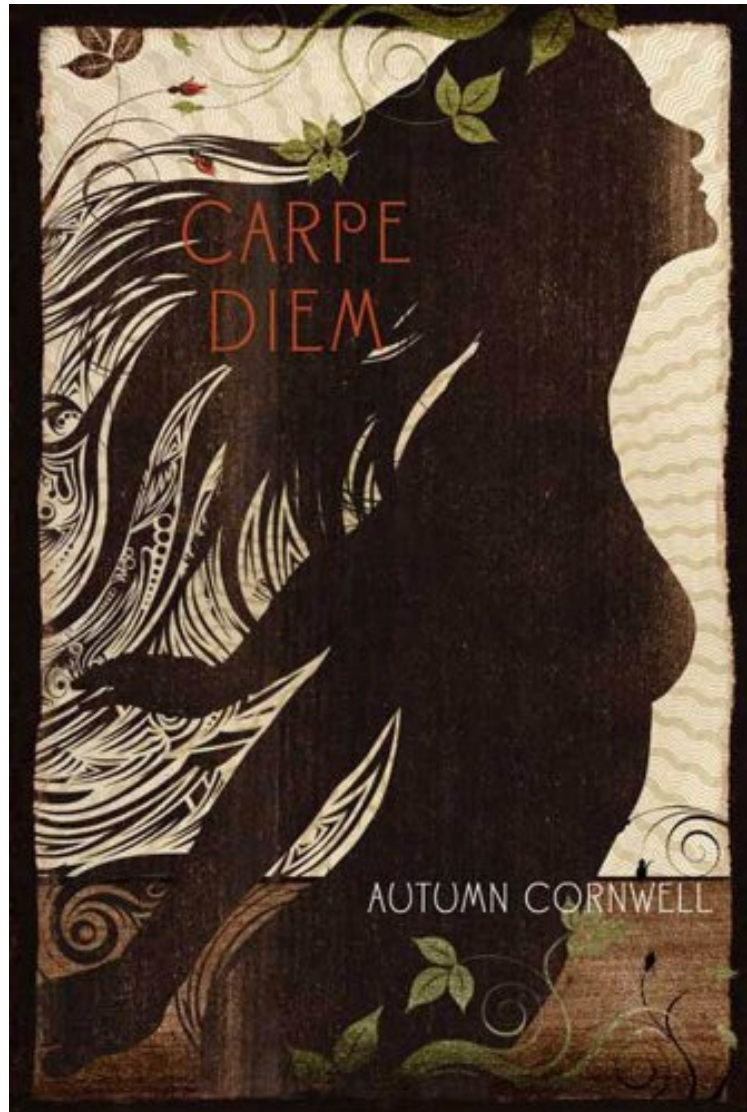


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Courtesy of Teens Read TooVon TeensReadTooWith a name like Vassar, you would assume that the person would have her entire life planned out. And you would be absolutely correct. With the help of her goal-oriented parents, who have predicted which Ivy League school their daughter will attend by naming her after it, Vassar Spore has a plan, both in school and out, that will set her for life.From the A(A)P classes to having a criteria to choosing her best friends to her

extracurricular activities during her summer at the Advanced Latin Camp, Vassar not only has what it takes to be valedictorian, but to be the most perfect, well-rounded student Vassar (the college) has ever seen. Of course, plans will always be interrupted. Out of nowhere Vassar's Grandma Gerd telephones and announces her gift for her granddaughter's sweet sixteen birthday: a paid trip to Malaysia, Cambodia, and Laos. Sure, this may sound like the best birthday present that anyone has ever received, but not for Vassar, especially since she already planned out her entire summer to where she will get the 5.3 GPA that she has been wanting to grasp ever since she heard it was the new 4.0. Vassar knows for sure that her parents will say no to the gift, and she doesn't mind at all. But with a little blackmail, Grandma Gerd gets Vassar's parents to agree to the trip. It's always nice to have a family secret for leverage. Before she knows it, Vassar is on a plane, set for an exotic trip with her crazy grandmother. What Vassar doesn't know is what will be in store for her, especially how this trip will show her the side of life that isn't always about plans and futures but what is in front of you right now. Hilarious, unique, and very charming, *CARPE DIEM* shows what it really means to seize the day. Vassar Spore may not be like most of us, but her adventures and the obstacles that she must face are still endearing and will have readers at the edge of their seats. A must-read for the summer!

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 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Ein großes Abenteuer
 Von Villetta Vassar und ihre Eltern sind Planungsfreaks. Nichts wird dem Zufall berlassen; alles soll einen grtmöglichen Erfolg bringen. Doch dann wird Vassar von ihrer ausgeflippten Gromutter zu einer Sdostasienreise eingeladen. Vassar kann ihre Sommerkurse nicht machen und ihre schulische und Ausbildungskarriere steht auf dem Spiel. Natrlich will sie darum zu Hause bleiben, aber die Gromutter scheint die Eltern mit irgendetwas unter Druck zu setzen. Wenn Vassar schon fahren muss, will sie jedenfalls dieses Geheimnis herausfinden. Natrlich planen Vassar und ihre Eltern alles vor. Vassar wird mit 10 Gepckstcken auf den Weg geschickt, kommt an und von Anfang an luft alles gegen den Plan. Vassar wird vom Chaos Sdostasiens berfallen und muss sich zum ersten Mal dem Zufall ausliefern. Und irgendwann mag sie das sogar. Dieses Buch ist ein wahres Juwel. Es ist sehr intelligent und lustig, mit viel Charme geschrieben. Die Figuren sind wunderbar, allen voran Vassars Gromutter und der asiatische Cowboyjunge Hanks. Vassar ist natrlich etwas bertrieben dargestellt, aber ihre Entwicklung ist sehr glaubhaft. Sie ist am Anfang etwas steif und der Leser ist auf ihrer Seite, wenn sie gezwungen wird, dem Leben mit mehr Lockerheit zu begegnen. Keiner will durchmachen, was sie durchmachen muss. Lustig ist es aber trotzdem. Die Autorin hat sich viel einfallen lassen. Ich hoffe, sie schreibt bald mehr.

Kurzbeschreibung In this delightful romantic adventure, a 16-year-old overachiever learns how to seize the day. "I've got my entire life planned out for the next ten years including my PhD and Pulitzer Prize," claims 16-year-old overachiever Vassar Spore, daughter of overachiever parents, who in true overachiever fashion named her after an elite women's college. Vassar expects her sophomore summer to include AP and AAP (Advanced Advanced Placement) classes. Surprise! Enter a world-traveling relative who sends her plans into a tailspin when she blackmails Vassar's parents into forcing their only child to backpack with her through Southeast Asia. On a journey from Malaysia to Cambodia to the remote jungles of Laos, Vassar sweats, falls in love, hones her outdoor survival skills and uncovers a family secret that turns her whole world upside-down. Vassar Spore can plan on one thing: she'll never be the same again.

From Booklist Like her parents, 16-year-old Vassar is a Planner with a capital P! She leaves nothing to chance (guess where she plans to go to college?). Never, that is, until the doorbell rings one night, and before you can say unexpected, Vassar finds herself backpacking through the jungles of Southeast Asia with Gertrude, her madcap artist grandmother. How could her parents have permitted this? Well, it has something to do with what Vassar thinks of as The Big Secret. Will she solve the mystery before she's completely undone by fallout from Grandma's relentless acts of spontaneity? What do you think? Although too long and too filled with accounts of Vassar's endless toilet troubles, this first novel has its amusements and diversions, including Vassar's share of romance with a self-styled Malaysian cowboy. The best part, however, is the vividly realized setting. Cornwell has obviously been there and done that, and her novel is much the richer and funnier for it.

Cart, Michael Pressestimmen A naive teen learns how to carpe diem after spending an adventurous summer in Southeast Asia. Sixteen-year-old Vassar Spore attends a private school where she's prepping to be valedictorian, attend Vassar College, marry a surgeon or judge, write a book and win a Pulitzer by age 37. Her life has been carefully scripted by her efficiency-expert father and life-coach mother. But Vassar's hygienically sealed world capsizes when her parents reluctantly let her spend the summer backpacking through Malaysia, Cambodia and Laos with her bohemian Grandma Gerd. Suspecting that Grandma has blackmailed her parents, Vassar is determined to discover their Big Secret. A novice traveler, Vassar arrives in Melaka with ten pieces of matched luggage, her laptop on which she plans to convert her experiences into a novel for Advanced Placement credit, her "Genteel Traveler's Guides" and her Portable Travel Planner. Appalled by Grandma Gerd's live in the moment philosophy, Vassar gradually jettisons her obsessive-compulsive behavior and emerges knowing who she really is and what she really wants as she travels from the temples of Angkor to the bamboo huts of Laos. A witty coming-of-age adventure. ("Fiction. 12-17") "The locale, Vassar's gaffes, and quirky characters--especially Grandma

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