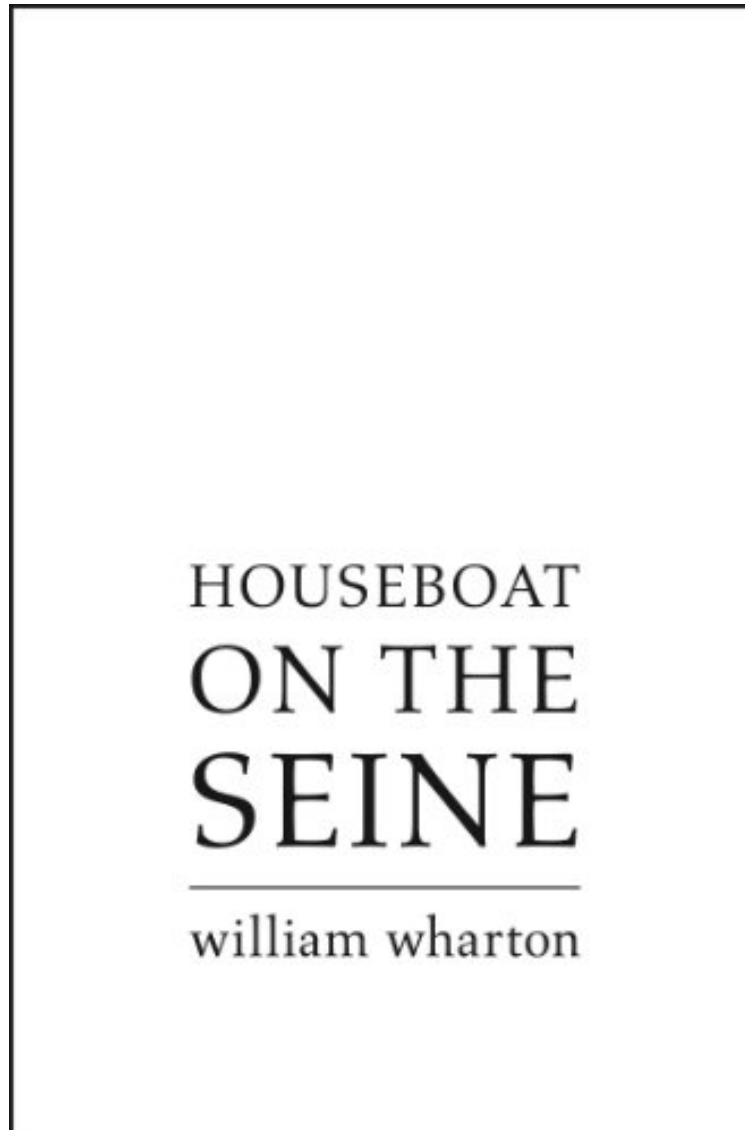


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Von William Wharton : Houseboat on the Seine before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Houseboat on the Seine:

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Some practice to be a master, Wharton is a master practicing Von Ein Kunde Two monks wrapped in their robes sit in the lotus position upon their meditation rugs, thongs close by. Appearing in Gahan Wilson's August 28, 1980, line drawing in "The New Yorker," our reflective monks are gazing off into the distance. The monk on the left, the one with

the well lined face, speaks to the other obviously younger monk on the right who maintains a perplexed look as he seems to struggle with his meditation practice. The master informs, "Nothing happens next. This is it!" Wharton brings that almost breathless spirit of the moment, the ahhh (and awe) to life in his work and words with "Houseboat on the Seine." The magic of transforming the ordinary into a daring adventure, lifts the reader like the rise and fall of the tide beckons the beachcomber. Life lessons are the treasures awaiting discovery. And as with our monk above on the left, Wharton buoys the soul with his warmth, wit, and wisdom. Once again ~~~ he is a master practicing!!!
0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Very Pleasant Expat American Memoir Von Matthew M. Liggett Wharton is very good at creating a nostalgic mood for any American who is infatuated with (and occasionally infuriated by) the French. Wharton describes the trials of buying, restoring and living aboard a houseboat. Though he finds hassles around nearly every corner, he manages to keep his head above water and provides a light-hearted narration. Wharton lives for years in France, but clearly retains a very American spirit through it all, which helps make this story accessible. A pleasant, quick read for any American who finds himself missing Europe's quirks. If you are prone to buying and fixing old boats, cars, airplanes or houses, then you will find even more here.

Kurzbeschreibung A charming memoir from one of America's best-loved novelists, William Wharton, author of war-time classic *Birdy*. Before even penning his first novel, William Wharton had left his home in Los Angeles to live with his family in Paris. On a romantic whim, he makes an offer for houseboat that is, in reality, barely more than a broken wooden hulk. To his surprise, the bid is accepted. Thus begins the story of his family's work to return the boat to its former glory and build a home for themselves from scratch..de From the title, William Wharton's *Houseboat on the Seine* sounds like it may be a river-bound version of Peter Mayle's *A Year in Provence*. Not exactly. Before he published his first novel, *Birdy*, Wharton was a painter and schoolteacher living in Paris. Bad judgment prevailed when he was offered the chance to buy a hulk of a houseboat that had once been the property of an Arctic explorer. Wharton said yes, and soon after, the houseboat sank. Most of the book recounts Wharton's two-decade long effort to first re-float and then rebuild the decrepit vessel. Pressestimmen 'Houseboat on the Seine', is a portrait of French life seen through the eyes of one of the greatest writers of the twentieth century, as well as a story of a father's love, wisdom, pride and humour. 'A warm and moving book' - Carol Shields, author of 'The Stone Diaries' 'This charming memoir gives us literally the nuts and bolts of building a houseboat, along with generous dollops of humour and local colour ... will satisfy Wharton devotees and Francophiles alike' - Publishers Weekly