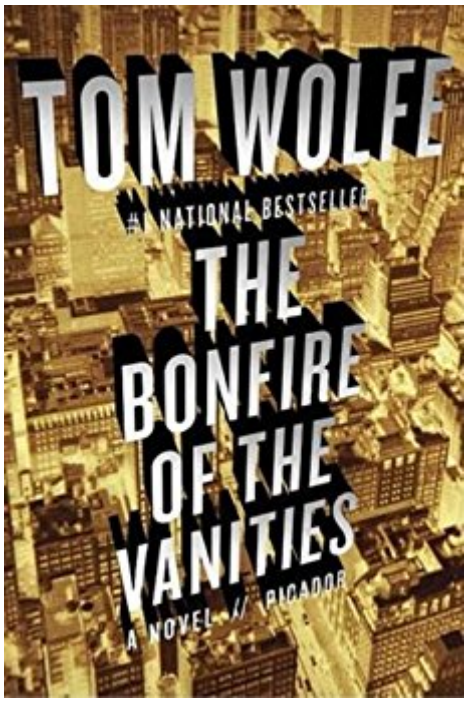
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Synopsis

Vintage Tom Wolfe, The Bonfire of the Vanities, the #1 bestseller that will forever define late-twentieth-century New York style. "No one has portrayed New York Society this accurately and devastatingly since Edith Wharton" (The National Review) Ã¢â ¬Å“A page-turner . . . Brilliant high comedy.Ã¢â ¬Â• (The New Republic)

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Customer Reviews

Sherman McCoy, a 39 year-old white Wall Street bond salesman, self described "Master of the Universe" lives on Park Avenue, he is married with a daughter and is a member of high society. He also has a hot chick on-the-side Maria. On their way home one Tuesday night they make a wrong turn and end up in an abandoned seedy side of the Bronx. Two black guys walking down the street offer their assistance "Hey buddy, you need some help?", Sherman and Maria sure they’re being set-up, panic and end up bumping into one of them with Sherman’s Mercedes and then speed away without reporting it. It all blows up when one of the black guys turns out to be severely injured and the press, police and the mayor get involved in political issues involving race and class. The writing

is so great that even in 2010 a story that was written 20 years ago still seems fresh and relevant. Kudos big time!

This was such a good book that I couldn’t possibly sing all of its praises. This gives the reader such a taste of NYC society that the charachters seemed they could have been ripped from the headlines. The title sums up the book, the vanity and pride of an assorted cast of characters blowing up in their face- unfaithful Wall St. hot shot, the gold digging girlfriend, the marxist reverened rabble rousing, race bating hustler (based on Rev. Al Sharpton or Jesse Jackson), the DA with an election to win, the assistant DA desparate for glory, etc.I don’t want to say more but they all tie into each other and in such a colorful way that I didn’t want to put it down. Really one of the best works of fiction I’ve read in awhile.The story line might remind some of the Duke Lacrosse media disaster...

Great story and possibly a great writer. Beginning with the rocket men of the late 1940s and early 1950s and concluding with the NASA astronaut program it spins quite a tale. Enjoyed reading and was hard to put down.

I really enjoyed this book. I never new the true story behind space flight. It was also interesting to understand what made these men do what they did. The wife’s role was also explored in this book as well. I recommend this book to anyone interested in how the United States entered the space race.

Wolfe is one of the best of modern writers. This exciting, complex adventure shows us the vanities and corruption in the cultures of the amoral rich on Park Avenue, the criminal and demagogic elements in the Bronx ghetto, and the self-serving power-hungry members of news media, politics, and courts of law. The book is much more interesting and insightful than the movie! There aren’t many heroes among the main characters, but, from the superficial social gatherings of the rich, to the wrong turn of his Mercedes off the expressway into the slums, to the terrifying hours in "unfriendly" jail cells, to the "Law and Order" drama of the courtroom, it’s a real ’page-turner" which I found hard to put down.A Man in FullÃ Â I Am Charlotte Simmons: A NovelÃ Â The Painted WordÃ Â From Bauhaus to Our House

I devoured this book; I just finished reading it on the anniversary of the moon landing. This book is a must read for anyone interested in space or for people with sheer determination to succeed & aim

high in life

’Bonfire’ had my rapt attention through the first 95% of a well written detective/courtroom drama with many facets twists and turns. The fact that the story ended with an epilogue instead of a conclusion left me disappointed but the fault is the reader’s since human in life

This is a very well written book, and a good story that keeps you interested. It is much more detailed than the movie, as you might expect. It does keep you guessing as to how it will end. Good read.

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