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dedicates himself to write a novel where the characters ring true. Rarely is there a false note. His characters, both inside and outside the camp, are not cardboard spouting ideology. We feel how they feel caught in the system as they seek answers, both great and small, on how to respond to Stalin's regime. Last but not least, this novel has all the seeds of Solzhenitsyn's great work on the Gulag. Great read. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. If you're at all interested in history, this book is a page turner. By WhatILikeGreat read! I originally ordered this book for a college course I was taking. Even after I ended up switching out of that class, I kept this book because it was such a fascinating story about some times in Russia's history. I really enjoyed this book, and I'm sure that you will too!