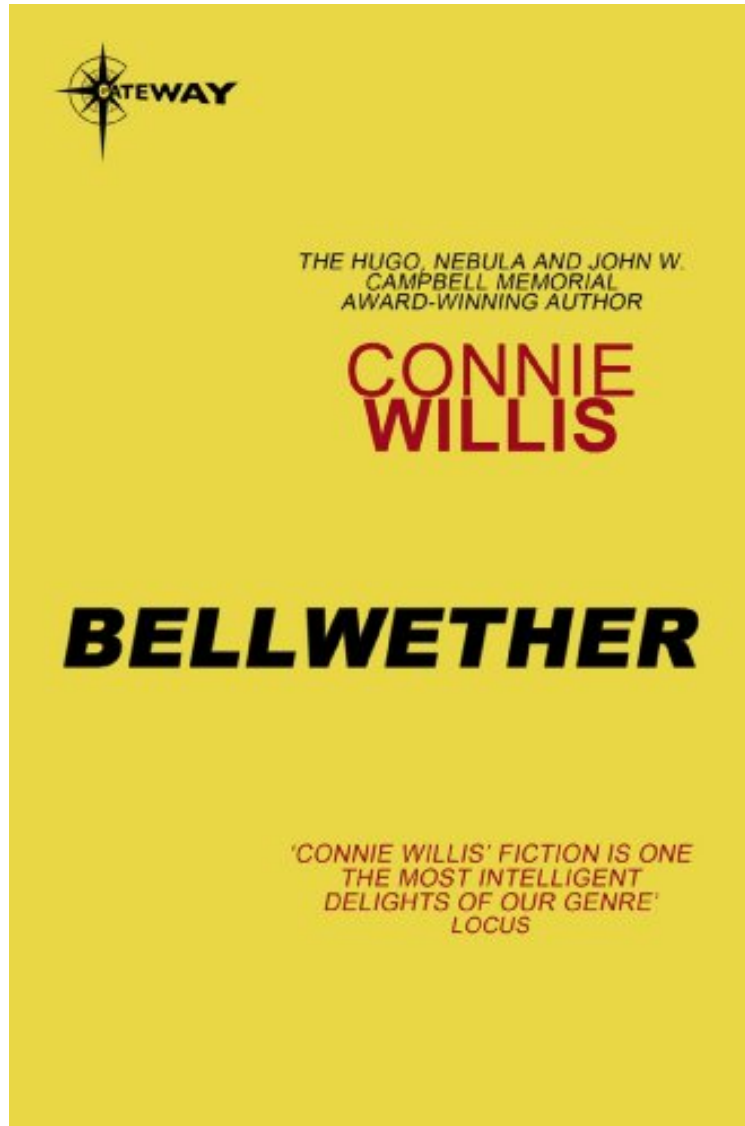


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Von *Connie Willis*

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Von Connie Willis : Bellwether (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Bellwether (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. LIGHT-HEARTED SATIRE...Von lawyeraauThis is a light and breezy read. It is humorous and somewhat satiric. What it is not, is science fiction. It is, however, about a group of scientists, and it is definitely fiction. The book is written in an imaginative way, with each chapter beginning with a paragraph giving information about a particular fad that caught

the imagination of society at one time or another. Written quite tongue in cheek, the book is a funny and light-hearted look at life, love, corporate dysfunction, and the herd mentality society sometimes adopts. While the book is not at all what I had expected, I rather enjoyed it. The main protagonist is Sandra Foster, a social scientist who studies fads, tracking down their origins and analyzing what they mean. She works for the HiTek Corporation, a company laden with a surfeit of corporate bureaucracy. So does Bennett O'Reilly, a chaos theorist, whom Sandra meets when a package goes astray within the work place. They eventually join forces and begin working together on a special project with a flock of sheep as their guinea pigs. The book basically shows how chaos serves to unite these two in a way that they could not have imagined.

2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Do the Dog first
Von Mark Barrett
With Bellwether, Willis has created something strikingly like To Say Nothing of the Dog, one of the funniest compilations of highbrow wit this side of Stoppard and Shakespeare. But Bellwether comes off feeling somewhat inferior: a bit less clever, a bit more oversimplified. While Willis obviously did scads of research regarding the lives of scientists, chaos theory, and fads, her characters are very familiar. For example, as something of a 20-year-old myself, I gritted my teeth through the novel, waiting for a single character between the ages of 15 and 30 to be anything but vapid, vain, and irrationally unfriendly. I don't know what kind of horrid teenage customer service experience Mrs. Willis has had in Greeley, but I resent being defined by association as an i-branded lemming. Through an entire novel crammed with minor-role twentysomethings, nothing but empty-headed lovers of 90210 and Eddie Vedder ever appear. Still. This is Connie Willis we're talking about. The writing is almost terminally good, and if a bit of the humor seems a touch forced, well, a lot of it isn't. (In one case that I caught, she drops the gratuitous word "corduroy" in a sentence, which, coupled with an observation her main character made 100 pages earlier, makes for a very funny joke; just to make sure you're awake.) If she resorts to gushy sentimentalism, she cordons it off safely to one five-page section of the novel where it doesn't infect the rest of the work. All in all, this is a fine book. But it has its flaws, and when compared to the virtual perfection of Dog, it cannot help but suffer by comparison.

2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Well, HEAVEN FORBID!
Von Ein Kunde
You know, it really irks me when a wonderful book like Bellwether comes out and all these "well-read" types come out of the woodwork to tell you how awful it was because it wasn't like her other work, didn't turn out how they wanted, maybe wasn't as deep as something else she'd written.... Please read it anyway! I loved this book! I have read it many times, loaned it to many friends, bought it for birthdays...you name it! I love the fact that it's not like her other books. I love that Connie Willis can allow herself to branch out. She is a fine author in any incarnation, and just because it doesn't focus on spaceships or aliens or time-travel, doesn't mean it can't be science fiction. You got your science. You got your fiction. Voila! And if nothing else, the ending will make reading the book all worthwhile.

Kurzbeschreibung Sandra Foster studies fads - from Barbie dolls to the grunge look - how they start and what they mean. Bennett O'Reilly is a chaos theorist studying monkey group behaviour. They both work for the HiTek corporation, strangers until a misdelivered package brings them together. It's a moment of synchronicity - if not serendipity - which leads them into a chaotic system of their own, complete with a million-dollar research grant, coffee latte, tattoos, and a series of unlucky coincidences that leaves Bennett monkeyless, fundless, and nearly jobless. Sandra intercedes with a flock of sheep and an idea for a joint project. (After all, what better animal to study both chaos theory and the herd mentality that so often characterizes human behaviour?) But scientific discovery is rarely straightforward and never simple, and Sandra and Bennett have to endure a series of setbacks, heartbreaks, dead ends, and disasters before they find their ultimate answer....

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