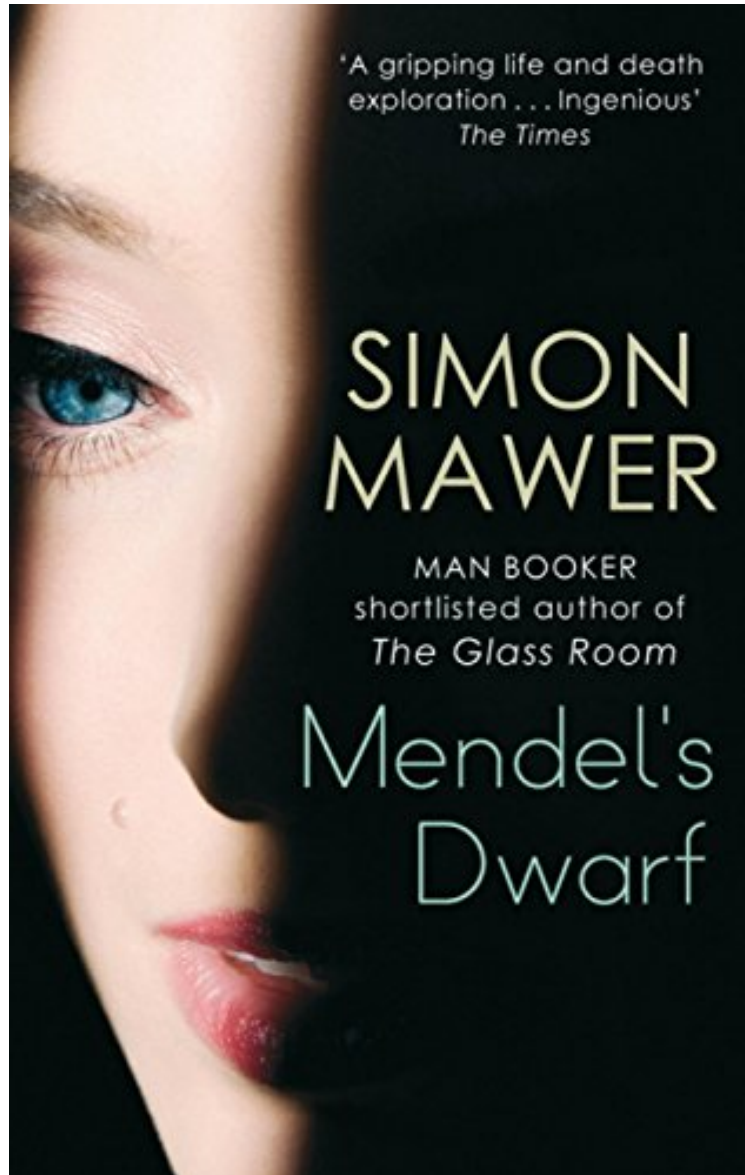


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Von Simon Mawer : Mendel's Dwarf (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Mendel's Dwarf (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Thinkers will love this thought-provoking novel.Von amyle3@aol.comThis novel is well worth reading. Mawer combines science and history and fiction in a remarkable way. Benedict the dwarf is an "Everyman," and his experience in life is

a thought provoking, sometimes heartbreaking account of how people who are different see the world through the eyes of the "normal" who look at them with pity or shock. Benedict is not a saint, and his actions are not saintly. However, the author weaves together a story of Benedict and his distant famous relative Gregor Mendel that is brilliant. The love story is tender, touching, believable. And the bioethical dilemmas raised in this book are very thought provoking. I find myself thinking about different parts of this book without the book in front of me. That is a sign of a great novel. If you are a thinker who likes to ponder long after the last word of the last page is read, read this novel.1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An Invitingly Pedantic Tale of Feelings and Science Von Lars Lance jr I appreciated the style of this text. It flowed well and really maintained my interest. The juxtaposition between the scientists past and present was accomplished with great mastery. The love story component of the text was at times heart-wrenching and yet embarrassingly honest. It had been so long since I have read a good novel, I was elated to read such a well-written and well-concieved novel.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Very well-written Von Jenifer Wells The characters in this novel are so well-drawn that you keep expecting to meet them in real life. You don't know for sure if you want to, but they become real all the same. Benedict is an intense study in conflicted emotions, and a brilliant creation. One of the added bonuses of this book is that in reading it, you even pick up some general genetic knowledge and trivia. For example, after reading this, the next time you meet someone's dog, you can say, "Did you know dachunds are achondroplastic, the canine equivalent of dwarfs?" You'll also get some interesting info on the mating of farm-raised fish that will change the way you look at your dinner. Best of all, though, this is just a really good read.

Kurzbeschreibung Like his great-great-great uncle, the early geneticist Gregor Mendel, Dr Benedict Lambert is struggling to unlock the secrets of heredity. But for Benedict the mission is particularly urgent and personal, for his is afflicted by achondroplasia. He is a dwarf. When a chance meeting leads him to the acceptance that he craves, he begins a journey towards correcting the injustice of his own capricious genes, with devastating consequences. As intelligent as it is entertaining, this witty novel is a gripping tale of scientific intrigue and moral uncertainty.. de Dr. Benedict Lambert, the hero of Mendel's Dwarf, is very much a leg man, not that he has much choice in the matter. For the celebrated geneticist is a dwarf, a man resigned to being stared at for a little too long from some way up, and inured to bromides about inner beauty and outward bravery. As far as he's concerned, bravery requires choice-- something he never had, since his father's sperm lacked "the command for height, for normality, for happiness and contentment." The beautiful swimmer did, however, pass on the genes for irony, sharp observation, and love, all of which Ben has in abundance in Simon Mawer's superb novel of academic twists and emotional turns. A distant relative of the first geneticist, pea-pollinating Gregor Mendel, Ben has long used libraries as a refuge, and education as a way out (if not up). Still in his 20s, he's determined to identify the gene that made him "one of nature's practical jokes." Offered a post at the Royal Institute for Genetics, he immediately puts achondroplasia on the table. The director may well consider research into dwarfism commercially unviable, but Ben knows better. His height will finally be of help: "There are lots of organizations interested," he insists. "The Little People of America, groups like that. When they see me coming they reach for their covenant forms." Mawer interleaves Ben's research with the story of his affair (a "menage une et demi") with the Institute's ill-fated assistant librarian, Jeane Piercey: "Mousy, of course. I feel that all librarians ought to be mousy. It should be a necessary (but not sufficient) qualification for the job. Mousy? Agouti? What, I wonder, is its genetic control? Perhaps it is tightly linked to the gene for tidiness." Mawer also juxtaposes Ben's passion with that of his legume-obsessed ancestor. Mendel, it turns out, pined for Frau Rotway, a married woman in the inevitable company of her own achondroplastic, a dachshund. Mendel's Dwarf wears its considerable learning lightly--the author is a biologist--and readers will be alternately moved, charmed, and shocked by Ben's "astringent kiss of irony." Because the hero makes several difficult choices in the course of this fine novel, we admire his bravery, along with his resilience, at every turn. For Ben, the smallest gesture can become the largest (nods being "big absurd things, my head being about the same size as my body. You can't miss them. They are the gestural equivalent of screaming"). And alas, such acts are often poignantly beyond Ben's grasp: "I wanted to put my arm around her, of course, to bring her that fragile thing that we call comfort. But of course I couldn't reach." Pressestimmen This is a rare read: a scientifically informed, passionately intelligent novel which is also deeply moving -- Christopher Hart Daily Telegraph A serious novel shot through with laughter, it is also a love story ... Impressive -- James Eve The Times Dark, funny and bitter ... the ethical dilemmas of modern genetic research in a love story that lurches from sharp humour to jaw-dropping sadness ... Marvellous' Independent