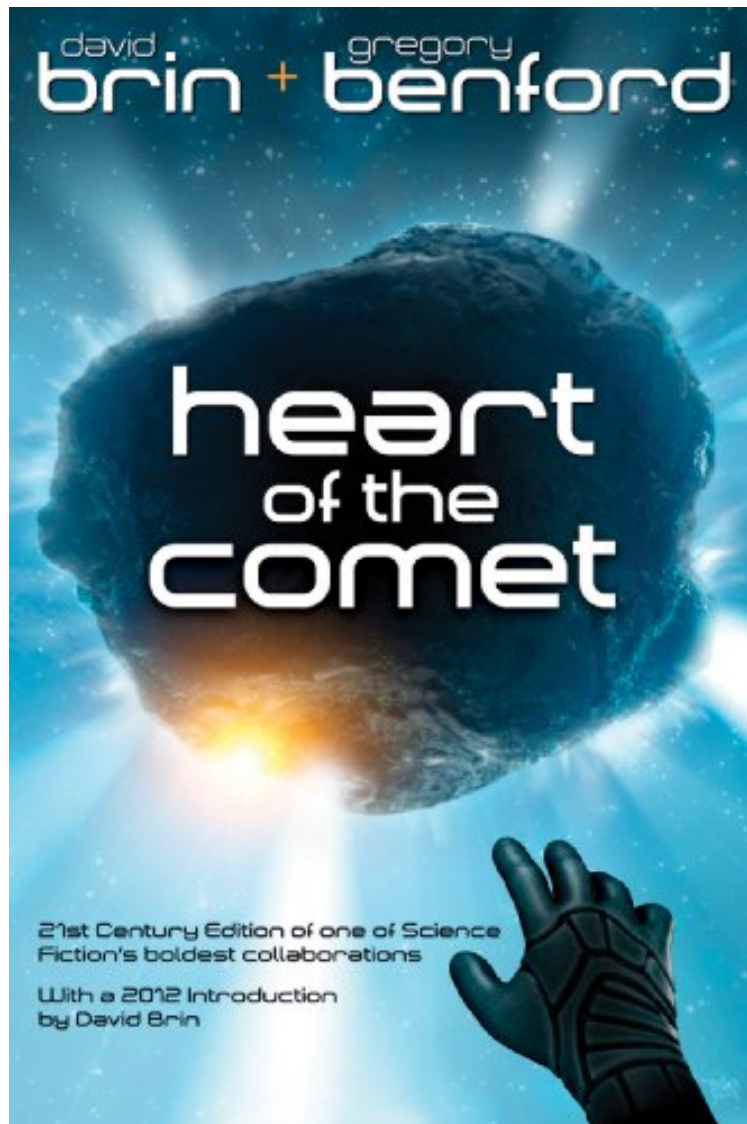


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**Von Gregory Benford, David Brin : Heart of the Comet (English Edition)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Heart of the Comet (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Great Achievement in Hard SFVon condon@chem.wisc.eduHEART OF THE COMET is one of the best true science fiction novels I've read in a very long time. In some ways, it is classic hard science fiction, with very convincing scientific extrapolations that stay well away from the science-fantasy cliches of FTL travel, transporter beams, and the like. On

the other hand, the book is rather atypical for hard SF, in that, as a result of the hostile indigenous life and endless factional fighting, it makes the grand task of colonizing Halley's Comet seem about as appealing as a life sentence in a third-world prison. This results in a continual tension between the sweeping, go-where-no-man-has-gone-before scope of the book and the spectacularly unpleasant living conditions to which the characters are subjected. The three main protagonists (and a lot of the supporting characters) are very well-drawn. Like good hard-SF lead characters, they overcome the adversity of their circumstances with their technical expertise and willpower. We see them shaped over the years by life on the comet, in once case, growing believably from a rather callow youth into a confident, skilled leader. Some of the antagonistic supporting characters, and there are many of them, are well drawn, but others have a tendency to become stereotypical amalgams of the sorts of irrationality of which the authors clearly don't approve. On the whole, I found myself enthralled by this book. It creates a plausible, coherent environment unlike just about anything else I've read, and populates it with (mostly) interesting and well-conceived characters. One blurb on the book said that it was better than DUNE; I won't go quite that far, but it certainly was impressive. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Solid work from two greats Von Michael Battaglia Separate these two guys are awesome and if you haven't tried anything by them yet (Benford's Timescape and Galactic Center series and Brin's Uplift series) you owe it to yourself to give them a decent shot if this book at all interested you. Their styles mix quite well, Benford is normally the more straightforward of the two and I think it's his influence that keeps the novel from getting as selfconsciously complicated as the Uplift books tended to get (hey, I love 'em too, but don't tell me that all of them at some point had you scratching your head and going "What's going on?"). Still, it's far too long and by the end the twists aren't as shocking as they were in the beginning, you sort of keep plugging along because you want to see what's going to happen. But that's the minor bad points, there's plenty of good points. For one, the scenario is awesome, Halley's comet is coming back into the solar system and a team of colonists are on there attempting to live there. And of course everything goes splendidly and people live in perfect harmony because everyone got it right the first time before they sent these folks out. Ha, ha, that's funny, right. Not only is there conflict between the genetically tweaked "Percells" and the nonmodified "Orthos" Earth itself is in turmoil and the wacky planet's decisions often directly affect the poor cometfolk. If that's not bad enough, Halley's inhabited and the colonists have to figure out how to live with a bunch of aliens that see them as midnight snacks. Plus there's romance! And riots! And philosophy! And science! And . . . you get the idea. This book has something for everyone and that might be its biggest fault and why it's so danged long, it's not sure whether it wants to be the hard science Alien, or the hard science Tower of Glass or the hard science {insert famed novel/movie here} the book gets a tad schizo after a while, they go right through one genre cliché and tear it to pieces before just moving right onto the next one. Entertaining? Heck, yeah. But tiring after a while? Oh yeah. On the plus side the characters are well drawn if a bit flat and singleminded at times, everyone has their own little personal obsessions but then you'd probably have to be a bit obsessed in the first place to want to go riding a comet for eighty years. A good example of the "thinking man's SF" and a great alternative to the derivative stuff that often clutters the marketplace. I don't think I'd want to see a sequel to this book (the ending wraps things up nicely) but I wouldn't mind seeing these two pros work together again. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A roller-coaster comet ride! Von A. Tsurukame The strength of this novel is the unique premise of building a colony on a moving comet and it's scientifically plausible solutions to the scary dangers they encounter. It's definitely hard sci-fi, that is filled with techy stuff, but very well done and well thought out. However the weakness of the book for me was the characterization and the clichéd plot device of superhumans (percells) vs normal people (orthos). This idea has been done to death in sci-fi and even in comics, ie. Marvel comics X-men (mutants vs humans). Also I didn't care too much for the characters themselves. Characters seemed a bit flat, and without depth (not enough character motivation to explain actions). But despite this, I liked the book for it's inventive solutions and epic timeline. It has a great ending also. Out of ten, I'd give it a solid 8.

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