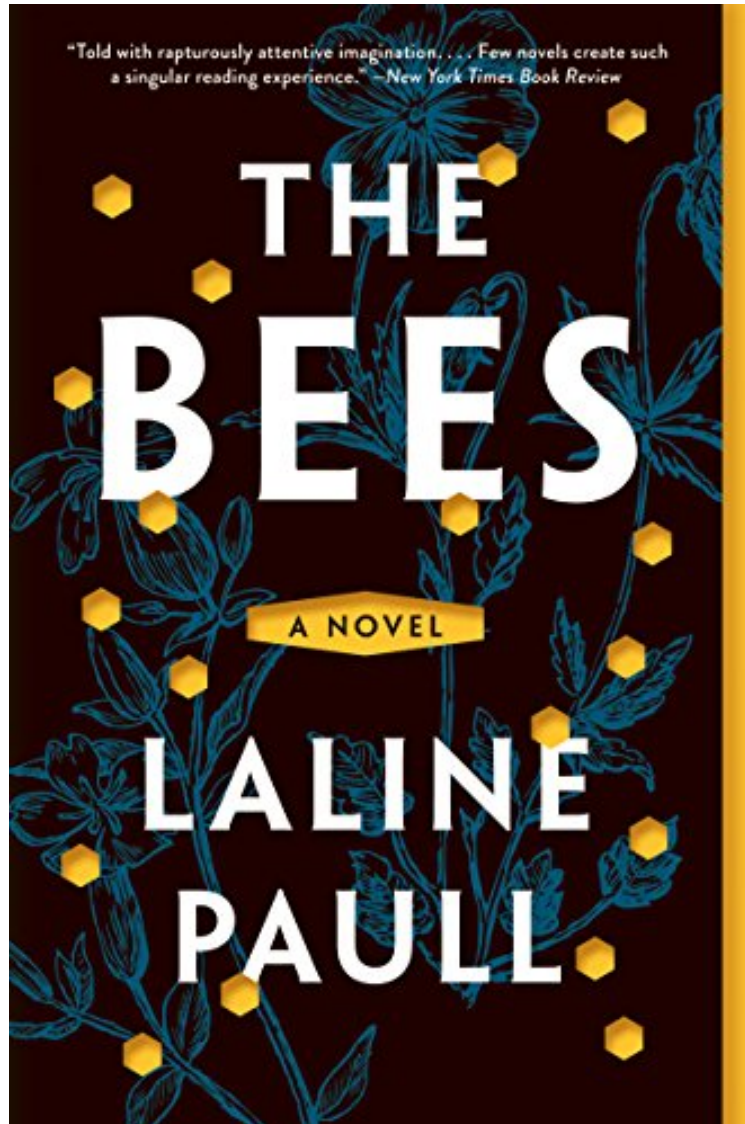


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Lehrbuchversion der Biene Maja fr den jungen, gelangweilten LeserVon moniceFlora 717 ist die Heldin des Romans. Sie ist stark, gro und hsslich. Ihre Strke sorgt dafr, da sie in der strikten Bienenstaatsorganisation schnell aufsteigt und schlielich als Sammelbiene arbeiten darf. Sie erlebt einige Abenteuer und mu sich gegen die Polizei und die

Priesterinnen zur Wehr setzen, als sie plötzlich Eier zu legen beginnt. Das Buch vermag es nicht zu fesseln, obwohl es durchaus spannende und interessante Momente und Anstze bietet. Doch wird Floras Entwicklung als Einzelcharakter nicht so geschildert, das man sich wirklich mit ihr identifizieren kann. Alles bleibt im Ansatz stecken. Die Schilderungen der Vorgänge im Bienenstock sind kinderbuchartig, so essen die Bienen an Tischen Brot. Die Autorin vermenschlicht dann aber nicht durchgängig, und wenn, dann nicht glaubwürdig genug. Das Thema Individuum - Totalstaat bietet unendlich viel mehr. Wer T.H. White oder Webers Invasion gelesen hat, kann dieses Werk allenfalls als Kinderbuch empfinden. Selbst die Biene Maja ist spannender, wenn auch die Vorgänge in einem Bienenstock dort nicht biologisch richtig dargestellt werden. Hier hat man aber das Gefühl, da die Geschichte entwickelt wird, weil ein Lehrbuch über Bienen zu trocken war. 2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. High adventure in the hive Von Christiane This book offers a fascinating glimpse into the world of the honey bee, exemplified by Flora, lowly cleaner turned forager turned Queen Mother. The book is a bit too long and sometimes repetitive but the writing is so incredibly gorgeous and the story so unusual, exciting and delightful that I give it 5 stars. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Amazing book Von xie Well researched, beautifully written. A book that can be read by all ages and all preferences. It doesn't really fit into one specific genre, I think. I was drawn into the story from the very beginning and almost couldn't put the book down. It was not at all, what I expected. I also didn't expect, that the life of a bee could be so interesting, so gripping! It's definitely a good read and it made me regard bees differently after I finished it. (I didn't especially like or even notice them very much, before I read this book...)

Kurzbeschreibung The Handmaids Tale meets The Hunger Games in this brilliantly imagined debut set in an ancient culture where only the queen may breed and deformity means death. Flora 717 is a sanitation worker, a member of the lowest caste in her orchard hive where work and sacrifice are the highest virtues and worship of the beloved Queen the only religion. But Flora is not like other bees. With circumstances threatening the hives survival, her curiosity is regarded as a dangerous flaw but her courage and strength are an asset. She is allowed to feed the newborns in the royal nursery and then to become a forager, flying alone and free to collect pollen. She also finds her way into the Queens inner sanctum, where she discovers mysteries about the hive that are both profound and ominous. But when Flora breaks the most sacred law of all daring to challenge the Queens fertility enemies abound, from the fearsome fertility police who enforce the strict social hierarchy to the high priestesses jealously wedded to power. Her deepest instincts to serve and sacrifice are now overshadowed by an even deeper desire, a fierce maternal love that will bring her into conflict with her conscience, her heart, her society and lead her to unthinkable deeds. Thrilling, suspenseful and spectacularly imaginative, The Bees gives us a dazzling young heroine and will change forever the way you look at the world outside your window. Pressestimmen Fascinating engrossing Paulls clear fascination with her source material brings humanity and warmth to a depiction of the remarkable social world of bees, which is no small achievement. (Huffington Post) The Bees is an extraordinary feat of imagination, conjuring the life of a beehive in gripping, passionate and brilliant detail. With every page I turned, I found myself drawn deeper into Floras plight and her immersive, mesmerizing world. (Madeline Miller, bestselling author of The Song of Achilles) Madeline Miller, bestselling author of The Song of Achilles) This is a rich, strange book...convincing in its portrayal of the mind-set of a bee and a hive. I finished it feeling I knew...how bees think and live. This is what sets us humans apart our imagination can...create a complete, believable world so different from our own. (Tracy Chevalier, New York Times bestselling author of Girl With a Pearl Earring) Told with rapturously attentive imagination...Few novels create such a singular reading experience. (The New York Times Book ) Riveting evocative and beautiful. (NPR) Richly imagined (Los Angeles Times) [A] gripping Cinderella/Arthurian tale with lush Keatsian adjectives. (Margaret Atwood, via Twitter) THE BEES is one wild ride. A sensual, visceral mini-epic about timeless rituals and modern environmental disaster. Paulls heart pounding novel wrenches us into a new world. (Emma Donoghue, The New York Times bestselling author of Room) It quickly became clear that in its basic facts, the novel sticks closely to real-world apian biology and behavior. That is fascinating enough, but Paull deftly wields this information to create an even more elaborately layered culture of beeness Beautiful. (Washington Post) Brilliantly imagined Paulls use of human language to describe this tiny, intricate world is classic storytelling at its finest The Bees boasts a refreshingly feminist spin on fairy tale-style plots. A wildly creative book that resonates deeply for quite a long time. (Austin Chronicle) Its rare to come across a book as mind-blowingly imaginative as Laline Paulls The Bees. Its even more rare for such works to be successful, well-written, gripping stories...The Bees is an utterly memorable wonder of a novel. (Kirkus) A marvelous work of fiction The parallels to 1984 and Margaret Atwoods The Handmaids Tale are numerous but this story is also its own. (Florida Times-Union) Kurzbeschreibung The Handmaids Tale meets The Hunger Games in this brilliantly imagined debut set in an ancient culture where only the queen may breed and deformity means death. Flora 717 is a sanitation worker, a member of the lowest caste in her orchard hive where work and sacrifice are the highest virtues and worship of the beloved Queen the only religion. But Flora is not like other bees. With circumstances threatening the hives survival, her curiosity is regarded as a dangerous flaw but her courage and strength are an asset. She is

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