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In his most powerful and provocative novel to date, master storyteller Irving Wallace turns his incomparable talents to the world of sex therapy. Erotically charged, compassionate, and suspenseful, *The Celestial Bed* explores the way people make love in postsexual-revolution America.

The Celestial Bed Details

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Sheila says

I read this book years ago as always would like to read it again if I can find it. Good read.

Vijay Krishnan A says

Before reading this book, I had read The Seventh Secret and The Second Lady. So, my expectations were really high, probably why I would say that this book wasn't such a fascinating read. After completing the first 50 pages, I felt that I was just reading the sex lives of few couples, there sexual problems and no visible plot. The plot though, came as a disappointment. (Kudos! , It Came!) And after rummaging through the pages, I was kind of finally relieved that the book ended. A disappointing book , to me. The one thing that stood out, (apart from the obvious) was the Surrogate therapy research and the technique. Definitely helpful.

Ana says

El sexólogo Arnold Freeberg ha incluido el uso de suplentes sexuales en su terapia, y los resultados han crecido sustancialmente. Por problemas en Arizona, se traslada a California donde la ley es más benévola y permite su uso. Se apoya en un equipo de 6 personas y comienza a trabajar. Gayle Miller lo acompaña desde Arizona, y su experiencia le ha sido muy útil, y Paul Brandon es el suplente masculino del equipo. Ambos comienzan con pacientes y se va mostrando el proceso y los resultados, mientras que en su vida personal, sienten atracción entre ellos.

Sin embargo, fuerzas externas harán todo lo posible por acabar con esta práctica, lo que pondrá en peligro el trabajo e incluso la vida de los protagonistas.

Es un libro entretenido, mezcla la psicología y la sexualidad, y aunque la trama es un poco forzada al final, está bien desarrollado.

Shruthy Vaishali says

I can't rate this book....it is outrageous to even consider this a book..... if you want to read a book in which prostitution is a form of sex therapy then go ahead

to tell the truth , I still don't get why they had this book published

Scalacpa says

Stephen King told me to read this book. Well not exactly this book but one like it. The main character in Stephen King's book "11/22/63" was reading "The Chapman Report" by Irving Wallace. Maitland Library did not have "The Chapman Report" so I read this Irving Wallace book instead. Uumm, is what I have to say about it. I probably will not read another one of his books(Irving Wallace)except for "The Chapman Report"

when I can get my hands on a copy. He is as prolific as Stephen King. It was light, very light reading. The story was predictable for the time frame it was written. It was probably less than OK.

Karmen says

A great novel about the use of sex surrogates in therapy. Dr. Arnold Freeberg is one such doctor in his treatments of patients with sexual problems.

Gayle Miller & Paul Brandon are two such surrogates who worked at helping people.

Yet, as before in Arizona, people thought them no different from prostitutes. Chet Hunter, a budding journalist and researcher senses a great story in the fact that Dr. Freeberg's clinic uses sex surrogates told to him by Suzy Edwards, its receptionist. Hunter, hoping for a job at the Chronicle, leads him to editor Otto Ferguson, the Rev. Josh Scrafield and Hoyt Lewis, DA.

Chet is given money to go to the clinic for treatment of his condition: premature ejaculation. In the course of events, he begins to see Gayle as someone who only wants to help people like himself and Adam Benski, another patient.

He finds himself in the middle as Dr. Freeberg and Gayle are charged with prostitution and pandering.

As events unfold, Gayle & Paul begin to fall in love and complicate matters further. Their patients have also developed feelings for them. Paul's patient, Nan Whitcomb, is physically unable to have sex due to brutal experience with ex-boyfriend Tony Zecca. Leaving Tony, Nan is followed by him to the clinic and attempts to murder Dr. Freeberg.

Adam Benski and Nan Whitcomb develop feelings for each other.

Chet of course finds himself unable to go through with his plans. He even brings the DA around but the Reverend is unhappy, who sets to destroy Gayle by pitching poison at her face during a dinner given in Dr. Freeberg's honor. The attempt is thwarted by the Reverend's secretary, Darlene, when she tips his hand and it falls on his face.

A happy ending for all. Adam & Nan are sexually compatible; Paul & Gayle are together; doctor recovers from attempted murder; Tony Zecca was shot dead.

Jeanie says

Please don't think I forgot to rate this book. It is unfortunate I couldn't find a way to give it NEGATIVE stars. I resent the hours of my life I lost reading this book that I will never get back. I expected it to get better, but I ended up feeling sexually abused by the author.

Terry Cornell says

I'm being a little generous giving this book a two star rating. I've read other Irving Wallace novels and this book isn't of that quality. Overall premise is o.k. Sex therapist setting up a practice in Southern California, and how the lives of two of his sex surrogates and patients intertwine. Meanwhile a televangelist and an overzealous D.A. try to shut the practice down. The author did research in the field. I found that the character development was very weak. Most very one dimensional, or stereotyped.

Natacha Martins says

O Leito Celestial fala-nos do Dr. Arnold Freeberg, um terapeuta sexual, que recorre à utilização de delegadas sexuais, por achar que existem problemas que não se curam apenas com conversa. As delegadas sexuais são mulheres (e homens, embora com menor expressão) formadas para ajudarem homens (e mulheres) a ultrapassarem os seus problemas sexuais. Aprendem uma série de técnicas que têm como objectivo fazer com que os pacientes se sintam à vontade com o próprio corpo e a pensar menos no acto em si. O Dr. Freeberg instala a sua clínica em Hillsdale, Califórnia, depois de ter sido intimado a desistir da utilização de delegadas, em Tucson, Arizona. Parte para a Califórnia esperando encontrar um ambiente menos conservador que entenda a utilidade da terapia que faz. No entanto também aqui surge a acusação de que estará a cometer um crime, pois as delegadas serão prostitutas e ele, como consequência, o seu chulo. É basicamente isto... Ou seja quase nada. O livro é enfadonho, previsível, não estando particularmente bem escrito. Wallace passa 80% do livro a descrever as sessões de dois dos delegados, Gayle Miller e Paul Brandon, com os respectivos pacientes. Descrições demasiado repetitivas e roçando a literatura pornográfica de má qualidade. Desde o início sabemos que um dos pacientes tem na verdade a intenção de expor o que se passa, denunciando a prática de prostituição para, desta forma, ser promovido no jornal para o qual trabalha. Também não é difícil de adivinhar que no fim se arrependerá e não denuncia nada. O relacionamento amoroso que surge entre Gayle e Paul é infantil e irritante, com diálogos e situações tão pouco verosímeis que em nada contribuem para melhorar a história.

Rajaram Chinnaiyan says

gateway to new thoughts about sex and our body.....predictable plot but convincing storyline

Michelle Hanson says

Definitely alot of sex in this.. but the storyline was also good..

Sachin says

lousy book.

