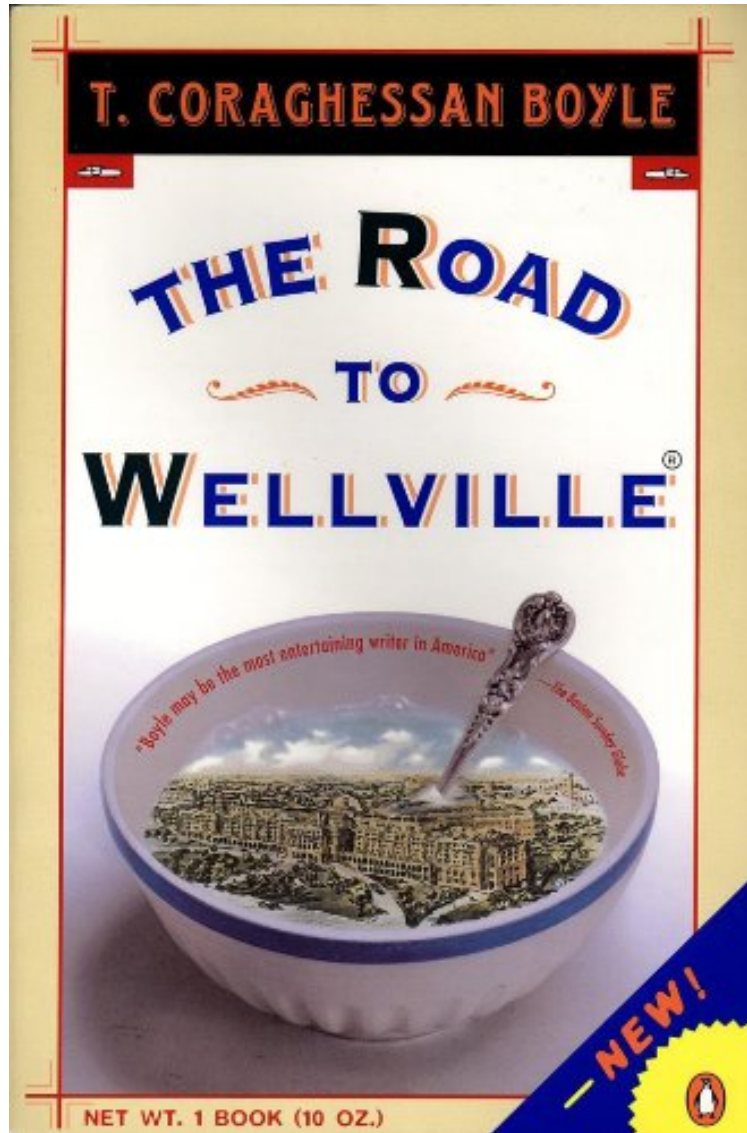


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Von T.C. Boyle

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**Von T.C. Boyle : The Road to Wellville (Contemporary American Fiction)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Road to Wellville (Contemporary American Fiction):

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich.  
Dickension - If Dickens Had A Wicked Streak Von Weaver I don't know if this is Boyle's best novel, but it's the one I've enjoyed the most. I think the reviewer who called it Dickension is right--and I think that Boyle has consciously imitated Dickens' style in his historical fiction. The sprawling plot, the larger-than-life characters--all remind me of

Dickens. But what Boyle does with this material is certainly un-Dickensian. No, smarmy melodramas wrapped up with felicitous coincidences here! Actually, Boyle reminds me a bit of John Irving--also a conscious imitator of Dickens. If you like John Irving's novels and you don't mind a bit of wickedness--well, more than a bit, really, then you might like *THE ROAD TO WELLVILLE*. This may also be Boyle's most readable novel. Although his style is engaging in all of the stuff I've read by him, this novel probably requires the least of his readers--I loved *WATER MUSIC* as well, but some may find that one a bit more perplexing. 2 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Hated the movie? The book more than makes up for it!! Von Ein Kunde I first picked up this book because I was living in Santa Barbara and Boyle was featured in one of the local newspapers as a local artist. I wasn't sure what to expect since I never heard of him before but did know the movie that was based on this book was supposed to be horrible. But I read it anyway and was very glad I did.. The story about a fanatical health/cereal magnate and his crackpot followers was great. The characters were built up perfectly and the descriptions of the settings were vivid enough to make you imagine you were a witness to all the doings of Kellogg and the Lightbodies. It's rare that I read a book and wonder about what happens to the characters after the book ends but I did here. I then made the mistake of watching the movie. It was interesting to see the book come to life but that's as far as the entertainment went. Like most really good books, this one has too many subtleties of plot and humor to easily be translated into a movie. So, if you have a few days to spare, do yourself a favor and pick up *The Road to Wellville*. It'll pick up your spirits even better than a yogurt enema could ever hope to... 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. More people should read Mr. Boyle's work Von Lisa G. Leitz This novel should be required reading for anyone who is close to someone who believes in "natural health" products. Americans seem particularly vulnerable to these gullible searches for 'perfect health'--whatever that is. Check your newspaper for the latest FDA recommendations and wipe that soy milk off your upper lip. Times haven't changed much from the heyday of Mr. Kellogg and his weird science. The funny part is that folks are still running around touting everything from pond scum and surfactants as miracle cures. Decades after Kellogg's wacky "treatments" there are scads of people who spend thousands of dollars on algae and pressed bark and fungus tea as they wax rhapsodic about molecules and colon health. (Usually with all the depth and understanding of an eighth grader in Human Health class.) It's funny, yeah, and pathetic at the same time. Just one of the little underbellies of our modern society. Boyle is an extraordinarily entertaining and literate writer, and his fiction is an absolute delight to read. My 65-year-old father (who mostly reads Westerns) gave me a book of Boyle's short stories for Christmas. "You've gotta read this," he said. "It's great." He had no idea I've been reading T.C. for years. I think one of the reasons people like this guy so much is because they feel like they "discovered" him personally--for some reason, his name doesn't seem to be as household as some of the other big writers. It's not because he doesn't deserve it or because he hasn't written enough. If you're unsure, get a book from the library first--his short stories are a good place to wet your whistle. And search for reviews on his other great books. The Road to Wellville is a great riff on a squirrley part of American history that hasn't failed to teach us much. It's a hoot, and an absolute tonic for those of us who feel a bit disgusted at the thought of taking colostrum pills or whatever the fad is this week.

**Kurzbeschreibung** Will Lightbody is a man with a stomach ailment whose only sin is loving his wife, Eleanor, too much. Eleanor is a health nut of the first stripe, and when in 1907 she journeys to Dr. John Harvey Kellogg's infamous Battle Creek Spa to live out the vegetarian ethos, poor Will goes too. So begins T. Coraghessan Boyle's wickedly comic look at turn-of-the-century fanatics in search of the magic pill to prolong their lives--or the profit to be had from manufacturing it. Brimming with a Dickensian cast of characters and laced with wildly wonderful plot twists, Jane Smiley in the *New York Times Book* called *The Road to Wellville* "A marvel, enjoyable from beginning to end." **Kurzbeschreibung** Will Lightbody is a man with a stomach ailment whose only sin is loving his wife, Eleanor, too much. Eleanor is a health nut of the first stripe, and when in 1907 she journeys to Dr. John Harvey Kellogg's infamous Battle Creek Spa to live out the vegetarian ethos, poor Will goes too. So begins T. Coraghessan Boyle's wickedly comic look at turn-of-the-century fanatics in search of the magic pill to prolong their lives--or the profit to be had from manufacturing it. Brimming with a Dickensian cast of characters and laced with wildly wonderful plot twists, Jane Smiley in the *New York Times Book* called *The Road to Wellville* "A marvel, enjoyable from beginning to end." **Synopsis** An account of: Dr John Harvey Kellogg, inventor of the cornflake and peanut butter; his profligate, degenerate and opportunistic son; and the birth of America's first health fanatics. T. Coraghessan Boyle is the author of "Water Music", "Budding Prospects" and "The Tortilla Curtain".