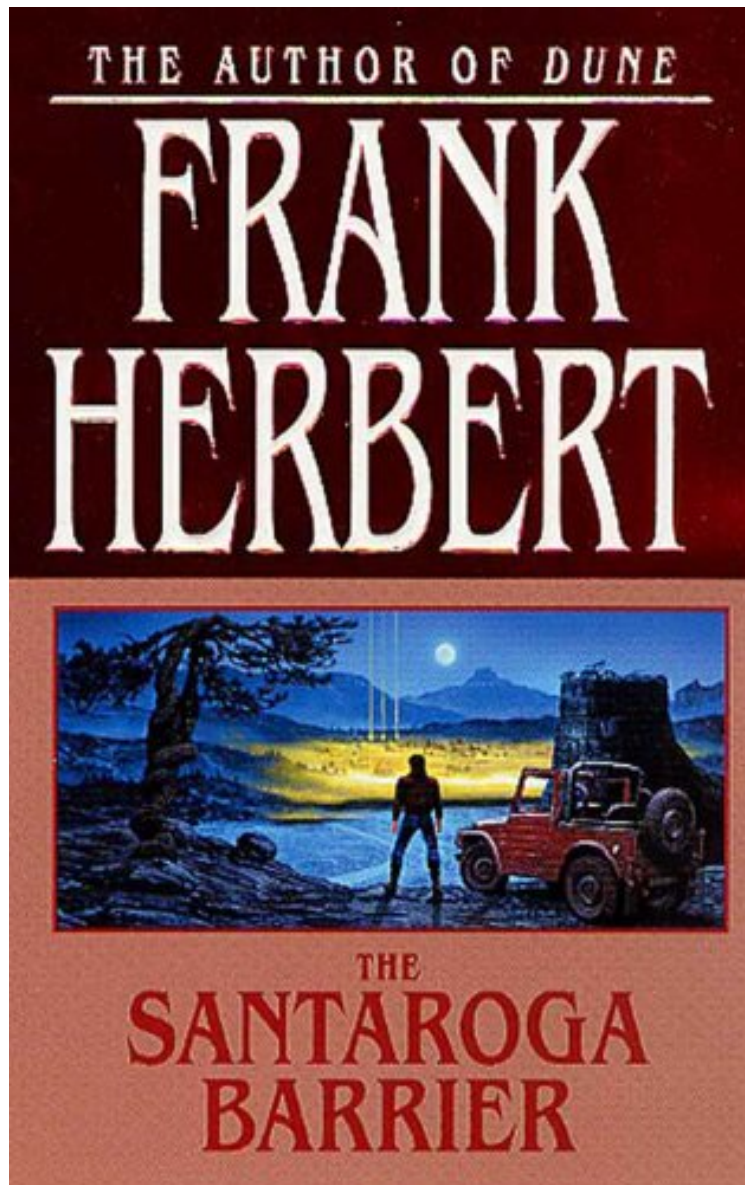


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Classic of Soft Science FictionVon Lars Nitsch'The Santaroga Barrier' is as little Science Fiction as possible - no spacecrafts, no aliens, no other planets but earth - it doesn't even play in the future. It's a classical piece of Soft Science

Fiction which examines the society of today, or, more precisely, of America in the late Sixties. A psychiatrist is sent to some remote valley in California to investigate why the people there don't consume as much goods as the rest of the country and why they almost never leave their valley. He discovers that the inhabitants expose all food to some drug which sharpens their senses, making it possible to realize all the flaws of the modern capitalist world (excessive TV consumption, money rules everything, false values et cetera) in a very precise way. On the one hand, the scientist feels quite attracted to this community setting it's own values, on the other hand, he fears to get addicted to the drug and to lose his personality. The book is a discussion about the false gods of the modern world and possible ways out - ways which might lead to some totalitarian community where the crowd counts more than the individual. I really liked the book - it is well written, the protagonist has an interesting development, there is some action. But mainly, I loved the philosophical questions the work raises, especially regarding society, capitalism and absorption by the mass. If this sounds boring to you, I can just repeat myself - this is a classical piece of Soft Science Fiction.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Frank Herberts Lieblingsthema Von Roadrunner Einige Motive finden sich bei Frank Herbert immer wieder. Psychologie, Psychopharmaka/Drogen, Pheromone, alternative Gesellschaftsmodelle sind typische Zutaten seiner Bücher. So wunderte es mich nicht, da ich beim Lesen der "Santaroga Barrier" immer wieder Parallelen zu "Hellstroms Hive" fand. Insgesamt fand ich das Buch sehr lesenswert, obwohl (oder gerade weil?) ich mir alles andere als sicher bin, da das Happy End ein Happy End ist. Aber auch das ist typisch Frank Herbert... Mein Tip: Unbedingt auch "Hellstroms Hive" lesen!

Kurzbeschreibung Santaroga seemed to be nothing more than a prosperous farm community. But there was something . . . different . . . about Santaroga. Santaroga had no juvenile delinquency, or any crime at all. Outsiders found no house for sale or rent in this valley, and no one ever moved out. No one bought cigarettes in Santaroga. No cheese, wine, beer or produce from outside the valley could be sold there. The list went on and on and grew stranger and stranger. Maybe Santaroga was the last outpost of American individualism. Maybe they were just a bunch of religious kooks. . . Or maybe there was something extraordinary at work in Santaroga. Something far more disturbing than anyone could imagine. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

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