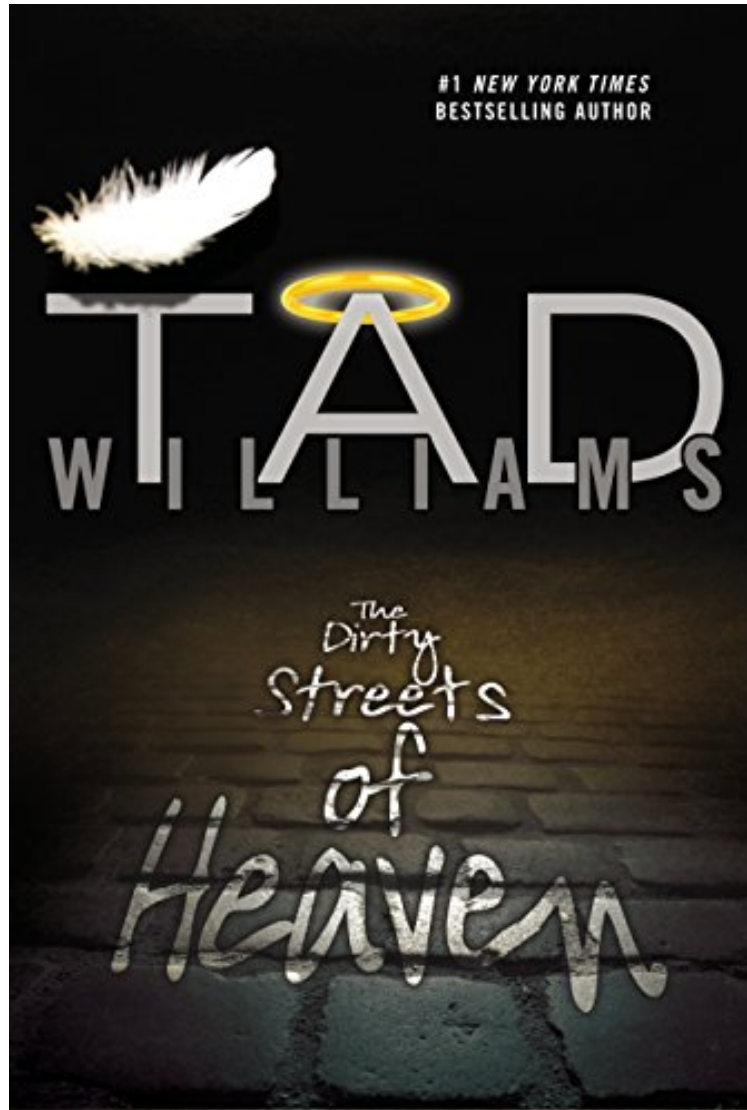


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Von Tad Williams

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**Von Tad Williams : The Dirty Streets of Heaven (Bobby Dollar)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Dirty Streets of Heaven (Bobby Dollar):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen4 von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Zweischneidiges SchwertVon Ralf RathsAu weia. Tad Williams macht es mir mit diesem Buch wirklich nicht leicht.Die Grundidee ist spannend. Nicht besonders originell scheint sie zunchst: Himmel und Hlle existieren, genau so das in ihnen zu vermutende Personal. So weit, so langweilig. Diesen Konflikt dann aber in einen Kalten Krieg mit einem brchigen Frieden, Unmengen von Papierkrieg, innerbehrdlichen Intrigen und SpecOps umzudeuten, hat

wiederum Charme. In dieses Szenario wird eine durchaus spannende Geschichte eingebettet: Etwas geht im normalen Seelenverwertungsbetrieb schief und der Hauptdarsteller (einer von der Holy Roller Fraktion) findet sich ebenso unwillig wie unwissend in einer Verschwörung wieder, die er schon aus Eigeninteresse aufdecken muss. Problematisch an dem Buch ist vor allem der Stil. Grundstzlich gefällt der Gedanke, das ganze im Stile einer hardboiled detective story bzw. eines roman noir zu verfassen. Das Problem dabei ist, das mir das Ganze streckenweise aber dann doch eher als Pulp Fiction vorkam. Flach und gezwungen war oft die ganze Sprechweise, die One-liner und vor allem die Actionsszenen. Ooooh, die Actionsszenen. Das Buch ist einfach mal 150 Seiten zu lang. Verfolgungsjagden, Kampf- und Sexszenen kann man in Bchern machen, aber nicht so verdammt lang. Buch ist Buch, und Film ist Film. Beide haben ihre Strken und Schwchen und das vergisst oder ignoriert Williams zu oft. Offenbar wollte er hier einfach mal richtig auf den Keks hauen. Aber genau das macht dann diesen komischen Pulp Fiction Beigeschmack aus und streckenweise auch einfach Langeweile. Dennoch: Die Welt und die Storyline sind in der Sache fesselnd und werden mich weiterlesen lassen. So richtig frchterlich ist das Buch dann nmlich doch nicht; es ist halt immer noch Tad Williams. Obwohl man schon sagen darf: Das Cover ist das schlechteste, dass ich jemals auf einem von mir auch wirklich gelesenen Buch gesehen habe. Immerhin ein Rekord. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Guter Stoff Von Bernhard Die Sahdownmarch Serie von Tad Williams fand ich streckenweise sehr ermdend und unoriginell. "The Dirty Streets of Heaven" steht in krassem Kontrast dazu, denn von Beginn weg hngt man gespannt an den Zeilen und kann das Buch kaum aus der Hand legen. Diese Mischung aus Fantasie und irgendwie Cop/Detektiv Story funktioniert im ersten Band ausnehmend gut. Auerdem ist auch Platz fr ein bisschen Romeo und Julia samt hormonberstrzten Handlungen und weidwunden Liebenden... Ich fr meinen Teil stehe drauf und fand es authentisch vermittelt :-). Ein mutiger Schritt von Tad Williams, sich diesem Thema zu widmen, ohne in christliche Folklore oder Schwarz-Wei Malerei abzugleiten. Ich wrde dieses Buch auf jeden Fall definitiv nicht als "christliche SciFi Literatur" bezeichnen, dafr bleibt Williams zu weltoffen und un-fundamentalistisch. Mir gefllt das jedenfalls sehr gut! 10 von 10 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Tad Williams`s best novel in years Von Olaf Keith Tad Williams has been a constant fixture in the fantasy science fiction genre for the past 25 years. His MEMORY, SORROW AND THORN series is often hailed as one of the finest post-Tolkien epics, and he has established a reputation for writing intelligent door-stopping, novels such as the OTHERLAND books (four volumes) or the SHADOWMARCH series (again, four volumes). His new novel, THE DIRTY STREETS OF HEAVEN, however, is something of a departure for him, maybe even a career changer. It is the first of three (for now at least) planned volumes in this series called the BOOBY DOLLAR BOOKS, but each volume is self-contained and can be read independently from the others. Doloriel is a rather ordinary low-level angel working under his earthly alias Bobby Dollar. He is an angelic advocate; on behalf of the recently deceased he argues for their immortal souls to be accepted into heaven rather than going to hell or even purgatory. He meets his fellow angelic advocates regularly in his favourite angel bar, but he is largely minding his own business and doing his job (which is a lot less glamorous than it sounds like), when suddenly immortal souls start disappearing and neither heaven nor hell seem to now why or how. Bobby Dollar's life is suddenly at stake even though he does not really know why. However, he is quite sure that his heavenly superiors are not telling him everything and that if he wants to save his own immortal soul, he just has to find out what is happening by himself. DIRTY STREETS starts out as a classic noir detective novel with overtones of Raymond Chandler rather than echoes of Tolkienian epic fantasy. Bobby Dollar is an engaging POV character whose distinctive, witty narrative voice drives the story forward at breakneck pace. He is playing against a colourful ensemble cast of angels, demons and other otherworldly beings. And while the books offers plenty of action and excitement, it is not all empty calories; there is some serious meat on the bones of this novel. A great, fun read that leaves this reader wanting more as soon as possible!

Kurzbeschreibung Bobby Dollar is an angela real one. He knows a lot about sin, and not just in his professional capacity as an advocate for souls caught between Heaven and Hell. Bobbys wrestling with a few deadly sins of his own pride, anger, even lust. But his problems arent all his fault. Bobby cant entirely trust his heavenly superiors, and hes not too sure about any of his fellow earthbound angels either, especially the new kid that Heaven has dropped into their midst, a trainee angel who asks too many questions. And he sure as hell doesnt trust the achingly gorgeous Countess of Cold Hands, a mysterious she-demon who seems to be the only one willing to tell him the truth. When the souls of the recently departed start disappearing, catching both Heaven and Hell by surprise, things get bad very quickly for Bobby D. End-of-the-world bad. Beast of Revelations bad. Caught between the angry forces of Hell, the dangerous strategies of his own side, and a monstrous undead avenger that wants to rip his head off and suck out his soul, Bobbys going to need all the friends he can get in Heaven, on Earth, or anywhere else he can find them. Youve never met an angel like Bobby Dollar. And youve never read anything like The Dirty Streets of Heaven. Brace yourself the afterlife is weirder than you ever believed. Pressestimmen Dollar is every bit as morally ambiguous a first-person narrator as anything found in Chandler or Hammett, and his quest for the truth uncovers lies and deception, in

heaven and hell, that propel the headlong plot towards a fascination conclusion' (Guardian)'Tad Williams' ... famous four-book trilogy was one of the things that inspired me to write my own seven-book trilogy. [ I ] said, "My god, they can do something with this form," and it's Tad doing it.' (George R. R. Martin)'When I heard that Tad Williams was writing an urban fantasy novel, I got all tingly. Now I've read it, and it's even better than I'd dared to hope. It's snarky, fast-paced, and above all, original. You should be tingly, too.' (Patrick Rothfuss)'Tad Williams is a huge inspiration for me. He's one of the main reasons I started writing fantasy... Tad Williams' work is an essential part of any science fiction and fantasy library. I look forward to each new book he writes.' (Christopher Paolini)This is urban fantasy at its best. (epicbookreviews.blogspot.co.uk)Williams has managed to create something really special with The Dirty Streets of Heaven that manages to breathe new life into the urban fantasy genre while at the same time retaining the magic of his earlier novels, an incredible start to a promising series. (SFBook.com)'A very promising start to an exciting new series from one of our greatest modern F/SF authors.' (Geek Syndicate)WerbetextTHE DIRTY STREETS OF HEAVEN is the first in a new set of fantasy-fuelled thrillers from the masterly Tad Williams, international bestselling author of The Dragonbone Chair.