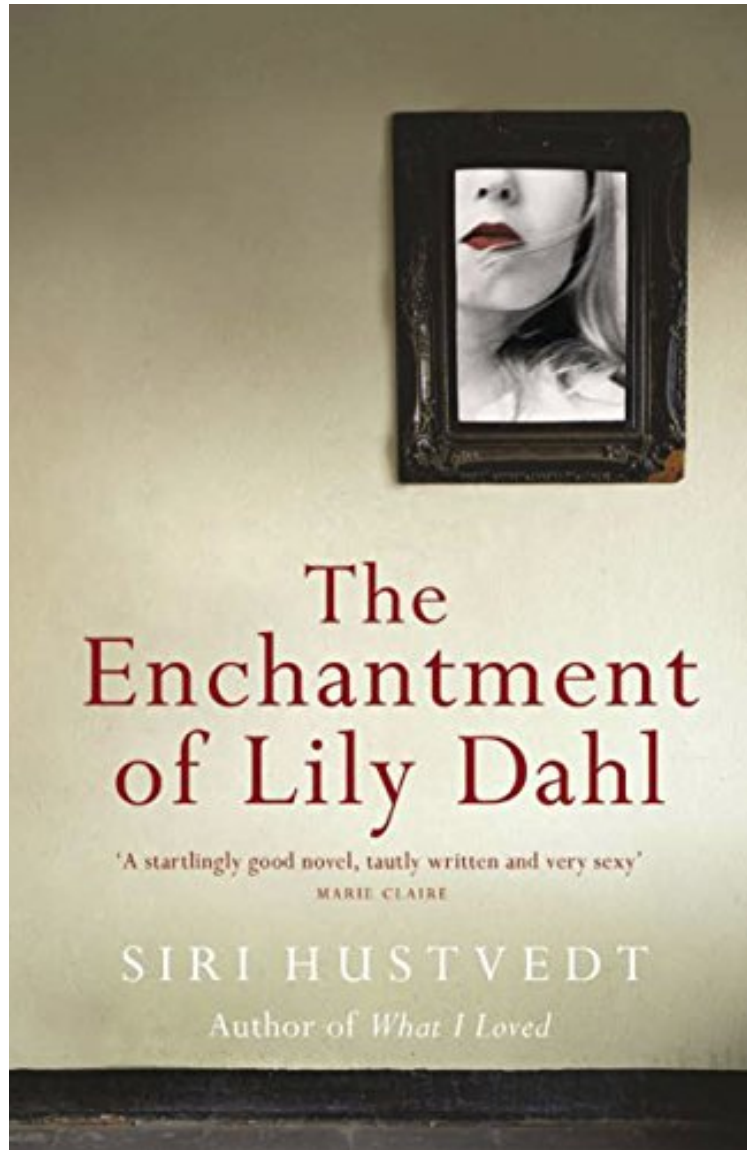


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Von Siri Hustvedt : The Enchantment of Lily Dahl (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Enchantment of Lily Dahl (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen5 von 5 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Disenchanting...Von florida-ki wouldn't have been at all surprised if "The Enchantment of Lily Dahl" was a first novel - it has that unaccomplished, don't-quite-know-where-I'm-going-with-this feel about it. But it's not a first novel, and as such, it doesn't have even that meagre excuse to offer for itself.Hustvedt does write interestingly of the small

town, Webster, and manages to create some original side characters, but the ultimate failing in this novel is Lily Dahl herself. A novel's main character doesn't have to necessarily be likeable, but I think she should elicit some sort of response from the reader and, unfortunately, Lily Dahl left me completely cold. I could not involve myself with her in any way. She would have perhaps been excusable as a minor character, mentioned in passing, but as the central character she is simply too trite. There are many good ideas and themes throughout the story, but unfortunately none of them is explored fully or well enough to satisfy. Ultimately disappointing and disenchanting. 3 von 5 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Can't help but give it 5 stars. Von Jessica (tellarren@yahoo.com) This book reminded me very much of Jonathan Carroll's type of novels. Siri Hustvedt has created a very appealing, likable heroine in Lily Dahl, and the supporting cast is wonderful. Like Carroll, Ms. Hustvedt seems to have all kinds of ideas for this novel; she can't seem to choose which genre or storyline to use, so she hops around from one type of story to another. Ordinarily this would annoy me, with the novel beginning as a love story (or an erotic novel, take your pick), then a coming-of-age novel, then a sort of fairy-tale, then a murder mystery, then... I don't know what. Some things are never answered or explained in this novel, but somehow even the unexplained and out-of-place parts of the novel don't irritate the reader. Rather, they enrich the story, give it all kinds of elements. Hustvedt's dream sequences, for example, wouldn't seem to have anything to do with the novel, and yet they add to it; the story wouldn't be nearly as engrossing or lovely without them. Ultimately, even though the novel misleads you several times, *The Enchantment* is still a wonderful book with all kinds of elements in it that make it strange and engaging and beautiful. Lily Dahl is a wonderful character, and I found myself wanting to read about what happens to her after the end of the book, not an easy feat for a novel.

Kurzbeschreibung Lily Dahl is a heroine of the old school: tough, beautiful and brave. A nineteen-year-old waitress and aspiring actress living in Webster, Minnesota, she becomes enchanted by an exotic outsider - an artist from New York. Drawn into a world of erotic adventure, she finds herself the target of mysterious acts of madness as she strains against the confines of small town life..deSiri Hustvedt, whose debut novel *The Blindfold* was showered with critical acclaim, returns with *The Enchantment of Lily Dahl*, the coming of age story of a voluptuous and vacuous aspiring actress who lives in a small town in Minnesota. In addition to the Marilyn Monroe-esque title character, Hustvedt provides a bevy of quirky characters including Lily's former high school pal Martin Petersen, who is assembling a collection of corpse photographs, and Edward Shapiro, the college professor and painter whom Lily quickly beds. On top of that, Hustvedt layers on a nice little murder mystery, which Lily investigates and solves. *Pressestimmen* "This dark, sexy, spooky novel is an indelibly memorable fiction. Read it and it will haunt you. "-Salman Rushdie "In her sophisticated handling of a powerful sexual drama, Siri Hustvedt proves the praise lavished on her first novel *The Blindfold* was not exaggerated. "-Baltimore Sun "The *Enchantment of Lily Dahl* has the power to pull readers firmly into its orbit and to keep them there. "-The Village Voice