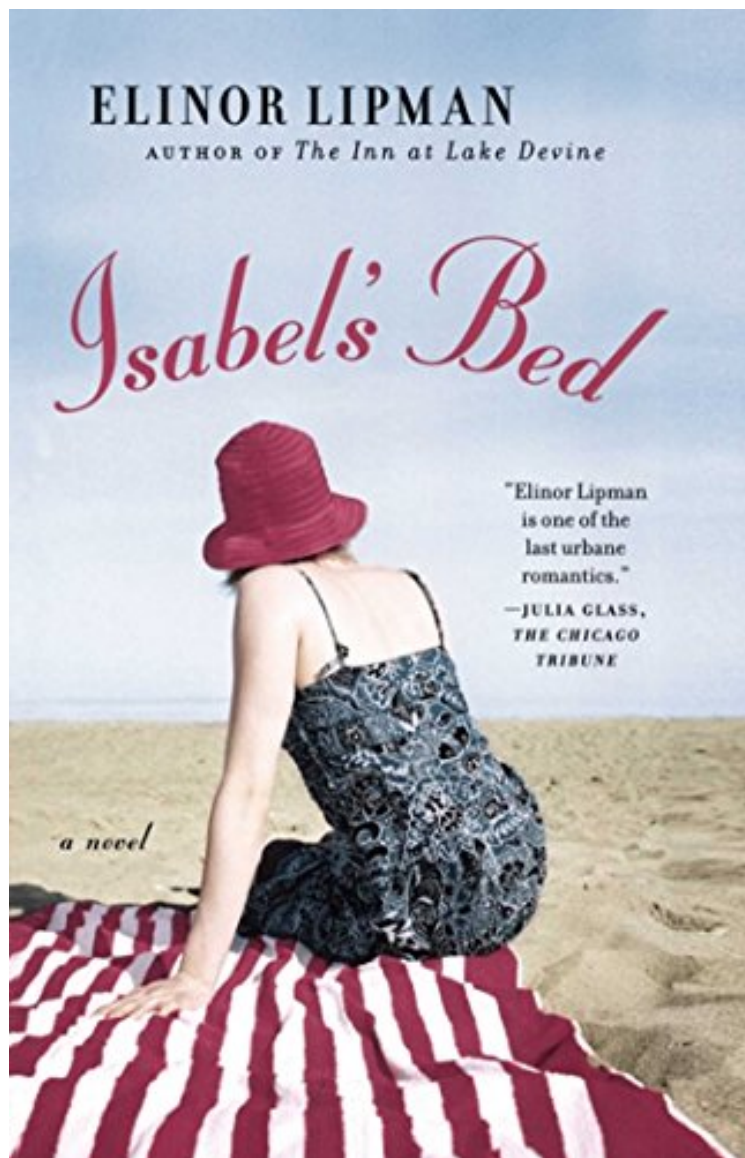


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**Von Elinor Lipman : Isabel's Bed: A Novel (English Edition)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Isabel's Bed: A Novel (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Just short of hilariousVon Renee V. CoxIsabel's Bed is elegantly written but would be more satisfying to the reader if the characters were more fleshed out.Someone told me not to miss this book because it is so funny. Well, it IS funny. Elinor Lipman has set up an interesting situation with unusual characters and manages to make some rather unsavoury

people look surprisingly appealing. But Isabel turns out to be much nicer than she should be. A twist at the end of the plot vindicates her somewhat, but the reader wonders how a woman in her forties with so much self confidence and potential could get into so much trouble. When she turns out to be so doggone nice, it almost lacks credibility. Still, the author concludes with a satisfactory ending and the loose ends of the plot itself are pleasantly and firmly tied up. If there is a nebulous thread or two, it applies to characters whom we have come to view with jaundiced eye. This was the first Lipman book I have read and I don't intend it to be my last. Lipman has a splendid sense of irony. However, although I usually believe that less is more, I hope that the next book of hers I read is a little meatier. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Enjoyable but trivial (but enjoyable!) Von bookman If you like Anne Tyler's books (The Accidental Tourist, etc.), then you'll love this story of an unlikely friendship. Unemployed, broke, and recently broken up with her boyfriend, Harriet Mahoney applies for a job as ghostwriter of the autobiography of Isabel Krug. The job comes with decent pay and a room in Isabel's house on Cape Cod. An aspiring but unpublished writer, Harriet jumps when she is offered the position. Isabel is benignly goofy and her life story includes having her lover shot while in bed with her, by his wife. Harriet slowly comes out of her shell as she settles into life on Cape Cod and friendship with the dotty Isabel Krug. Eccentric characters come and go as Harriet lets go of her tightly-wound self-image and--following Isabel's example--lightens up. There's no great moral lesson in this book, just lots of laughs, warm smiles, and characters you'd love to share a cup of tea (or, more likely, a bottle of wine) with. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Not as good as The Inn at Lake Devine Von Karen Bierman Hirsh While I really enjoyed Elinor Lipman's Inn at Lake Devine - I felt that Isabel's Bed did not quite live up to my expectations. It got rave reviews so I was looking forward to reading it but it was slow going and once I got into it the book ended. Isabel's Bed is the story of Harriet Mahoney, a middle aged, recently jilted, unpublished writer who finds a job and a home with Isabel Krug - the "other woman" in a scandalous murder. Isabel hires Harriet to ghost write her story. The novel is about their friendship and how it helps Harriet (and Isabel) put her life back on track. The book meandered for a while and finally got rolling about 100 pages or so before it ended. I guess if I am still interested in knowing what happens with these character's (which I definitely am) then I really did enjoy the book - I just wish that it had a bit more depth or about 50 more pages...

Kurzbeschreibung When Harriet Mahoney first sees it, Isabel Krug's bed is covered with sheared sheep and littered with celebrity biographies. Unpublished, fortyish, and recently jilted, Harriet has fled Manhattan for Isabel's loudly elegant Cape Cod retreat, where she will ghostwrite The Isabel Krug Story, based on the sexy blond's scandalous tabloid past. Unusually "talented" in the man department ("I give lessons"), Isabel revamps and inspires Harriet as they gear up to tell all, including the tangled history Isabel shares with her odd lodger, Costas. Life according to Isabel is a nonstop soap opera extravaganza, an experience to be swallowed whole -- and the attitude is catching..... de Isabel's Bed gives us the intricate and deft plot, crisp dialogue and unexpected twists and turns we have come to expect in the comic novels of Elinor Lipman. Here we meet Harriet Mahoney, a would-be writer recently jilted by her bagel-vending boyfriend. Harriet is at loose ends until she agrees to ghostwrite a chesty blonde's version of her tabloid past. Isabel Krug is the woman with the past; Harriet sees in her story the literary future that has eluded her. In the course of this partnership, unexpected alliances are formed, and fulfillment is found where no one thought to search.. com Isabel's Bed gives us the intricate and deft plot, crisp dialogue and unexpected twists and turns we have come to expect in the comic novels of Elinor Lipman. Here we meet Harriet Mahoney, a would-be writer recently jilted by her bagel-vending boyfriend. Harriet is at loose ends until she agrees to ghostwrite a chesty blonde's version of her tabloid past. Isabel Krug is the woman with the past; Harriet sees in her story the literary future that has eluded her. In the course of this partnership, unexpected alliances are formed, and fulfillment is found where no one thought to search.