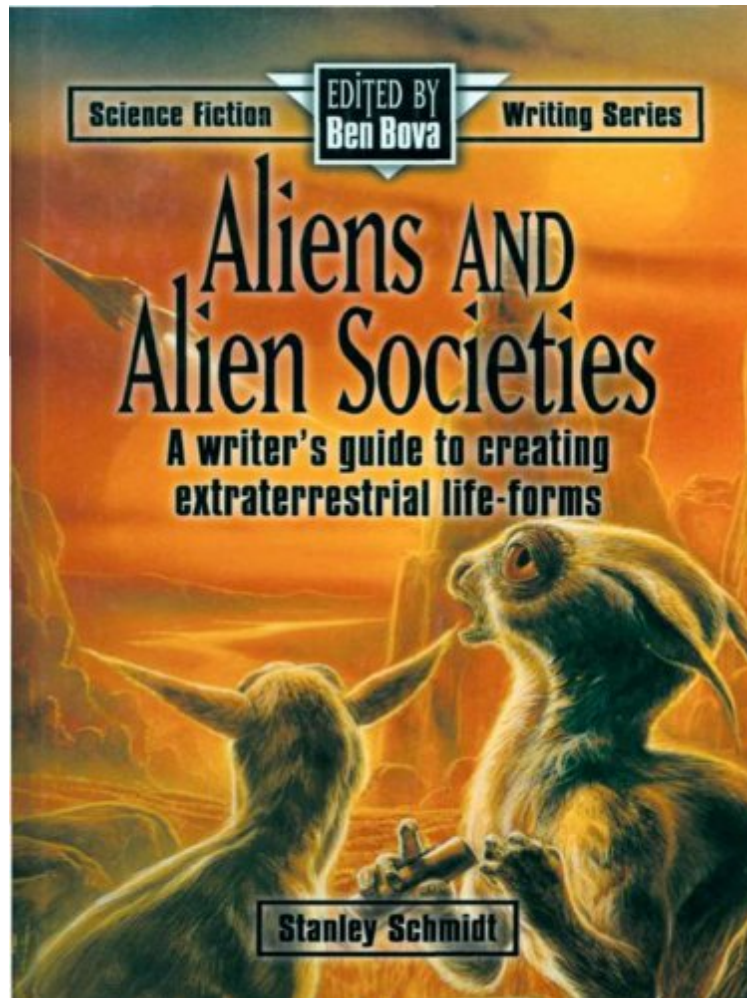


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lesenden Abhandlung schildert der Autor praktisch alles, was man für die Erschaffung einer fiktiven außerirdischen Spezies bedenken muss... von astronomischen Gegebenheiten über biologische Überlegungen bis hin zu kulturellen und sprachlichen Aspekten. Hierbei zieht der Autor primär und sehr kenntnisreich menschliche bzw. irdische Beispiele heran, um die Vielfalt von Möglichkeiten zu erläutern. Hier liegt auch ein wenig der einzige Kritikpunkt des Buches verborgen: es ist leider ein bisschen sehr anthropozentrisch und es fehlt ein wenig am "Sense Of Wonder". Der Autor kommt unversehbar aus der Hard-SF Ecke, und entsprechend legt er auch Wert auf schlüssige Aliens. Nichts dagegen, ein wenig mehr Inspirationen für schrille Ideen dürfte es für ein Buch aus der SF Writing Series" (!) schon sein, ALIENS ALIEN SOCIETIES ist eher eine populärwissenschaftliche Darstellung plausibler Grundlagen für Leben als eine Fundgrube von Ideen für SF-Fans. Dies kann man dem Buch im Grunde genommen nicht zum Vorwurf machen, aber wie gesagt, der ein oder andere Leser mag etwas anderes erwarten... vor allem wenn man sich überlegt welche bizarren Lebensformen auch auf der Erde (z.B. in der Tiefsee) leben! Alles in allem ein sehr lesenswertes und lehrreiches Buch, dem aber womöglich ein paar etwas durchgeknalltere Passagen sicherlich nicht geschadet hätte. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Worthwhile but short on detail Von Ein Kunde This is a good overview of the basics of realistic SF aliens. However, I found it a bit too basic, and wished for more specifics. But the subject matter is just so broad and protean that anything more than a general overview like this would be very hard to achieve. Perhaps the most valuable portion of the book is its bibliography, referring the reader to numerous fiction and nonfiction works offering more detail. In many ways, this is as much a guide to the mechanics of writing about aliens as to the physics, psychology etc. of designing them, and it contains some good insights. I found the chapter on alien languages pretty interesting. Overall, it's certainly a useful reference, though I'm sure that supplementing it with works from the bibliography is necessary to get a fuller picture. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Fascinating guide to help any science fiction writer. Von Ein Kunde Excellent review of important considerations that every science fiction writer should think about before creating aliens and their societies. The book provides guidelines to ensure the the writer's creations conform to known science and tips on how to "create" plausible science to support the science fiction writer's intentions. Included is a bibliography of fiction and non-fiction to support the author's points and provide the reader with background research

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