



Treasure Box by Orson Scott Card

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A shattering early life tragedy left Treasure Box Quentin Fears devastated and not able to deal with the realm and its citizens. It didn't, however, hinder him from making hundreds of

thousands via very good investments. And now the enigmatic recluse has skilled the terribly unexpected: love before everything sight. yet a whirlwind courtship and marriage to Madeleine -- beautiful, witty, and both ill-at-ease with truth -- is bringing Quentin whatever except the bliss he anticipated, for now he needs to meet his new wife's family. A bizarre, dysfunctional choice of severe characters, they're guarding a mystery either surprising and terrifying -- as is Madeleine herself. And without notice Quentin Fears needs to hinder his dream lady from unleashing an ageless malevolence cause on ruling the world.

Okay. back i'm breaking my review-silence, yet merely simply because such a lot of different reports have been obviously written through those that by no means learn this book. Is it great? No. it is only okay. a great little potboiler, in actual fact encouraged through All Heads flip whilst the search is going By, Ghost Story, and doubtless the tension of Her Regard (which have been themselves in keeping with Treasure Box older stories) yet not anything greater than that. Do I remorse examining it? Nope. might I learn it again? Nope. yet I preserve seeing humans accusing the writer of utilizing it to evangelise pre-marital sexual abstinence or anti-homosexuality or conventional gender norms or anti-Witch propaganda... and people individuals are unsuitable on each count. Again, they have to no longer have learn the book. Here're a number of rebuttals [SPOILERS AHEAD!]:1) After wasting the large sister he idolized to a freak motor vehicle coincidence while he used to be a boy, the protagonist Quentin closes himself off to human relationships -- specifically with the other sex. He has no friends. He even reviews approximately how unhappy it really is that his "closest friend" is his lawyer, whose "friendship" is overtly in accordance with the cash Quentin can pay him to Treasure Box BE his lawyer. He by no means marries, he by no means has children, and he by no means even is going on a date. He devotes all his time to paintings and study. And it really is time and again hammered domestic that his pre-marital sexual abstinence and naivete are symptoms of his warped mental response to wasting his teenaged sister. Treasure Box it really Treasure Box is explicitly said that he makes use of morality as an excuse, yet even he is aware he is simply overlaying up for his personal social and sexual dysfunctions. approximately 1/4 of how into the book, he even brazenly admits to Treasure Box himself that he has remoted himself from romance and intercourse as a result of his quasi-incestuous obsession together with his lifeless sister. Furthermore, at no element is he happy with his existence choices, and he's in truth many times proven to be embarrassed about his virginity as soon as he permits himself to consider intercourse at all. the opposite characters within the publication all both pity him or mock him, and the one one that does not is basically a con-artist who's utilizing Quentin's mental matters opposed to him. THIS ebook totally doesn't hold forth PRE-MARITAL SEXUAL ABSTINENCE.2) there's ONE point out of homosexuality within the whole book. And sorry, folks. It ain't anti-gay. A 34 year-old American male who's childless, hasn't ever married, hasn't ever had a Treasure Box girlfriend, hasn't ever even had a DATE, being requested through his child Boomer father if he's homosexual after which assuring his father that he's no longer -- that won't "anti-homosexuality." that is life. That happens. And the scene does not even current homosexuality as a nasty thing, simply anything which they either suppose awkward discussing. Which makes excellent experience due to the fact that A) it is a father speaking to his potentially-closeted son, and B) this can be set Treasure Box within the mid-1990s. Heck, the 1993 "Seinfeld" episode "The Outing" (which famously gave us the catch-phrase "Not that there is whatever fallacious with that...") had extra actual anti-homosexuality, although the purpose of that episode was once Treasure Box to criticize American homophobia. THIS booklet isn't ANTI-

HOMOSEXUALITY.3) This e-book is emphatically anti-male and pro-female, and pretty well spits on conventional gender norms. yet in that reductionist approach that second & third Wave Feminism so usually encouraged. there's just one undesirable girl personality within the complete book, or even she is gifted because the sufferer of confusion and deception which led her to think lies. ladies are time and again offered as smarter, extra interesting, extra strong and extra very important than men. ladies are provided as having agency, whereas males are in simple terms tossed approximately by way of the whims of women. the total publication hinges on male characters being little greater than instruments to be used via robust women, or even the scene within which the male protagonist "wins" merely permits him to "win" simply because all of the girls round him instructed him what to do after which did all of the genuine paintings after he'd performed his minor part. the last word evil within the book? Male. And it and its style own human males and switch them into murderous psychopathic demagogues. the single real assassin during this book? A man. His victim? A woman. and the way does he pay for his crime? Well, he shoots himself within the head and is then riddled with bullets through cops. Furthermore, this Treasure Box publication emphatically depicts conventional gender norms as stultifying and outmoded; the first woman protagonist is a strong, smart, powerful, principled occupation woman, and she or he has a monologue all approximately how her contributions are pushed aside via her foolishly out-of-date baby-crazy kinfolk which simply cares approximately her sisters simply because they've got children. And at no aspect is that contradicted. The viewers is intended to appreciate that she is right, that her family members is wrong, and that the remainder of the area must get with the program. it is not subtle. THIS booklet doesn't advocate conventional GENDER NORMS. 4) The "Witches" during this e-book are provided as those who are a part of a morally impartial bloodline which delivers them Treasure Box supernatural powers, extra like surprise Comics' X-Men. so much of them are optimistic figures, wrong and human, yet strong and devoted to preventing evil supernatural entities from intruding into the mortal realm. In fact, the e-book is going into aspect approximately how ignorant Christians and Jews and Muslims (and Nazis) were wrongfully persecuting those blameless witches over the centuries. and the way persecution of (female) witches is basically a device of demonic (male) entities who twist human (male) leaders to their darkish leads to a quest to spoil the robust (female) witches who oppose them. The human (male) protagonist is just there as a pawn in a fight among robust (female) witches, all of whom be aware of extra and recognize higher than him. Witches = good. people = weak. Witch-burning = demonic. THIS publication isn't ANTI-WITCH PROPAGANDA. But you would not understand any of that when you learn the various reports on Goodreads. *twitch*

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