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bridesmaid s dress save the world and still make it back for the wedding science fiction roman planetary surveyors fin and carson battle hostile terrain bureaucratic red tape and renegade planet crashers in this latest novella by the talented author of doomsday book connie willis continues to demonstrate her endless versatility in this archly written satire which is both a love story and a shameless expose of the dark side of political correctness variety is the soul of pleasure and variety is what this comprehensive new collection of connie willis is all about the stories cover the entire spectrum from sad to sparkling to terrifying from classics to hard to find treasures with everything in between orangutans egypt earthworms roast goose college professors mothers in law aliens secret codes secret santas tube stations choir practice the post office the green light on daisy s dock weddings divorces death and assorted plagues from scarlet fever to it s a wonderful life and a dog famous for her sure hand plotting unforgettable characters and top notch writing willis has been called the most relentlessly delightful science fiction writer alive and there are numerous examples here among them willis s most famous stories the hugo and nebula award winning fire watch and even the queen and the last of the winnebagos along with undiscovered gems like willis s heartfelt homage to jack williamson nonstop to portales her magical christmas stories are here too from newsletter to just like the ones we used to know which last year was made into the tv movie snow wonder starring mary tyler moore we ve collected stories from throughout willis s career from early ones like cash crop and daisy in the sun right up to her newest stories including the wonderful the winds of marble arch there s literally something for everyone here if you re a diehard willis fan you ll be delighted with hard to find treasures like the until now uncollected the soul selects her own society if you ve never read connie willis this is your chance to discover a letter from the clearys and well chance to say nothing of at the rialto the funniest story ever written about quantum physicists and willis s chilling all my darling daughters and oh there are too many great stories here to list and pleasures galore so enjoy in spite of connie willis s numerous science fiction awards and her groundbreaking history as a woman in the field there is a surprising dearth of critical publication surrounding her work taking doomsday book as its cue this collection argues that connie willis s most famous novel along with the rest of her oeuvre performs science fiction s task of cognitive estrangement by highlighting our human inability to read the times correctly and yet also affirming the ethical imperative to attempt to truly observe and record our temporal location willis s fiction emphasizes that doomsdays happen every day and they risk being forgotten by some even as their trauma repeats for others however disasters also have the potential to upend accepted knowledge and transform the social order for the better and this collection considers the ways that willis pairs comic and tragic modes to reflect these uncertainties blackout is the opening movement of a vast absorbing two volume novel that may well prove to be connie willis masterpiece like her multi award winning the doomsday book this stunning new work marries the intricate mechanics of time travel to the gritty and dangerous realities of human history the narrative opens in oxford england in 2060 where a trio of time traveling scholars prepares to depart for various corners of the second world war their mission to observe from a safe vantage point the day to day nature of life during this critical historical moment as the action ranges from the evacuation of dunkirk to the manor houses of rural england to the quotidian horrors of london during the blitz the objective nature of their roles gradually changes cut off from the safety net of the future and caught up in the chaotic events that make up history they are forced to participate in unexpected ways in the defining events of the era blackout is an ingeniously constructed time travel novel and a grand entertainment more than that it is a moving exquisitely detailed portrait of a world under siege a world dominated by chaos uncertainty and the threat of imminent extinction it is the rare sort of book that transcends the limits of genre offering pleasure insight and illumination on virtually every page

award winning author connie willis returns with a stunning enormously entertaining novel of time travel war and the deeds great and small of ordinary people who shape history

the water witches who could feel the ebb and flow of precious water in their very bones then there was a coup and control of mahali s water passed to an impersonal computer network it was deza s father who hit upon the scheme dressing his daughter in ceremonial garb he passed her off as the last surviving member of the royal house with tricks and illusions she and her father moved toward the centres of power but it s the nature of a con artist to go too far winner of seven nebula and eleven hugo awards connie willis is one of the most acclaimed and imaginative authors of our time her startling and powerful works have redefined the boundaries of contemporary science fiction here in one volume are twelve of her greatest stories including double award winner fire watch set in the universe of doomsday book and to say nothing of the dog in which a time travelling student learns one of history s hardest lessons in a letter from the clearys a routine message from distant friends shatters the fragile world of a beleaguered family in the sidon in the mirror a mutant with the unconscious urge to become other people finds himself becoming both killer and victim disturbing revealing and provocative this remarkable collection of short fiction brings together some of the best work of an incomparable writer whose ability to amaze confound and enlighten never fails for jeff johnston a young historical researcher for a civil war novelist reality is redefined on a bitter cold night near the close of a lingering winter he meets annie an intense and lovely young woman suffering from vivid intense nightmares haunted by the dreamer and her unrelenting dreams jeff leads annie on an emotional odyssey through the heartland of the civil war in search of a cure on long silenced battlefields their relationship blossoms two obsessed lovers linked by unbreakable chains of history torn by a duty that could destroy them both suspenseful moving and highly compelling lincoln s dreams is a novel of rare imaginative power that strikes a chord deep within the hearts of us all this new expanded edition of miracle and other christmas stories features twelve brilliantly reimagined holiday tales five of which are collected here for the first time christmas comes but once a year yet the stories in this dazzling collection are fun to read anytime they put a speculative spin on the holiday giving fans of acclaimed author connie willis a welcome gift and a dozen reasons to be of good cheer brimming with willis s trademark insights and imagination these heartwarming tales are full of humor absurdity human foibles tragedy joy and hope they both embrace and send up many of the best christmas traditions including the holiday newsletter secret santas office parties holiday pageants and christmas dinners both elaborate and spare there are rockettes the best and worst christmas movies modern day magi ghosts of christmas past present and yet to come and the triumph of generosity over greed like all the timeless classics we return to year after year these stories affirm our faith in love magic and the wonder of the season praise for a lot like christmas a perfect stocking stuffer for christmas celebrating fans of connie willis s humorous sf publishers weekly a collection of christmas stories with just the right blend of sugar and spice sweet and sharp whimsical and heartfelt funny and warm fans of willis s gently comic speculative fiction will love this collection and it will also appeal to readers looking to get into the holiday spirit kirkus reviews science fiction icon connie willis brilliantly mixes a speculative plot the wit of nora ephron and the comedic flair of p g wodehouse in crosstalk a genre bending novel that pushes social media smartphone technology and twenty four hour availability to hilarious and chilling extremes as one young woman abruptly finds herself with way more connectivity than she ever desired named one of the best books of the year by npr in the

not too distant future a simple outpatient procedure to increase empathy between romantic partners has become all the rage and briddey flannigan is delighted when her boyfriend trent suggests undergoing the operation prior to a marriage proposal to enjoy better emotional connection and a perfect relationship with complete communication and understanding but things don't quite work out as planned and briddey finds herself connected to someone else entirely in a way far beyond what she signed up for it is almost more than she can handle especially when the stress of managing her all too eager to communicate at all times family is already burdening her brain but that's only the beginning as things go from bad to worse she begins to see the dark side of too much information and to realize that love and communication are far more complicated than she ever imagined praise for crosstalk a rollicking send up of obsessive cell phone usage in too near future america connie willis's canny incorporation of scientific lore and a riotous cast make for an engaging girl finally finds right boy story that's unveiled with tact and humor willis juxtaposes glimpses of claimed historical telepaths with important reflections about the ubiquity of cell phones and the menace that unscrupulous developers of technology pose to privacy morality and emotional stability publishers weekly an exhilarating and laugh inducing read one of those rare books that will keep you up all night long because you can't bear to put it down portland book review a fun technological fairy tale bookpage one of the funniest sf novels in years locus winner of more hugo and nebula awards than any other science fiction author connie willis is one of the most powerfully imaginative writers of our time in remake she explores the timeless themes of emotion and technology reality and illusion and the bittersweet place where they intersect to make art it's the hollywood of the future where moviemaking's been computerized and live action films are a thing of the past it's a hollywood where humphrey bogart and marilyn monroe are starring together in a star is born and if you don't like the ending you can change it with the stroke of a key a hollywood of warmbodies and sim sex of drugs and special effects where anything is possible except for what one starry eyed young woman wants to do dance in the movies it's an impossible dream but alis is not willing to give up with a little magic and a lot of luck she just might get her happy ending after all a tour de force new york times book review ambitious finely detailed and compulsively readable locus it is a book that feels fundamentally true it is a book to live in washington post for kivrin engle preparing an on site study of one of the deadliest eras in humanity's history was as simple as receiving inoculations against the diseases of the fourteenth century and inventing a bullet proof backstory for her instructors in the twenty first century it meant painstaking calculations and careful monitoring of the rendezvous location where kivrin would be received but a crisis strangely linking past and future strands kivrin in a bygone age as her fellows try desperately to rescue her in a time of superstition and fear kivrin finds she has become an unlikely angel of hope during one of history's darkest hours winner of both the 1993 hugo and nebula best novel awards this is a science fiction classic read what everyone is saying about doomsday book by the time i finished the book i had the feeling i also spent time living with these medieval men women and children the novel is that powerful goodreads reviewer i can't stop thinking about doomsday book i can't get the images out of my head i can't get the train of thought out of my head i can't stop my throat from tightening or my jaw from clenching goodreads reviewer i was fascinated by cw's take on time travel and the mirroring of the plague in the future with the past's black death but moreover the characters snuck up on me and tore my soul apart goodreads reviewer a lovely and heart wrenching story highly recommended it's much more about the characters than the hard science kivrin's and the villagers bravery in the face of death and tragedy hit me right in the heart goodreads reviewer this is the mostest bestest time travel novel ever written connie willis is just too bloody good goodreads reviewer the strengths of this novel are its attention to historical details the engaging and

believable characters suitable to an era and the dark but hopeful tones and themes of the story goodreads reviewer i read this book for the first time about six years ago and barely survived it i was so involved in everything that was happening connie willis is an amazing writer goodreads reviewer it has been fifteen years since delanna milleflores set foot on keramos now her mother has died and she has returned only to settle and sell her estate but keramos has some surprising laws to sell her farm delanna must first live on it for one year and along with her land comes one tarlton tanner heir to the adjoining farm a man who at the moment of her mother s death became delanna s husband connie willis draws upon her understanding of the universalities of human nature to explore the ageless issues of evil suffering and the indomitable will of the human spirit a tour de force the new york times book review for kivrin preparing to travel back in time to study one of the deadliest eras in humanity s history was as simple as receiving inoculations against the diseases of the fourteenth century and inventing an alibi for a woman traveling alone for her instructors in the twenty first century it meant painstaking calculations and careful monitoring of the rendezvous location where kivrin would be received but a crisis strangely linking past and future strands kivrin in a bygone age as her fellows try desperately to rescue her in a time of superstition and fear kivrin barely of age herself finds she has become an unlikely angel of hope during one of history s darkest hours willis effortlessly juggles comedy of manners chaos theory and a wide range of literary allusions with a near flawlessness of plot character and prose publishers weekly starred review from connie willis winner of multiple hugo and nebula awards comes a comedic romp through an unpredictable world of mystery love and time travel ned henry is badly in need of a rest he s been shuttling between the twenty first century and the 1940s in search of a hideous victorian vase called the bishop s bird stump as part of a project to restore the famed coventry cathedral destroyed in a nazi air raid but then verity kindle a fellow time traveler inadvertently brings back something from the past now ned must jump to the victorian era to help verity put things right not only to save the project but also to prevent altering history itself the world as we know it has changed considerably a civil war is raging between the eastern half of north america and the west the latest methods of destruction are frightening brutal inescapable they are called light raids massive laser beam assaults that are as effective as they are merciless seventeen year old hellene ariadne daughter of a prominent western scientist has been evacuated to victoria for her protection when the letters from her parents suddenly stop ariadne is forced to leave the safety of the north and return to her home in denver springs there she finds her house in ruins the city devastated by a huge light raid ariadne assumes that her parents are dead but the truth is much worse her mother is in prison accused of sabotage and treason and her father is left helpless an emotional cripple it is up to ariadne to clear her mother s name but as she plunges deeper and deeper into a fatal web of intrigue and deception she discovers that there are truths far more shocking than war more devastating than the fiercest light raids en esta impresionante y excepcional antología se recogen historias entrañables que muestran una excepcional sensibilidad una conmovedora ternura pero también la capacidad satírica y crítica de la excepcional autora de el libro del día del juicio final c

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three classic sci fi novellas in one volume from award winning author in terra incognita connie willis explores themes of love and mortality while brilliantly illuminating the human condition through biting satire uncharted territory findriddy and carson

are explorers dispatched to a distant planet to survey its canyons ridges and scrub covered hills teamed with a profit hungry indigenous guide of indeterminate gender and an enthusiastic newcomer whose specialty is mating customs the group battles hostile terrain as they set out for unexplored regions along the way they face dangers discover treasures and soon find themselves in an alien territory of another kind exploring the paths and precipices of sex and love remake in the hollywood of the future live action movies are a thing of the past old films are computerized and ruthlessly dissected actors digitally ripped from one film and thrust into another humphrey bogart and marilyn monroe in a star is born no problem hate the ending change it with the stroke of a key technology makes anything possible but a starry eyed young woman wants only one thing to dance on the big screen with a little magic and a lot of luck she just may get her happy ending d a theodora baumgarten is baffled and furious why was she selected to be part of a highly competitive interstellar cadet program after all she never even applied but that hasn t stopped the powers that be from whisking her onto a spaceship bound for the prestigious academy with her protests ignored theodora takes matters into her own hands aided by her hacker best friend to escape the academy and return to earth only to uncover a conspiracy that runs deeper than she could have imagined praise for terra incognita willis s lively funny forays into futuristic territory shine as brightly today as when originally released in all three stories the protagonists find their narrow concepts of life challenged and expanded by possibilities created through technology as a collection these smart accessible shorts make for an entertaining initiation or reintroduction into the world of one of sci fi s greatest treasures shelf awareness a master of fantasy playfully combines science fiction with other genres in three antic novellas clever funny thought provoking and sweet these stories are classic willis kirkus reviews theodora baumgarten has just been selected as an iasa space cadet and therein lies the problem she didn t apply for the ultra coveted posting and doesn t relish spending years aboard the ship to which she s been assigned but the plucky young heroine in true heinlein fashion has no plans to go along with the program aided by her hacker best friend kimkim in a screwball comedy that has become connie wills hallmark theodora will stop at nothing to uncover the conspiracy that has her shanghaied ned henry shuttles between the 1940s and the twenty first century while researching coventry cathedral for a patron interested in rebuilding it until the time continuum is disrupted connie willis is one of science fiction s most decorated authors with a staggering eleven hugos and seven nebula awards to her name she is best known for her sequence of time travel stories including sf masterworks doomsday book and to say nothing of the dog and the hugo award winning diptych blackout and all clear this omnibus collects her solo debut lincoln s dreams which won the john w campbell memorial award and passage shortlisted for the hugo nebula john w campbell and arthur c clarke awards

sf twelve fictional stories about school life fads inventions and cultural activities in the future by such authors as connie willis peg kerr and bruce coville journeying back in time to the year 1320 twenty first century oxford woman kivrin arrives during the outbreak of a deadly epidemic

## **The Best of Connie Willis 2013-07-09**

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## **Doomsday Book 1993-08**

science fiction roman

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planetary surveyors fin and carson battle hostile terrain bureaucratic red tape and renegade planet crashers in this latest novella by the talented author of doomsday book connie willis continues to demonstrate her endless versatility in this archly written satire which is both a love story and a shameless expose of the dark side of political correctness

## **The Winds of Marble Arch And Other Stories 2013-08-29**

variety is the soul of pleasure and variety is what this comprehensive new collection of connie willis is all about the stories cover the entire spectrum from sad to sparkling to terrifying from classics to hard to find

treasures with everything in between orangutans egypt earthworms roast goose college professors mothers in law aliens secret codes secret santas tube stations choir practice the post office the green light on daisy s dock weddings divorces death and assorted plagues from scarlet fever to it s a wonderful life and a dog famous for her sure hand plotting unforgettable characters and top notch writing willis has been called the most relentlessly delightful science fiction writer alive and there are numerous examples here among them willis s most famous stories the hugo and nebula award winning fire watch and even the queen and the last of the winnebagos along with undiscovered gems like willis s heartfelt homage to jack williamson nonstop to portales her magical christmas stories are here too from newsletter to just like the ones we used to know which last year was made into the tv movie snow wonder starring mary tyler moore we ve collected stories from throughout willis s career from early ones like cash crop and daisy in the sun right up to her newest stories including the wonderful the winds of marble arch there s literally something for everyone here if you re a diehard willis fan you ll be delighted with hard to find treasures like the until now uncollected the soul selects her own society if you ve never read connie willis this is your chance to discover a letter from the clearys and well chance to say nothing of at the rialto the funniest story ever written about quantum physicists and willis s chilling all my darling daughters and oh there are too many great stories here to list and pleasures galore so enjoy

## **Remake 1997**

in spite of connie willis s numerous science fiction awards and her groundbreaking history as a woman in the field there is a surprising dearth of critical publication surrounding her work taking doomsday book as its cue this collection argues that connie willis s most famous novel along with the rest of her oeuvre performs science fiction s task of cognitive estrangement by highlighting our human inability to read the times correctly and yet also affirming the ethical imperative to attempt to truly observe and record our temporal location willis s fiction emphasizes that doomsdays happen every day and they risk being forgotten by some even as their trauma repeats for others however disasters also have the potential to upend accepted knowledge and transform the social order for the better and this collection considers the ways that willis pairs comic and tragic modes to reflect these uncertainties

## **Connie Willis's Science Fiction 2022-10-31**

blackout is the opening movement of a vast absorbing two volume novel that may well prove to be connie willis masterpiece like her multi award winning the doomsday book this stunning new work marries the intricate mechanics of time travel to the gritty and dangerous realities of human history the narrative opens in oxford england in 2060 where a trio of time traveling scholars prepares to depart for various corners of the second world war their mission to observe from a safe vantage point the day to day nature of life during this critical historical moment as the action ranges from the evacuation of dunkirk to the manor houses of rural england to the quotidian horrors of london during the blitz the objective nature of their roles gradually changes cut off from the safety net of the future and caught up in the chaotic events that make up history they are forced to participate in unexpected ways in the defining events of the era blackout is an ingeniously constructed time travel novel and a grand entertainment more than that it is a moving exquisitely detailed portrait of a world under siege a world dominated by chaos uncertainty and the threat of imminent extinction it is the rare sort of book that transcends the limits of genre offering

pleasure insight and illumination on virtually every page

## **Blackout 2011-06-01**

award winning author connie willis returns with a stunning enormously entertaining novel of time travel war and the deeds great and small of ordinary people who shape history

## **All Clear 2011-10-20**

1950

## **1999-06**

mahali s rulers for generations were the water witches who could feel the ebb and flow of precious water in their very bones then there was a coup and control of mahali s water passed to an impersonal computer network it was deza s father who hit upon the scheme dressing his daughter in ceremonial garb he passed her off as the last surviving member of the royal house with tricks and illusions she and her father moved toward the centres of power but it s the nature of a con artist to go too far

## **Water Witch 2013-02-25**

winner of seven nebula and eleven hugo awards connie willis is one of the most acclaimed and imaginative authors of our time her startling and powerful works have redefined the boundaries of contemporary science fiction here in one volume are twelve of her greatest stories including double award winner fire watch set in the universe of doomsday book and to say nothing of the dog in which a time travelling student learns one of history s hardest lessons in a letter from the clearys a routine message from distant friends shatters the fragile world of a beleaguered family in the sidon in the mirror a mutant with the unconscious urge to become other people finds himself becoming both killer and victim disturbing revealing and provocative this remarkable collection of short fiction brings together some of the best work of an incomparable writer whose ability to amaze confound and enlighten never fails

## **Fire Watch 2013-02-25**

for jeff johnston a young historical researcher for a civil war novelist reality is redefined on a bitter cold night near the close of a lingering winter he meets annie an intense and lovely young woman suffering from vivid intense nightmares haunted by the dreamer and her unrelenting dreams jeff leads annie on an emotional odyssey through the heartland of the civil war in search of a cure on long silenced battlefields their relationship blossoms two obsessed lovers linked by unbreakable chains of history torn by a duty that could destroy them both suspenseful moving and highly compelling lincoln s dreams is a novel of rare imaginative power that strikes a chord deep within the hearts of us all

## **Lincoln's Dreams 2014-06-30**

this new expanded edition of miracle and other christmas stories features twelve brilliantly reimagined holiday tales five of which are collected here for the first time christmas comes but once a year yet the stories in this dazzling collection are fun to read anytime they put a speculative spin on the holiday giving fans of acclaimed author connie willis a welcome gift and a dozen reasons to be of good cheer brimming with willis s trademark insights and imagination these heartwarming tales are full of humor absurdity human foibles tragedy joy and hope they both embrace and send up many of the best christmas traditions including the holiday newsletter secret santas office parties holiday pageants and christmas dinners both elaborate and spare there are rockettes the best and worst christmas movies modern day magi ghosts of christmases past present and yet to come and the triumph of generosity over greed like all the timeless classics we return to year after year these stories affirm our faith in love magic and the wonder of the season praise for a lot like christmas a perfect stocking stuffer for christmas celebrating fans of connie willis s humorous sf publishers weekly a collection of christmas stories with just the right blend of sugar and spice sweet and sharp whimsical and heartfelt funny and warm fans of willis s gently comic speculative fiction will love this collection and it will also appeal to readers looking to get into the holiday spirit kirkus reviews

## **A Lot Like Christmas 2017-10-10**

science fiction icon connie willis brilliantly mixes a speculative plot the wit of nora ephron and the comedic flair of p g wodehouse in crosstalk a genre bending novel that pushes social media smartphone technology and twenty four hour availability to hilarious and chilling extremes as one young woman abruptly finds herself with way more connectivity than she ever desired named one of the best books of the year by npr in the not too distant future a simple outpatient procedure to increase empathy between romantic partners has become all the rage and briddey flannigan is delighted when her boyfriend trent suggests undergoing the operation prior to a marriage proposal to enjoy better emotional connection and a perfect relationship with complete communication and understanding but things don t quite work out as planned and briddey finds herself connected to someone else entirely in a way far beyond what she signed up for it is almost more than she can handle especially when the stress of managing her all too eager to communicate at all times family is already burdening her brain but that s only the beginning as things go from bad to worse she begins to see the dark side of too much information and to realize that love and communication are far more complicated than she ever imagined praise for crosstalk a rollicking send up of obsessive cell phone usage in too near future america connie willis s canny incorporation of scientific lore and a riotous cast make for an engaging girl finally finds right boy story that s unveiled with tact and humor willis juxtaposes glimpses of claimed historical telepaths with important reflections about the ubiquity of cell phones and the menace that unscrupulous developers of technology pose to privacy morality and emotional stability publishers weekly an exhilarating and laugh inducing read one of those rare books that will keep you up all night long because you can t bear to put it down portland book review a fun technological fairy tale bookpage one of the funniest sf novels in years locus

## **Crosstalk 2016-10-04**

winner of more hugo and nebula awards than any other science fiction author connie willis is one of the most powerfully imaginative writers of our time in *Remake* she explores the timeless themes of emotion and technology reality and illusion and the bittersweet place where they intersect to make art it's the hollywood of the future where moviemaking's been computerized and live action films are a thing of the past it's a hollywood where humphrey bogart and marilyn monroe are starring together in a star is born and if you don't like the ending you can change it with the stroke of a key a hollywood of warmbodies and sim sex of drugs and special effects where anything is possible except for what one starry eyed young woman wants to do dance in the movies it's an impossible dream but alis is not willing to give up with a little magic and a lot of luck she just might get her happy ending after all

## **Remake 2009-10-21**

a tour de force new york times book review ambitious finely detailed and compulsively readable locus it is a book that feels fundamentally true it is a book to live in washington post for kivrin engle preparing an on site study of one of the deadliest eras in humanity's history was as simple as receiving inoculations against the diseases of the fourteenth century and inventing a bullet proof backstory for her instructors in the twenty first century it meant painstaking calculations and careful monitoring of the rendezvous location where kivrin would be received but a crisis strangely linking past and future strands kivrin in a bygone age as her fellows try desperately to rescue her in a time of superstition and fear kivrin finds she has become an unlikely angel of hope during one of history's darkest hours winner of both the 1993 hugo and nebula best novel awards this is a science fiction classic read what everyone is saying about doomsday book by the time i finished the book i had the feeling i also spent time living with these medieval men women and children the novel is that powerful goodreads reviewer i can't stop thinking about doomsday book i can't get the images out of my head i can't get the train of thought out of my head i can't stop my throat from tightening or my jaw from clenching goodreads reviewer i was fascinated by cw's take on time travel and the mirroring of the plague in the future with the past's black death but moreover the characters snuck up on me and tore my soul apart goodreads reviewer a lovely and heart wrenching story highly recommended it's much more about the characters than the hard science kivrin's and the villagers bravery in the face of death and tragedy hit me right in the heart goodreads reviewer this is the mostest bestest time travel novel ever written connie willis is just too bloody good goodreads reviewer the strengths of this novel are its attention to historical details the engaging and believable characters suitable to an era and the dark but hopeful tones and themes of the story goodreads reviewer i read this book for the first time about six years ago and barely survived it i was so involved in everything that was happening connie willis is an amazing writer goodreads reviewer

## **Doomsday Book 2012-11-08**

it has been fifteen years since delanna milleflores set foot on keramos now her mother has died and she has returned only to settle and sell her estate but keramos has some surprising laws to sell her farm delanna must first live on it for one year and along with her land comes one tarlton tanner heir to the adjoining farm a man who at the moment of her mother's death became delanna's husband

## **Promised Land 1998**

connie willis draws upon her understanding of the universalities of human nature to explore the ageless issues of evil suffering and the indomitable will of the human spirit a tour de force the new york times book review for kivrin preparing to travel back in time to study one of the deadliest eras in humanity s history was as simple as receiving inoculations against the diseases of the fourteenth century and inventing an alibi for a woman traveling alone for her instructors in the twenty first century it meant painstaking calculations and careful monitoring of the rendezvous location where kivrin would be received but a crisis strangely linking past and future strands kivrin in a bygone age as her fellows try desperately to rescue her in a time of superstition and fear kivrin barely of age herself finds she has become an unlikely angel of hope during one of history s darkest hours

## **Doomsday Book 2023-10-31**

willis effortlessly juggles comedy of manners chaos theory and a wide range of literary allusions with a near flawlessness of plot character and prose publishers weekly starred review from connie willis winner of multiple hugo and nebula awards comes a comedic romp through an unpredictable world of mystery love and time travel ned henry is badly in need of a rest he s been shuttling between the twenty first century and the 1940s in search of a hideous victorian vase called the bishop s bird stump as part of a project to restore the famed coventry cathedral destroyed in a nazi air raid but then verity kindle a fellow time traveler inadvertently brings back something from the past now ned must jump to the victorian era to help verity put things right not only to save the project but also to prevent altering history itself

## **To Say Nothing of the Dog 2009-11-18**

the world as we know it has changed considerably a civil war is raging between the eastern half of north america and the west the latest methods of destruction are frightening brutal inescapable they are called light raids massive laser beam assaults that are as effective as they are merciless seventeen year old hellene ariadne daughter of a prominent western scientist has been evacuated to victoria for her protection when the letters from her parents suddenly stop ariadne is forced to leave the safety of the north and return to her home in denver springs there she finds her house in ruins the city devastated by a huge light raid ariadne assumes that her parents are dead but the truth is much worse her mother is in prison accused of sabotage and treason and her father is left helpless an emotional cripple it is up to ariadne to clear her mother s name but as she plunges deeper and deeper into a fatal web of intrigue and deception she discovers that there are truths far more shocking than war more devastating than the fiercest light raids

## **Light Raid 2014-04-30**

en esta impresionante y excepcional antología se recogen historias entrañables que muestran una excepcional sensibilidad una conmovedora ternura pero también la capacidad satírica y crítica de la excepcional autora de el libro del día del juicio final c







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