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Steve GAuthor Scott Cutler Shershow writes with a great deal of enthusiasm when he writes about bread. And I would describes his writing style as elegant. However, much of the content was uninteresting to me. However the parts that were, I liked very much. These were sections on economics, history and science, including a discussion of paleo diets and gluten. But there was too much philosophy and religious interpretation for my taste. If these subjects interest you, then you might enjoy the book, but otherwise I wouldnrsquo;t strongly recommend it.I received this book for free via Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

Object Lessons is a series of short, beautifully designed books about the hidden lives of ordinary things.Bread is an object that is always in process of becoming something else: flower to grain, grain to dough, dough to loaf, loaf to crumb. Bread is also often a figure or vehicle of social cohesion: from the homely image of ldquo;breaking bread together; to the mysteries of the Eucharist. But bread also commonly figures in social conflict - sometimes literally, in the ldquo;bread riots; that punctuate European history, and sometimes figuratively, in the ways bread operates as ethnic, religious or class signifier. Drawing on a wide range of sources, from the scriptures to modern pop culture, Bread tells the story of how this ancient and everyday object serves as a symbol for both social communion and social exclusion.Object Lessons is published in partnership with an essay series in The Atlantic.

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