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Editorial Review

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- *Sharon Cumberland, Graduate Ctr., CUNY*

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Review

Very probably the funniest book ever written Sunday Times Screamingly funny and wildly subversive -- Marian Keyes Guardian Delicious ... Cold Comfort Farm has the sunniness of a P. G. Wodehouse and the comic aplomb of Evelyn Waugh's Scoop' Independent One of the finest parodies written in English...a wickedly brilliant skit -- Robert Macfarlane Guardian

About the Author

Stella Gibbons was born in London in 1902. She went to North London Collegiate School and studied journalism at University College, London. She then worked for ten years on various papers, including the Evening Standard. Her first publication was a book of poems, *The Mountain Beast* (1930), and her first novel, *Cold Comfort Farm* (1932), won the Femina Vie Heureuse Prize. Amongst her other novels are *Miss Linsey and Pa* (1936), *Nightingale Wood* (1938), *Westwood* (1946), *Conference at Cold Comfort Farm* (1949) and *Beside the Pearly Water* (1954). Stella Gibbons died in 1989.

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