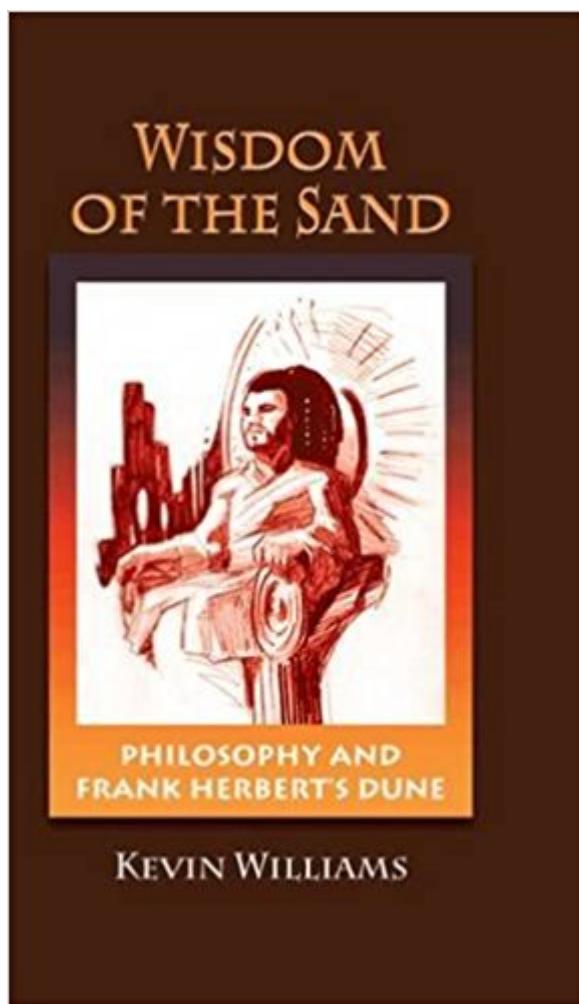


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Franklin Patrick Herbert, Jr. was a critically acclaimed and commercially successful American science fiction author. Though also a short story author, he is best known for his novels, most notably *Dune* and its five sequels

Given the lack of reviews, I took a \$25 chance on this book, and I was not disappointed. If you had the intellectual energy to make it through the *Dune* Chronicles, you will find this commentary a

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