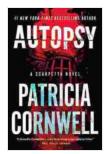
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★ ★ ★ ★ 4.3 out of 5 Language : English : 3769 KB File size Text-to-Speech : Enabled Screen Reader : Supported Enhanced typesetting: Enabled X-Ray : Enabled Word Wise : Enabled Print length : 408 pages



Autopsy is the 25th installment in the Kay Scarpetta series by Patricia Cornwell. The novel follows Scarpetta as she investigates a series of murders that appear to be the work of a serial killer.

The novel opens with Scarpetta being called to the scene of a murder in Richmond, Virginia. The victim is a young woman who has been stabbed to death. Scarpetta quickly realizes that the murder is similar to a series of other murders that have occurred in the area over the past few months.

As Scarpetta investigates the murders, she uncovers a pattern of violence that suggests that the killer is targeting women who are similar to her. The killer is also taking trophies from his victims, which further suggests that he is motivated by a personal vendetta.

Scarpetta and her team race against time to track down the killer before he strikes again. The investigation takes them to a variety of locations, including a mental institution and a morgue. Along the way, Scarpetta must overcome her own personal demons as she faces the possibility that the killer is someone she knows.

Autopsy is a gripping and suspenseful thriller that will keep readers on the edge of their seats. Cornwell's writing is taut and precise, and she does a masterful job of creating a sense of atmosphere and dread.

The novel is also a character study of Scarpetta, who is a complex and flawed character. Scarpetta is a brilliant forensic pathologist, but she is also a woman who has been through a lot of trauma. She is haunted by the death of her husband, and she struggles with her own feelings of guilt and loss.

Autopsy is a must-read for fans of the Scarpetta series and for anyone who enjoys a good thriller. Cornwell is a master of the genre, and she has written a novel that is both suspenseful and thought-provoking.

#### Characters

- Dr. Kay Scarpetta: A forensic pathologist who is the chief medical examiner for the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- Benton Wesley: A homicide detective who is Scarpetta's close friend and colleague.
- Lucy Farinelli: A computer specialist who works for Scarpetta.
- Pete Marino: A homicide detective who is Scarpetta's ex-husband.

 Dr. Edmund Fleury: A psychiatrist who is Scarpetta's friend and colleague.

#### **Themes**

- Violence against women
- Trauma and loss
- The nature of evil
- The importance of forensic science

#### Reviews



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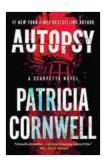
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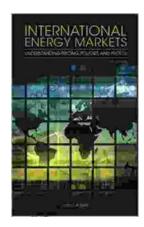
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