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Review

“This is in many ways the best of the recent Scarpetta novels, boasting an involving story and some fine writing. Kay has finally found her voice as a first-person narrator. . . . Readers will give this one an enthusiastic thumbs up.” (Booklist)

“Everyone knows Scarpetta; she has the wit, intelligence, and strength that any forensic sleuth should own. This never-stop action plot is yet another gift to readers from Patricia Cornwell-a literary artist that is never going to stop writing some of the best and most memorable thrillers out there.” (Suspense Magazine)

“Bestseller Cornwell’s thrilling 22nd novel featuring Dr. Kay Scarpetta . . . pits the chief medical examiner against a threat uncomfortably close to home. . . . Series fans may be pleasantly shocked.” (Publishers Weekly)

“Dr. Kay Scarpetta... [is] an awesome force in the field of forensic science.” (New York Times Book Review)

“In her twenty-second Scarpetta novel, Cornwell’s forensic knowhow is still at the cutting edge - even though Scarpetta was the prototype for most of TV’s crack forensic investigators today - and her final scenes are both logical and shocking.” (BBC (UK))

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“Absorbing.” (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette)

“Readers should be both thrilled and jolted...” (CT Post)

“Cornwell is still the ace of forensic science mysteries. Dr. Kay Scarpetta and her family and friends just keep growing as characters, and Cornwell’s plots are still taut and tangled. . . . With *Flesh and Blood*, Cornwell is at the top of her game.” (RT Book Reviews)

“What [Cornwell and Scarpetta] continue to have crucially in common . . . is an unslacking commitment to doing their jobs right-getting to the bottom of things, in Scarpetta’s case; providing complexity and depth and suspense and thrills, in Cornwell’s. I should warn you that there’s a cliffhanger ending.” (Sullivan County Democrat)

From the Back Cover

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About the Author

Patricia Cornwell is recognized as one of the world's top bestselling crime authors with novels translated into thirty-six languages in more than 120 countries. Her novels have won numerous prestigious awards including the Edgar, the John Creasey (New Blood) Dagger, the Anthony, the Macavity and the Prix du Roman d'Aventures. Beyond the Scarpetta series, Patricia has written a definitive book about Jack the Ripper, a biography and two more fiction series among others. Cornwell, a licensed helicopter pilot and scuba diver, actively researches the cutting-edge forensic technologies that inform her work. She was born in Miami, grew up in Montreat, North Carolina, and now lives and works in Boston.

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