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## **A Suitable Vengeance**

Minotaur Books

Elena Weaver was a surprise to anyone meeting her for the first time. In her clingy dresses and dangling earrings she exuded a sexuality at odds with the innocence projected by the unicorn posters on her walls. While her embittered mother fretted about her welfare from her home in London, in Cambridge—where Elena was a student at St. Stephen's College—her father and his second wife each had their own very different image of the girl. As for Elena, she lived a life of casual and intense physical and emotional relationships, with scores to settle and goals to achieve—until someone, lying in wait along the route she ran

every morning, bludgeoned her to death. Unwilling to turn the killing over to the local police, the university calls in New Scotland Yard. Thus, Detective Inspector Thomas Lynley and his partner, Detective Sergeant Barbara Havers, enter the rarefied world of Cambridge University, where academic gowns often hide murderous intentions. For both officers, the true identity of Elena Weaver proves elusive. Each relationship the girl left behind casts new light both on Elena and on those people who appeared to know her best—from an unsavory Swedish-born Shakespearean professor to the brooding head of the Deaf Students Union. What's more, Elena's father, a Cambridge professor under consideration for a prestigious post, is a man with his own dark secrets. While his past sins make him neurotically dedicated to Elena and blind to her blacker side, present demons drive him toward betrayal.

Snow Bantam

Detective Inspector Thomas Lynley, the eighth Earl of Asherton, and his partner, Detective Sergeant Barbara Havers, encounter what seems to be a perfect crime as they investigate a fatal fire at a fifteenth-century cottage

*A Great Deliverance*  
Thomas & Mercer  
#1 New York Times bestselling author Elizabeth George delivers an explosive, "absolutely riveting" novel (Entertainment Weekly) that delves into the events leading up to the shocking murder of Inspector Lynley's wife. The brutal, inexplicable death of Inspector Thomas Lynley's wife, Helen, has left Scotland Yard shocked and searching for answers. Even more horrifying is that the trigger was apparently pulled by a twelve-year-old boy. That story begins on the

other side of London in rough North Kensington, where the three, mixed-race, virtually orphaned Campbell children are bounced first from their grandmother to their aunt. The oldest, fifteen-year-old Ness, is headed for trouble as fast as her high-heeled boots will take her. That leaves the middle child, Joel, to care for the youngest, Toby. No one wants to put it into words, but something clearly isn't right with Toby. Before long, there are signs that Joel himself has problems. A local gang starts harassing him and threatening his brother. To protect his family, Joel ends up making a pact with the devil—a move that leads straight to the front doorstep of Thomas Lynley. The anatomy of a murder, the story of a family in crisis, What Came Before He Shot Her is a powerful and emotional novel, full of deep psychological insights, that only the incomparable Elizabeth George could write.

**I, Richard Bantam**  
 NEW YORK TIMES  
 BESTSELLER • "Those who haven't discovered Elizabeth George . . . should rush to read *Playing for the Ashes*."—Us "The story begins with my father, actually, and the fact that I'm the one who's answerable for his death. It was not my first crime, as you will see, but it is the one my mother couldn't forgive." Acclaimed author Elizabeth George reveals the even darker truth behind this startling confession in *Playing for the Ashes*, a rich tale of passion, murder, and love in which Inspector Thomas Lynley and Detective Sergeant Barbara Havers once again find themselves embroiled in a case where nothing—and no one—is really what it seems. Intense, suspenseful, and brilliantly written, *Playing for the Ashes* is "a treasure" (Cosmopolitan). Mandarin Gate Bantam In Mandarin Gate, Edgar Award winner Eliot Pattison brings Shan back in a thriller that navigates the explosive political and religious landscape of Tibet. In an earlier time, Shan Tao Yun was an Inspector stationed in Beijing. But he lost his position, his family and his freedom when he ran afoul of a powerful figure high in the Chinese government. Released unofficially from the work camp to which he'd been sentenced, Shan has been living in remote mountains of Tibet with a group of outlawed Buddhist monks. Without status, official identity, or the freedom to return to his former home in Beijing, Shan has just begun to settle into his menial job as an inspector of irrigation and sewer ditches in a remote Tibetan township when he encounters a wrenching crime scene. Strewn across the grounds of an old Buddhist temple undergoing restoration are the bodies of two unidentified men and a Tibetan nun. Shan quickly realizes that the murders pose a riddle

the Chinese police might in fact be trying to cover up. When he discovers that a nearby village has been converted into a new internment camp for Tibetan dissidents arrested in Beijing's latest pacification campaign, Shan recognizes the dangerous landscape he has entered. To find justice for the victims and to protect an American woman who witnessed the murders, Shan must navigate through the treacherous worlds of the internment camp, the local criminal gang, and the government's rabid pacification teams, while coping with his growing doubts about his own identity and role in Tibet.

What Came Before He Shot Her Penguin

A murder with three witnesses. But one of them doesn't believe what she saw...

Halloween, Whitby. DCI

Jim Oldroyd's daughter Louise is in town with friends for a goth festival. But their visit to an escape room ends in bloody murder when one of the group stabs his

girlfriend and flees the scene. It's a crime with three witnesses--but Louise refuses to take what she saw at face value. Oldroyd and DS Carter are called in to solve the case, assisted from the sidelines by Louise. But the closer they investigate, the more complex the web of deceit appears. This is no straightforward crime of passion. With a violent murderer on the loose, it's only a matter of time before they strike again. And this time it's personal. Oldroyd must expose the truth, protect his daughter and stop the horror before it's too late.

This Body of Death

Bantam

Playing for the

AshesBantam

Careless in Red Bantam

" [I, Richard] will leave you dizzy, dazzled and dying for

more. " —People Hailed by The New York

Times as " a master of the British mystery, "

award-winning author

Elizabeth George is one of our most

distinguished writers,

widely admired by

readers on both sides

of the Atlantic. Her

first collection of short stories is an

extraordinary offering that deftly explores the dark side of everyday people—and the lengths to which they will go to get what they want most. . . . In five tantalizing and original tales, George plumbs the depths of human nature—and human weakness—as only she can. From the chilling tale of a marriage built on an appalling set of lies that only death can reveal . . . to the story of a squabbling group of Anglophiles saved from a killer thanks to Inspector Thomas Lynley . . . to the final, title story about a penniless schoolteacher whose ambition turns murderous, I, Richard is filled with page-turning drama, danger, and unmatched suspense. Ironic, revealing, and undeniably entertaining, this imaginative collection proves once again why Elizabeth George is one of today ' s best-loved authors. I, Richard belongs in the library of each and every mystery devotee. Praise for I, Richard " Suspenseful and chilling . . . a bonus

for fans. " —Daily News, claimed Elena Weaver's New York " Surprisingly life.  
light in tone, satirically To Die For (Large Print)  
skewering a variety of Bantam  
unpleasant types while Winter, snow,  
paying homage to time- murder--and a centuries-  
honored plot dead suspect. In the  
devices. " —Los Angeles chilly depths of a  
Times " In her first Yorkshire winter, a well-  
story collection, liked rector is found  
eniment author George bludgeoned to death in  
presents five nimbly her own church. With no  
written and gripping sign of a murder weapon,  
tales, each with a local superstition quickly  
stunning pins the blame on the  
conclusion. " —Publishers ghost of a medieval monk  
Weekly believed to haunt the  
Payment in Blood building... Well  
Penguin accustomed to unusual  
Elena Weaver, in her murder investigations,  
skimpy dresses and DCI Jim Oldroyd takes on  
bright jewellery, exuded the case, along with his  
intelligence and assistant, Sergeant Andy  
sexuality. A student at St Carter, but they are  
Stephen's College, hampered at every turn  
Cambridge, she lived a by the deepening snow  
life of casual but intense and the threat of the  
physical and emotional supernatural. Even as  
relationships, with scores possible motives and  
to settle and targets to opportunities begin to  
achieve. Until someone, reveal themselves,  
lying in wait on the bank Oldroyd struggles to find  
of the River Cam, where a better suspect than the  
Elena went running every hooded phantom. Has  
morning, bludgeoned the Oldroyd really found  
young woman to death. himself in the midst of a  
Called into the rarefied Gothic ghost story or is  
world of academia, there a very real killer at  
Inspector Thomas Lynley large? Spectre or  
and his partner Barbara otherwise, it soon  
Havers find a tangled becomes apparent that  
skein of love, obsession the murderer is not yet  
and desire - a maelstrom finished. And, for  
of emotion that has Oldroyd, it's about to  
become personal...

With No One As Witness  
Weidenfeld & Nicolson  
Robert Langdon is called  
upon to identify a  
mysterious symbol seared  
onto a dead man's chest. It  
belongs to the Illuminati, a  
secret brotherhood with a  
vendetta against the  
Catholic Church.  
Murder at St Anne's  
Bantam  
" The Lynley books  
constitute the smartest,  
most gratifyingly complex  
and impassioned mystery  
series now being  
published. " —Entertainment  
Weekly When thirteen-year-  
old Matthew Whately goes  
missing from Bredgar  
Chambers, a prestigious  
public school in the heart of  
West Sussex, aristocratic  
Inspector Thomas Lynley  
receives a call for help  
from the lad ' s  
housemaster, who also  
happens to be an old school  
chum. Thus, the inspector,  
his partner, Detective  
Sergeant Barbara Havers,  
and forensic scientist  
Simon Allcourt-St. James  
find themselves once again  
outside their jurisdiction  
and deeply involved in the  
search for a child—and then,  
tragically, for a child killer.  
Questioning prefects,  
teachers, and pupils closest  
to the dead boy, Lynley and  
Havers sense that  
something extraordinarily  
evil is going on behind  
Bredgar Chambers ' s  
cloistered walls. But as  
they begin to unlock the  
secrets of this closed

society, the investigation into Matthew 's death leads them perilously close to their own emotional wounds—and blinds them to the signs of another murder in the making. . . . Praise for Well-Schooled in Murder “ George is a master . . . an outstanding practitioner of the modern English mystery. ” —Chicago Tribune “ A spectacular new voice in above many in the young mystery writing. ” —Los Angeles Times “ A compelling whodunit . . . a reader 's delight. ” —Daily News, New York “ Like P.D. James, George knows the import of the smallest human gesture; Well-Schooled in Murder puts the younger author clearly in the running with the genre master. ” —People “ Ms. George may wind up creating one of the most popular and entertaining series in mystery fiction today. ” —The Sun, Baltimore

Just One Evil Act Bantam The Edgar and Agatha Award-nominated novel from #1 New York Times bestseller Elizabeth George! On Whidbey Island, nothing is as it seems. Becca's ability to hear "whispers"—the thoughts of others—has put her at risk from her criminal stepfather. So Becca escapes to Whidbey Island, where she hopes to find safety. But when a terrible accident affects everyone on the island, Becca finds herself wrapped up in a complicated situation, and she isn't the only one with a secret. This compelling coming-of-age story, the first of an ongoing sequence of books set on Whidbey Island, has elements of mystery, the paranormal, and romance. "Blending mystery, family drama, teen angst and a dose of paranormal, this novel rises above many in the young adult genre." —USATODAY.com "George has hit the nail on the proverbial head with this action-packed, mysterious, and somewhat 'creepy' novel." —Suspense Magazine An Edgar Award Nominee An Agatha Award Nominee Bantam “ Exceptional. . . . Intelligent, surprising, sexy, funny, compassionate and wise. ” —Washington Post From #1 New York Times bestselling author Elizabeth George, a stunning mystery featuring Detective Inspector Thomas Lynley that explores the perfect crime. After the senseless murder of his pregnant wife, Detective Superintendent Thomas Lynley hands in his badge and walks out of Scotland Yard. He goes home to Cornwall. The only way he can deal with his painful memories is to hike the trails over the cliffs of the Cornish coast. There, on the forty-third day of his walk, he finds the lifeless body of a young man, dead from a fall. Thus begins a quest to unmask a clever and ruthless murderer. But this time, Lynley 's not in charge. He 's a witness—and possibly even a suspect. The vastly understaffed local copper in charge of the investigation soon figures out that Lynley can help. So can his former associate Barbara Havers, whom Scotland Yard sends to Cornwall, ostensibly to assist in the investigation, but unofficially to keep an eye on Lynley and maybe lure him back to his job. The Inspector Lynley Mysteries: Set 2 Harper Collins

After a woman is found dead in an isolated cemetery, Inspector Thomas Lynley and his former partner, Barbara Havers, find that the roots of the crime trace to a long-ago act of violence that has poisoned subsequent generations. By the best-selling author of Careless in Red. 300,000 first printing. For The Sake Of Elena Bantam "Indridason fills the void that remains after you've

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read Stieg Larsson's novels." —USA Today Arnaldur Indridason has proven himself to be a master of the mystery genre with his critically acclaimed Inspector Erlunder series, which has sold more than 7 million copies worldwide. Now, in *Outrage*, this superlative crime writer author has written his best book to date, with exceptional prose, heart pounding suspense, and a mystery that is not solved until the last page. Haunted by personal demons, Detective Erlunder decides to take a short leave of absence, putting a female detective, El í nborg, in charge while he is gone. When a troubling case lands on El í nborg's desk, she's quickly thrust into a violent and volatile situation with extremely high stakes. Soon, her investigation uncovers a twisted tale of double lives that may be connected to the unsolved disappearance of a young girl. The clock is ticking to solve the case before a serial rapist strikes again. Reviewers everywhere rave about Indridason's smart and fast-paced Reykjav í k thrillers, which exemplify the very best in international crime

fiction. Perfect for the many devoted fans of this series as well as for the reader who's never visited Iceland through Indridason's books, *Outrage* will lead you down a trail of hidden violence, psychological brutality, and wrongs that may never fully be righted.

*Outrage* Hachette UK  
The final nail-biting installment in the ten-part, award-winning Hanne Wilhelmsen series—bestselling in Norway and throughout Europe—from Scandinavia ' most celebrated female crime writer, Anne Holt. Police investigator Kjell Bonsaksen is a contented man in most areas of life, but for one mistake he made years ago that has rankled like a stone in his shoe ever since: in 2001, a two-year-old girl was killed by a speeding car while playing in the road in front of her home. The marriage of the toddler ' s grief-stricken parents dissolved in the wake of the accident, and not long thereafter, the girl ' s mother died under mysterious circumstances. The girl ' s father, Jonas, was convicted of his ex-wife ' s murder and sentenced to twelve years in prison. But Kjell Bonsaksen knew he was innocent. Now it ' s 2016, and Kjell is looking forward to his retirement to the

French countryside with his wife. An uncomfortable chance encounter with Jonas at a roadside gas station prompts him to dig out Jonas ' s case files for Detective Henrik Holme, the resident cold case prodigy. Henrik doesn ' t take long to convince his beloved mentor, Hanne Wilhelmsen, that Jonas was wrongly convicted for his ex-wife ' s murder. As their investigation evolves, Hanne and Henrik uncover eerie connections to the recent suicide of a right-wing extremist blogger whose fanatic ideologies seem incompatible with a desire to die. Masterfully plotted, *In Dust and Ashes* is the outstanding finale to Anne Holt ' s award-winning, politically and socially conscious series, confirming Hanne Wilhelmsen as a character who will “ get in your head—and stay there ” (Entertainment Weekly).

*For the Sake of Elena*

Bantam

\*NATIONAL  
BESTSELLER\*

\*SHORTLISTED FOR  
THE CWA  
HISTORICAL DAGGER  
AWARD\* A Globe and  
Mail Best Book of the  
Year A New York  
Times Editors ' Choice  
Pick “ Banville sets up  
and then deftly  
demolishes the Agatha  
Christie

format...superbly rich and sophisticated. ” —New York Times Book Review The incomparable Booker Prize winner ’ s next great crime novel—the story of a family whose secrets resurface when a parish priest is found murdered in their ancestral home Detective Inspector St. John Strafford has been summoned to County Wexford to investigate a murder. A parish priest has been found dead in Ballyglass House, the family seat of the aristocratic, secretive Osborne family. The year is 1957 and the Catholic Church rules Ireland with an iron fist. Strafford—flinty, visibly Protestant and determined to identify the murderer—faces obstruction at every turn, from the heavily accumulating snow to the culture of silence in the tight-knit community he begins to investigate. As he delves further, he learns the Osbornes are not at all what they seem. And when his

own deputy goes missing, Strafford must work to unravel the ever-expanding mystery before the community ’ s secrets, like the snowfall itself, threaten to obliterate everything. Beautifully crafted, darkly evocative and pulsing with suspense, Snow is “ the Irish master ” (New Yorker) John Banville at his page-turning best. Don't miss John Banville's next novel, April in Spain! The Whitby Murders Lindhardt og Ringhof When the body of England's leading batsman, Kenneth Fleming, is discovered in the burnt-out shell of a country cottage, it looks like a clear-cut case of arson. Further investigation reveals an almost embarrassing multitude of suspects for murder: from Fleming's lover to his son, nearly everyone in contact with Fleming seems to have a motive - and an opportunity. Inspector Lynley and his partner, Barbara Havers, are called in from Scotland Yard to help the local police force. They find a torment of twisted familial relationships and broken dreams - and as he brings the murderer to justice, Lynley must bear the weight of his own

conscience.

A Banquet of Consequences Random House

“ Delicately textured. . . achingly compassionate. . . gripping. . . . It ’ s one of George ’ s best, and that ’ s saying something. ”

—Seattle Times The #1 New York Times

bestselling author ’ s chilling 13th novel in the Inspector Lynley series Detective Inspector Thomas Lynley faces the greatest challenge of his career. When an adolescent boy ’ s nude body is found draped over a tomb in a graveyard, the police recognize the work of a serial killer who ’ s been murdering boys in London. This is the killer ’ s fourth victim but the first to be white.

Hoping to avoid charges of institutionalized prejudice in their failure to pursue the earlier crimes to their conclusion, New Scotland Yard takes the case and hands it over to Lynley and his colleagues Detective Constable Barbara Havers and Detective Sergeant Winston Nkata. The killer is a psychopath who does not intend to be stopped. But a devastating tragedy within their ranks causes

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the police to fumble in  
their pursuit, which may  
bring more fatal  
consequences.