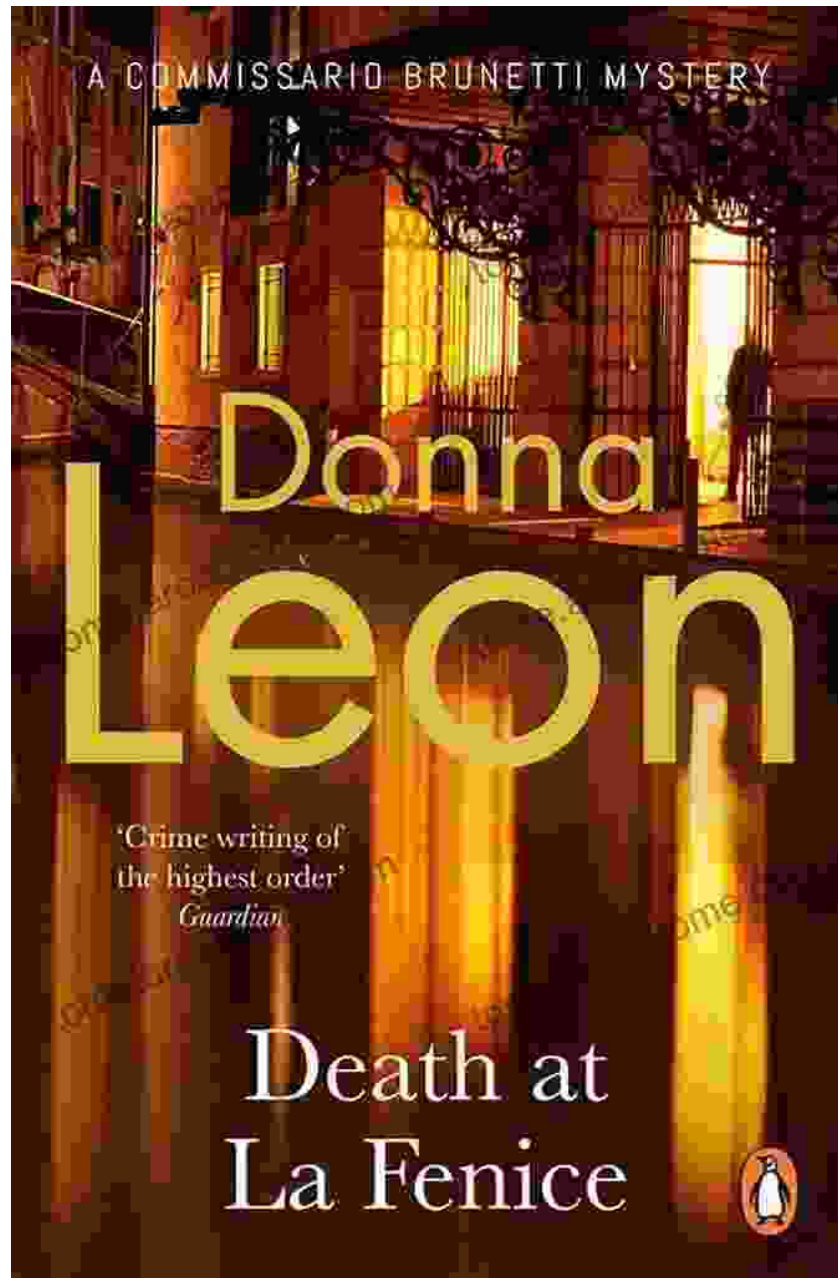


Death at La Fenice: A Haunting Venetian Mystery



Death at La Fenice (Commissario Brunetti Book 1)

by Donna Leon

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Synopsis

In the heart of Venice, where music and mystery intertwine, Commissario Guido Brunetti finds himself drawn into a chilling investigation that unfolds at the legendary La Fenice opera house. A renowned conductor, Maestro Helmut Wellauer, is found murdered in his dressing room, leaving behind a trail of secrets and unspoken rivalries.

As Brunetti delves into the glamorous world of opera, he encounters a cast of intriguing characters: ambitious singers, jealous musicians, and enigmatic patrons. Amidst the opulent halls and haunting melodies, he uncovers hidden grudges, illicit affairs, and a web of deceit that threatens to unravel the very fabric of La Fenice.

With his keen intellect and unwavering determination, Brunetti navigates the labyrinthine canals and cobbled streets of Venice, piecing together the fragments of a complex puzzle. As he delves deeper into the investigation, he uncovers a conspiracy that extends far beyond the walls of the opera house, reaching into the highest echelons of society.

Compelling Characters

- **Commissario Guido Brunetti:** A thoughtful and compassionate detective with a deep love for Venice and its people.
- **Maestro Helmut Wellauer:** The brilliant but arrogant conductor whose murder sets off the investigation.
- **Paola Brunetti:** Brunetti's intelligent and supportive wife who provides a sanctuary amidst the chaos of his cases.
- **Signora Elettra:** The eccentric and enigmatic owner of La Fenice, who holds secrets of her own.
- **Flavia Petrelli:** A talented young soprano with a magnetic presence and a connection to the victim.

Intriguing Setting

Venice, with its captivating canals, ancient palaces, and vibrant atmosphere, serves as a breathtaking backdrop for this compelling mystery. Donna Leon's vivid descriptions transport the reader into the heart of this enchanting city, where beauty and darkness coexist in delicate balance.

From the bustling markets of Rialto to the secluded gardens of hidden courtyards, Brunetti's investigation takes him through the hidden corners and secret passageways of Venice, revealing the city's rich history and mesmerizing charm.

Critical Acclaim

"Donna Leon's Commissario Brunetti mysteries are always a delight, and 'Death at La Fenice' is no exception. With its intriguing plot, vivid setting,

and memorable characters, this novel is a must-read for fans of the genre."
- The New York Times Book Review

"Leon's writing is elegant and evocative, capturing the essence of Venice and its people. 'Death at La Fenice' is a captivating mystery that will keep readers enthralled from beginning to end." - The Washington Post

"Commissario Brunetti is one of the most beloved detectives in crime fiction, and Donna Leon's latest installment in the series is a triumph. 'Death at La Fenice' is a gripping mystery that showcases Leon's masterful storytelling and her deep understanding of human nature." - Publishers Weekly

About the Author

Donna Leon is an American author best known for her popular Commissario Brunetti mystery series. A former Fulbright scholar and English professor, she has resided in Venice since the late 1980s. Her books have been translated into over 30 languages and have sold millions of copies worldwide.

"Death at La Fenice" is a compelling and atmospheric mystery that transports readers to the heart of Venice and its vibrant opera scene. Donna Leon's masterful storytelling, intriguing characters, and evocative setting make this novel a must-read for fans of the genre and anyone seeking a captivating literary escape. Immerse yourself in the world of Commissario Brunetti and experience the haunting beauty of "Death at La Fenice."

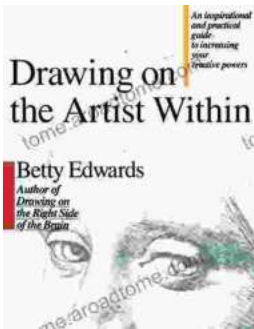


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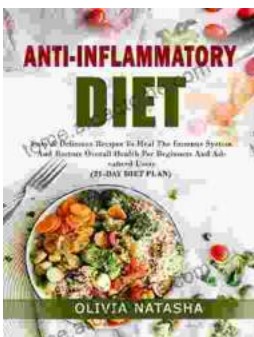
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