



The Masked Threat

Blurb

Beneath the dazzling masks and vibrant festivities of Venice's Carnevale, a series of chilling murders casts a shadow over the city of canals. When American tourist Betsy Noakes is mysteriously killed, Detective Luca Conti and his partner, Nino Greco, are thrust into a race against time. As more victims emerge - each with a haunting connection to Venice's thriving tourism industry - the detectives unravel a sinister web of secrets that threatens to tear apart the delicate balance of the city.

From the grandeur of historic palazzos to the labyrinthine backstreets, *The Masked Threat* explores the intersection of tradition and modernity, privilege and survival. As the past and present collide, the city's famed beauty becomes the backdrop for its darkest hour.

Will Luca and Nino unmask the killer before the heart of Venice is forever scarred?

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Reviews (Amazon)

A rattling, fast-paced read with the author's painterly eye (she painted the picture on the front cover) describing the backdrop of Venice beautifully.

The characters were largely sympathetic and those that weren't got their just desserts. The structure of a daily chapter/ body count worked well as did the development of the characters.

I found the sense of Venice through the sky, colour and weather created an atmosphere that felt more intimate than that of a tourist.

The history that peppered the story, as well as the Venetians' long held concerns for their city were well covered with a light touch.

I felt the writer built in confidence as the story progressed, looking forward to her next!

I just finished reading this and did so in under a week, which is always a sign of a good book.

It's a murder mystery which has expanded my knowledge of Venice too so I learnt quite a lot from it by taking a pause occasionally to google locations and history.

It's written so eloquently and flows well, I look forward to more books by this author.

Notes

The Masked Threat explores the intersection between tradition and modernity. As past and present collide, will Venice drown beneath the weight of its unique popularity?