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From the two-time Booker Prize– winning author and recipient of the Commonwealth Prize comes this new novel about obsession, deception, and redemption, at once an engrossing psychological suspense story and a work of highly charged, fiendishly funny literary fiction.

Michael—a.k.a. "Butcher" —Boone is an ex– "really famous" painter: opinionated, furious, brilliant, and now reduced to living in the remote country house of his biggest collector and acting as caretaker for his younger brother, Hugh, a damaged man of imposing physicality and childlike emotional volatility. Alone together they' ve forged a delicate and shifting equilibrium, a balance instantly destroyed when a mysterious young woman named Marlene walks out of a rainstorm and into their lives on three-inch Manolo Blahnik heels. Beautiful, smart, and ambitious, she's also the daughter-in-law of the late great painter Jacques Liebovitz, one of Butcher's earliest influences. She's sweet to Hugh and falls in love with Butcher, and they reciprocate in kind. And she sets in motion a chain of events that could be the making—or the ruin—of them all.

Told through the alternating points of view of the brothers—Butcher's urbane, intelligent, caustic observations contrasting with Hugh's bizarre, frequently poetic, utterly unique voice—Theft reminds us once again of Peter Carey's remarkable gift for creating indelible, fascinating characters and a narrative as gripping as it is deliriously surprising.

作者介绍:

彼得・凯里(Peter carey),1943年生于墨尔本市郊小镇,曾在大学学习化学,未及毕业改做广告设计,后游历欧洲并转向文学创作,现居住在纽约。

凯里是当代澳大利亚文学领军人物,作品已被翻译成二十多种文字。是世界惟一的两位 二度荣获布克奖的作家之一,另一位则是南非的诺贝尔文学奖得主库切。因此有评论家 预言,凯里将是诺贝尔文学奖最有力的竞争者。凯里的作品怪诞、幽默,具有寓言式小 说和科幻小说的特征。

因书写《凯利帮真史》等历史题材的小说而被誉为澳大利亚"民族神话创造者"的凯里 ,是一位关注现代人生存困境、具有国际色彩的作家。

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书评

《偷香窃爱:一个爱情故事》是澳大利亚当代著名作家彼得·凯里的一部力作,曾获2007年新南威尔士总理奖。小说表面讲述的是发生在美术界的一个爱情故事,实际上却剥开了画家、收藏家、鉴定家和画商之间勾心斗角、错综复杂的利益生态链,促使人们对艺术与金钱、爱情与贪欲、欺诈...

澳大利亚作家作者彼得·凯里的长篇小说《偷香窃爱——一个爱情故事》讲述了这样一个故事:迈克尔·布彻·博恩原是澳大利亚的知名画家,离婚后因潜入家中偷窃自己的名画而入狱四年。刑满释放后,他不得已蛰居乡野,继续从事绘画创作,并照顾体重达两百多磅且患有痴呆症的...

书名说是一个爱情故事,介绍说这是与艺术,与盗窃有关的故事。但看完后,我想这皆因艺术变得可定价了,而且不因为它的美,而是因为它作者的名气。书中让我很兴趣的一个地方就是精神权利,准确的说是其中的识别权,即是当画家过世之后,他亲近的人将"继承"了鉴定画作是否是原…

不得不承认,彼得·凯里的作品相当难读。但某些作家就是有这种本事,可以在看似混乱的文字中制造出与众不同的美感,让你在叙述的肌理中触摸到小说的本质,在跳跃的语言里发现熠熠闪光的句子,或是在荒诞不经的故事里感受到一丝人生的奥义。小说的故事主线其实并不复杂:潦倒...

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