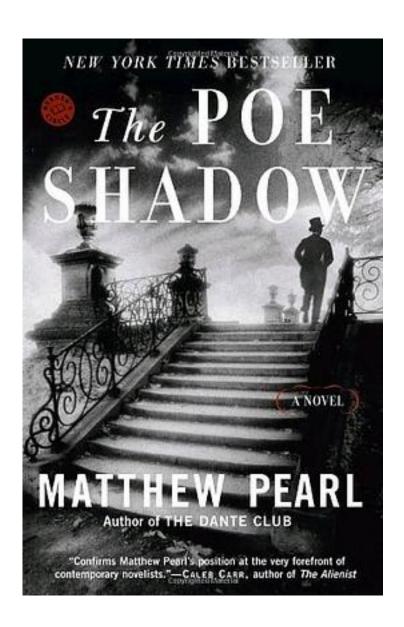
The Poe Shadow



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"I present to you . . . the truth about this man's death and my life."

Baltimore, 1849. The body of Edgar Allan Poe has been buried in an unmarked grave. The public, the press, and even Poe's own family and friends accept the conclusion that Poe was a second-rate writer who met a disgraceful end as a drunkard. Everyone, in fact, seems to believe this except a young Baltimore lawyer named Quentin Clark, an ardent admirer who puts his own career and reputation at risk in a passionate crusade to salvage Poe's.

As Quentin explores the puzzling circumstances of Poe's demise, he discovers that the writer's last days are riddled with unanswered questions the police are possibly willfully ignoring. Just when Poe's death seems destined to remain a mystery, and forever sealing his ignominy, inspiration strikes Quentin—in the form of Poe's own stories. The young attorney realizes that he must find the one person who can solve the strange case of Poe's death: the real-life model for Poe's brilliant fictional detective character, C. Auguste Dupin, the hero of ingenious tales of crime and detection.

In short order, Quentin finds himself enmeshed in sinister machinations involving political agents, a female assassin, the corrupt Baltimore slave trade, and the lost secrets of Poe's final hours. With his own future hanging in the balance, Quentin Clark must turn master investigator himself to unchain his now imperiled fate from that of Poe's.

Following his phenomenal debut novel, The Dante Club, Matthew Pearl has once again crossed pitch-perfect literary history with innovative mystery to create a beautifully detailed, ingeniously plotted tale of suspense. Pearl's groundbreaking research-featuring documented material never published before-opens a new

window on the truth behind Poe's demise, literary history's most persistent enigma The resulting novel is a publishing event that, through sublime craftsmanship, subtle wit, and devious twists, does honor to Poe himself
From the Hardcover edition.

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评论
It is a good way to read about history though most of the characters are fictional. As a novel, it is pretty good as well, I was amazed by Duponte's wit, and sad about what happened to Poe. Sometimes tragedies happen not because people's wrongdoing or bad intention, quite the opposite it is their lack of action and sympathy.
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书评
1849年10月3日,侦探小说鼻祖埃德加・爱伦・坡醉死于巴尔的摩的瑞安酒馆。百余年来,世界各国的文学史教科书上均如此定论。 然而,事实真相究竟为何? 爱伦・坡难道真是一个受人唾弃的好酒多徒? 作者借故事主人公之身,对坡的离奇之死展开了一场改写文学史的惊人推测。 昆汀・克
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