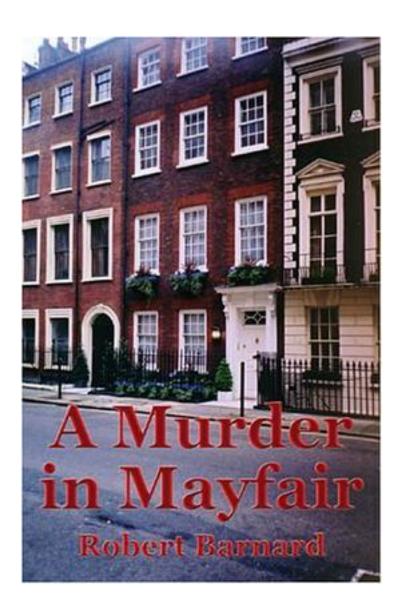
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Can the truly rich get away with murder or is there always a price? Two days in May bring Colin Pinnock's career to a peak. His party wins a stunning election victory and he wins a new government office. What a pity that among the congratulations pouring in lurks one grubby card asking: "Who do you think you are?"; Is this someone trying to put him down a peg, or is it someone holding damaging information? Come to think of it, could it just be that Colin's parents are not what they appear? As he probes, he's led back in time to an old political scandal and a murder case ushering a politician out of office, and out of sight ever after. Soon events in the present start tangling with those of the past and Colin finds himself facing something worse than the toppling of his career; his life is in danger. Barnard mixes fact with surmise over an actual 1980s murder case. No one does this kind of story better than the crafty master of mayhem, winner of the Nero Wolfe and Golden Handcuff Awards, as witnessed in the brilliant A Scandal in Belgravia (\$14.95).