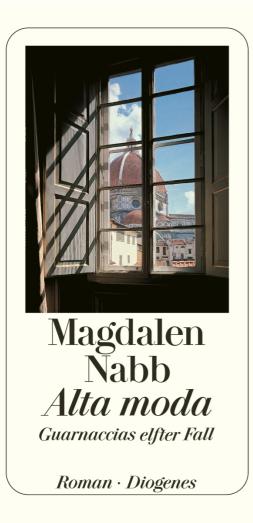
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Magdalen Nabb Property of Blood

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Olivia Birkett, American ex-model and fashion designer, formerly married as Contessa Brunamonti, who, with iron discipline and a great deal of élan has not only succeeded in paying off the debts of her confidence trickster husband but also in gaining an established position in the Italian Alta moda with her own fashion collection, has been kidnapped.

Naturally, Guarnaccia's boss claims the best part of the case for himself, and Marshal Guarnaccia is instructed to comfort the daughter and the despairing son of the abducted woman, who has been missing for several days, in the Brunamonti Palace. But there is information to be gained from the servants: namely, that the Contessa is nothing like as rich as the kidnappers believe, that all her money is tied up in her fashion company, and that the daughter is trying with unseemly haste to take her mother's place although the employees regard her as incapable of running a business.

Book factsheet

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Awards

1991 >Josie Smith and Eileen erhielt den Smarties Book Prize.

1989 ›Josie Smith‹ war nominiert für den Guardian Children's Fiction Award.

Praise

Property of Blood

»Guarnaccia continues to impress as the most convincingly human of modern detectives and his creator as a writer of deep and rare dimension.« – The Observer, London

»Credible, classy and compelling, this is crime fiction at its best.« – The Times, London

»Magdalen Nabb is one of the most original of all crime writers.« – Georges Simenon

»The Agatha Christie of the 1990s.« – Corriere della Sera, Milan

»Magdalen Nabb's books are set in a Florence

vividly realized that I long to go back there after reading each one.« – The Sunday Telegraph, London

Magdalen Nabb

»A writer of elegant crime fiction.« – The Daily Telegraph, London

»It takes a writer as good as Magdalen Nabb to remind us how subtle the art of mystery can be.« – The New York Times , Book Review

»Magdalen Nabb is one of the most original of all crime writers.« – Georges Simenon



Magdalen Nabb (1947 – 2007) studied at the Manchester College of Art, where she began to write. From 1975 onward she lived in Florence, working as a journalist and novelist. Nabb became famous for her *Guarnaccia* crime novels – she wrote 14 novels about the crotchety yet likeable Maresciallo – and also wrote books for children and teenagers.



Vita Nuova 336 pages 2008



The Innocent 352 pages 2006



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The Marshal at the Villa Torrini 272 pages 1998



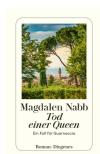
The Monster of Florence 544 pages 1997



The Marshal and the Madwoman 320 pages 1997



The Marshal Makes His Report 288 pages 1995



The Marhsal's Own Case 240 pages 1994



The Marshal and the Murderer 272 pages 1992



Death of a Dutchman 288 pages 1992



Death of an Englishman 224 pages 1991



Death in Autumn 224 pages 1990



Death in Springtime 224 pages 1988