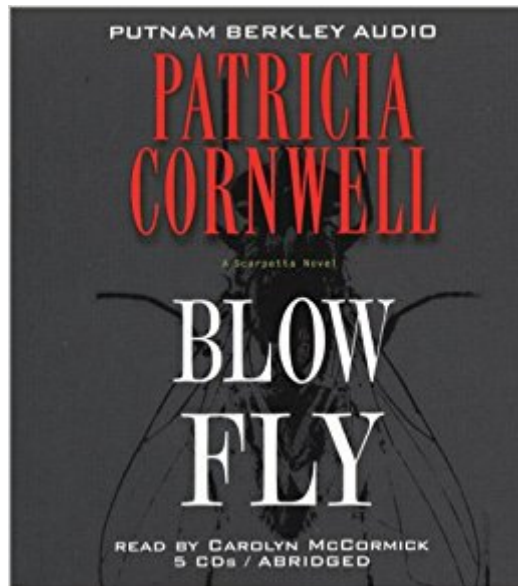




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# Blow Fly (A Scarpetta Novel)



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## Customer Reviews

"Please don't go there. The past is the past," sighs New York Assistant District Attorney Jaime Berger, who herself was introduced in Cornwell's last Kay Scarpetta novel, *The Last Precinct* (2000). Alas, many of Cornwell's fans are bound to agree. One fascinating nonfiction bestseller (*Portrait of a Killer: Jack the Ripper, Case Closed*) later, Cornwell now returns to Scarpetta, formerly Virginia's chief medical examiner. From the start, however, the formidable author is up against the equally formidable task of getting her charismatic main character off ice and back in action. We encounter Scarpetta languishing in a crumbling little rental house in Florida. She has taken refuge there and become a private forensic consultant after she was driven from her job for her alleged involvement in the murder of a deputy police chief. The violent death of her lover, Benton Wesley, the brilliant FBI psychological profiler, has left her filled with an unappeasable grief. When the coroner in Baton Rouge asks her advice on a cold case concerning an affluent woman found dead of a drug overdose in a seedy hotel, it seems little more than a diversion. Yet it becomes clear that the overdose may be related to a fresh string of serial killings. Also disturbing Scarpetta's somber peace is a troubling letter from someone out to kill her, the sick and obsessed death-row inmate Jean-Baptiste. When Scarpetta is at last allowed to get back to business, she is a feisty,

independent powerhouse whose capacity to concentrate and observe rivals Sherlock Holmes's. But too much of this book is bound up in retrospective musings about events in previous books. The great Scarpetta, her fiery crime-busting niece, Lucy, and a colorful supporting cast deserve better. Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Audible Audio Edition edition.

Kay Scarpetta fans will miss their favorite forensic pathologist in this new thriller, as Cornwell cedes much of the spotlight to other characters in the long-running series. Lucy, Kay's defiant niece, and Marino, the bad-tempered, opinionated cop, are here, as are several familiar depraved psychopaths--among them, "Wolfman" Jean-Baptiste Chandonne and his twin brother, who first surfaced in *Black Notice* (2000). It appears that Chandonne, whose execution date is drawing near, wants to see Kay, ostensibly to reveal information about his family that will ensure the collapse of their Mob cartel and to have her administer the drug that will end his life. But, as usual in Cornwell's more recent books, absolutely nothing is what it seems. Granted, there are some compelling (and gruesome) moments, and a few loose ends from previous books are finally taken care of... Otherwise, though, this is a murky stew, indeed, with action careening in way too many directions. Oh, for a return to the Cornwell who created the tough but vulnerable Scarpetta, who, at center stage, used her intellect and forensic training to solve a more straightforward mystery. Stephanie Zvirin Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to the Audible Audio Edition edition.

Another great thriller, by infamous author, Patricia Cornwall. If you've been following the close-gripped saga of the Dr. Kay Scarpetta romantic suspenses, you do not want to miss out on "Blow Fly" because it is that good, especially for the shocking conclusion! It's that good!.....Not once regretting her decision, Dr. Kay Scarpetta was slowly trying to settle in to her new life style, as a private forensic consultant. As the former Chief Medical Examiner of Virginia, Kay knew from her dealings with the infamous Chandonne case that the governor was about to fire her from her position, and so, without giving him the chance to do so, she decided to do, the next best thing, by just resigning including selling her house in Virginia, and starting over again. While trying to take each day at a time and with the loss of an undying love Benton Wesley, Kay was even more surprised to hear from a pathologist in Louisiana requesting her help on a eight-year old cold case involving a young woman, but just when she thought nothing else could shock her, she couldn't have been more wrong when she received a letter from the one person who terrified her to the

bone. The "Werewolf" man! Jean-Baptiste, who tried to kill her on her very front doorstep, in Virginia. He was requesting to see her and would she not only witness his execution, but would she also pull one of the plungers to end his life? With dozens of young women disappearing in Louisiana, Kay is warned by friends and family not to go there, but deep down, she has already made up her mind but what she didn't know, however, was that an old nemesis was waiting for her with hatred and vengeance on his mind but the real shocker of all, will be the sad and simple truth, that the people Kay loved most in the world and thought she held the dearest and closest to her heart, that she held the upmost trust, not only lied to her and betrayed her but hurt her more than any enemy, before or after!!.....I loved this book, and it answered a lot of questions!.....thank you

This book was so riveting, I had a hard time putting it down. However, readers will not really appreciate the culmination of events in this 12th book about medical examiner Kay Scarpetta and her usual companions unless they have read at least the previous three books. Author Patricia Cornwell first started the Scarpetta series in 1990. I started reading them in order in 2016. The books are still timely, they do not feel dated at all, not even the technology. In the 9th book Scarpetta's lover is supposedly killed (but she did not do the autopsy herself, so can we be sure?), then books 10 and 11 follow an arc involving a villain known as the "loup garrou" (French for werewolf). I agree with other reviewers that book 11 had too much psychoanalysis and not enough action. But the reward is that book 12 is non-stop action. Book 12 is also where Cornwall changes her writing style from first person to third person, something which many reviewers dislike. It was disconcerting initially - but I feel the new style helps the author to keep jumping between different people's perspectives, which is why this book is so riveting. Finally, I agree with all the other reviewers who complained that the finale of this book happens way too fast, leaving many loose ends and unanswered questions. Nonetheless, I am looking forward to the ongoing adventures of Kay Scarpetta in book 13!

I have read through every novel in the Scarpetta series at least three times, maybe more. After purchasing all of Patricia Cornwell's, "Kay Scarpetta" novels with the exception of her last three books, I read them in order and never tired or bored with any of them. Then, I gave them all away to a great friend for her entertainment I told my friend to pass them on to another or to donate the books for sale at Goodwill Store. Approximately, a year later I discovered three new Scarpetta novels so I purchased them from kindle books and downloaded them to my iPad, I immediately wanted to retread all of the Scarpetta novels again and have never tired or bored with retreading

them a third or fourth time. Patricia Cornwell is most likely the very best of the best mystery/suspense authors of all time. I would like to take her to lunch someday and pick her brain for the many things she has done to prepare herself to possess the knowledge pertaining to that of a medical examiner and a police officer.

My only complaint is that the writer changed from 1st person to 3rd person. It took a few chapters to get used to the narrator perspective.

I've read many Patricia Cornwell novels and was unable to even finish this one. I may do so at a later time, but was unable to stay interested and focused on the storyline. There is usually a murder to be solved and this one did not really have Dr. Scarpetta working on a crime and I was over halfway into the book! Very disappointing to me as a Cornwell fan. I moved on to the next book in the series after trying to finish Blow Fly unsuccessfully. It just wasn't the style I prefer reading so I moved on to another.

Not her usual standard but that maybe is just my thoughts. Very involved.

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