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内容简介

Dublin, Ireland and Richmond, Virginia:searated by thousands of miles-linked by murder. For Dr Key Scarpetta a lecture sint in Ireland provides the perfect opportunity to find out isf the munrders on both sides of the Atlantic are indeed connected. Five dismembered, beheaded bodies were foun in Ireland five years ago-now four have been discovered in the States.

But the tenth corpse in Virginia is different. There are vital discrpepancies, and an indication that the elderly victim was already seriously ill. A copy-cat killing. Ghoulish, perhaps, but not nuusual.

And then abject terror grips Scarpetta and her colleagues when the next body is found. The circumstances of death broadcast a clear and horrifying message: the killer is armed with the most lethal weapon on earth-smallpox.

PATRICIA CORNWELL introduced Dr Kay Scarpetta in her first nov, POSTMORTEM, which won five international awards, she received the Gold Dagger Award for the fourth, CRUEL AND UNUSUAL. She has since been an international bestseller both with this series and with her two police procedurals, HORNET'S NEST and SOUTHERN CROSS. She divides her time between Richomomd, Virginia and New York.

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