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Description:

From Publishers Weekly At the heart of George's (*Payment in Blood*) darkly vibrant modern English mystery lie love, requited and not; and injuries of the kind that only intimates--parents, siblings, lovers, close friends--or perhaps one's own treacherous ego can inflict. Thomas Lynley, eighth earl of Asherton and a detective inspector of New Scotland Yard, brings his fiancée Deborah Cotton to Cornwall to meet his widowed mother. Accompanying them are Lynley's best friend, forensic scientist Simon St. James; St. James's sister Sidney; her boyfriend Justin Brooke; Lady Helen Clyde, St. James's partner and former lover; and Deborah's father, St. James's valet. Unexpected events of the weekend include a violent fight between Sidney and Justin, the appearance of Lynley's cocaine-addicted brother, the brutal murder of the village newspaper editor, and Justin's death on the cliffs. Lynley and St. James attempt to trace motives and alibis among guests and villagers while each is deeply enmeshed in personal pain: Lynley's over his estrangement from his mother since his father's death many years before, and St. James's over his unspoken--and, he believes, unspeakable--love for Deborah. The resolution of the accumulating murders involves different kinds of illegal

drugs and centers around the activities of a young London woman whose true identity surprises everyone. Even more intricate than George's deftly handled plot, however, are the paths etched by her anguished, memorable characters, as they struggle with the secrets of their hearts.

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From School Library Journal YA-- A beautifully written novel that will hold YAs' attention. The family home of Detective Inspector Thomas Lynley, Eighth Earl of Ashenton, becomes a hotbed of suspicion instead of the scene of a lovely engagement party when a murder in a nearby village brings buried feelings to the surface. For those who demand more of their murder mysteries than a slam-bang whodunit, George provides deeply drawn characters along with page-turning excitement. The principals take readers into their innermost feelings even as they themselves are denying those feelings, and the story's complexities are just as intricate as the characters themselves. Family ties, love connections, friendships, denial, goodness and greed, humility and arrogance, drugs, and even transvestite action all weave their way through the plot and through the murders. Competent readers should have no trouble with the Briticisms or sometimes difficult style. The excellent descriptive writing and fascinating twists make *A Suitable Vengeance* well worth the extra effort expended.

- *Bunni Union, Young Adult Services, Geauga West Library, OH*

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