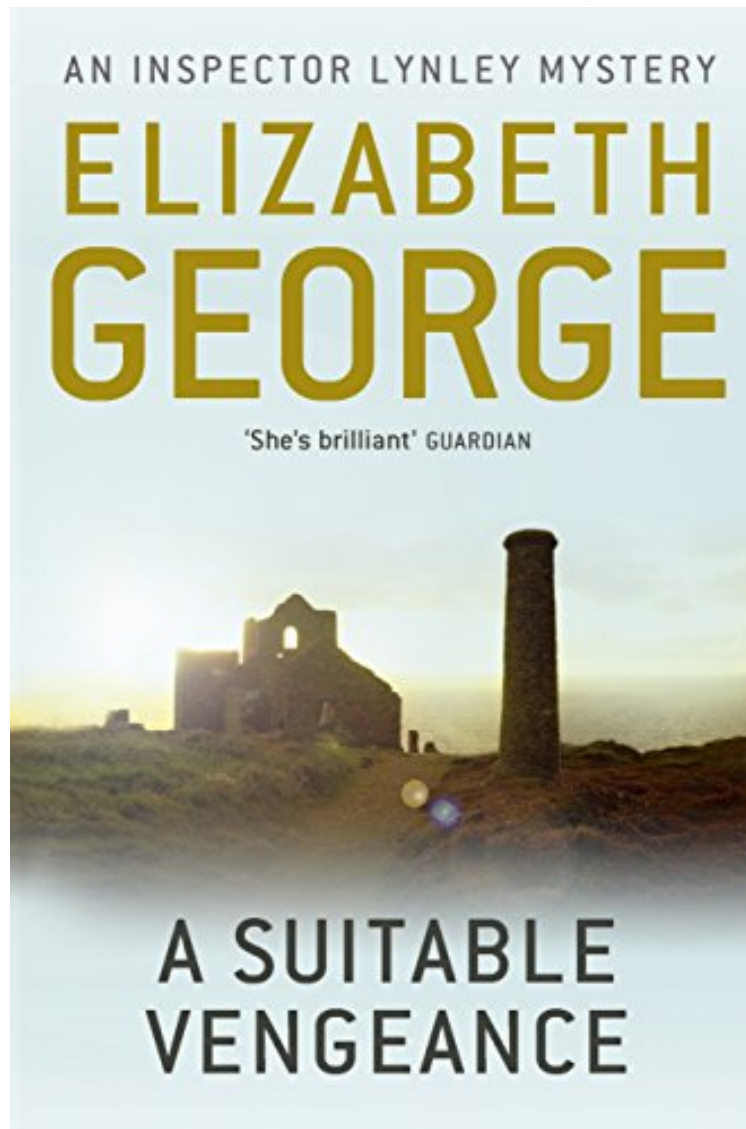


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Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 9 von 9 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. I wish I had read this one first. Von Ein Kunde This book is set earlier than the others I have read so far. I'm reading them in order of publication. This one reveals a lot of information about the pasts of Lynley, St. James, Helen and self-centered little Deb. (I agree with the assessment of her that the reader from the Philippines made.) I wouldn't want to

be in her shoes when Lynley finds out she aborted his baby when she was going to school in the States (see *Well-Schooled in Murder*). Lynley's mangled family relationships are explained. We find out about the relationships the four main characters have had with each other up to this point. This group is a little TOO close. Havers is mentioned only briefly since this is set before she and Lynley were paired up. St. James does more than Lynley to find the reasons for the murders. That's understandable, since Lynley's younger brother is one of the suspects and Lynley is preoccupied with his own guilt for the way he treated his mother and brother. Two of the victims in this book pretty much get what they deserve, but it takes a really long time for us to find out about one's preference for women's clothes. Drug abusers are accurately portrayed. The cancer drug plot is interesting but the book is a little too long. I plan to read the rest of the series. Maybe there will be less of Deborah, but I don't think so. I hope Lynley got that emerald engagement ring back. Watching your future wife trying to chase an ambulance while screaming your best friend's name is not conducive to generosity.

2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. To the Manor Born Von Donald Mitchell A Suitable Vengeance is a back story for the Lynley-Havers series that enriches the following books in the series by exposing the nature of Lynley's upbringing and his relationships with his family, his friend Simon Allcourt-St. James and the two beguiling women who intrigue him, Deborah Cotter and Lady Helen Clyde. In providing much rich perspective, this is clearly a five-star effort. Ms. George also feels the need to put in a murder mystery. But that part of the book is a lower priority and shuffles off in the background while chests and bosoms heave in the drawing room. The mystery has more than its share of red herrings and will keep you truly puzzled by what in the world is going on in several places (especially the opening). As I read the mystery, I often felt like I could have described myself as "Clueless in Gaza." Lynley is engaged to be married to Deborah Cotter, the daughter of Simon's gentleman's gentleman. Simon has always been attracted to her as well, but has kept his distance. Deborah has been away in the United States for several years which is where her romance with Lynley bloomed during brief visits by Lynley. Lynley plans to bring Deborah and her father and old friends, Simon and Lady Helen, to a weekend party to meet his mother at the family's country estate in Cornwall. The backdrop is tense. Lynley doesn't like to play his role as lord of the manor and he seems to want to avoid his mother. What a way to start a marriage! Circumstances soon impinge on the weekend plans when a local man is found dead in his home while his tiny baby cries on. Lynley is completely undone by having people he knows be part of a homicide, and he acts with uncharacteristic negligence like a normal citizen rather than a DI. The new circumstances prove to be revealing about the relationships of all and sundry to one another, and many tempests are soon revealed. As they do, the mystery grows ever deeper and murkier. Like many English country murder mysteries, this one strains credibility by turning the normally tranquil countryside into a hotbed of schemes and murder. The logic doesn't often make much sense, and the mystery seems far-fetched. I was tempted to rate the book as 3 stars . . . but I liked the character development of the ongoing characters in the series too much to do that. The tiny cameo role for Havers was a disappointment, though.

9 von 10 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An Early Episode Von Customer For fans of the Lynley-Havers series, Elizabeth George offers an episode that occurs a few years prior to the time of the first book, *A Great Deliverance*. In this installment, she provides back-story that illuminates some of the complex inter-relationships between Lynley, Simon, and Deborah. Absent (but for a brief cameo) are Havers and her sharp words for the privileges of the upper classes -- which were in great need here. George, who is among mystery writers a master of characterization, here devises a mystery that seems not just secondary to the personal stories of her characters, but even incidental. In fact, the solution to the mystery seems a bit facile. Hopefully, in her subsequent novels George will return to the approach that worked well in the first three novels, wherein she spins a marvelous mystery that any observant reader could solve and, along the way, continuously deepens the reader's understanding of some very likable characters.

Kurzbeschreibung Inspector Thomas Lynley, 8th Earl of Asherton, feels some trepidation as he introduces his bride-to-be to his mother at the ancestral home of Howenstow in Cornwall. But Lynley's private concerns are soon forgotten as the brutal murder of a local journalist requires him to focus on the professional, rather than the personal. The investigation tears apart powerful ties of love and friendship, shattering the tranquillity of the picturesque Cornish community and exposing a long-buried family secret. Its consequences irrevocably alter the course of Thomas Lynley's life.

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. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc. 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 Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc.