### **Anne Perry and the Murder of the Century**

#### The Extraordinary Case of Marie D'Aubray

Anne Perry is one of the most successful crime writers of all time, with over 60 million books sold worldwide. Her novels are known for their historical accuracy, their complex characters, and their gripping plots. But Perry's success was hard-won. In 1954, she was arrested for the murder of her best friend, Marie D'Aubray.



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Perry was born in London in 1938. She began writing at a young age, and her first novel, *The Cater Street Hangman*, was published in 1979. The novel was a critical and commercial success, and it launched Perry's career as a crime writer.

In 1954, Perry was living in New Zealand with her husband, John Perry. She had recently met Marie D'Aubray, a young French woman who was working as a governess. Perry and D'Aubray quickly became friends, and they began spending a lot of time together.

On October 17, 1954, D'Aubray was found dead in her apartment. She had been strangled. Perry was immediately arrested and charged with murder.

The trial was a media circus. Perry was portrayed as a cold-blooded killer, and the prosecution presented a number of witnesses who claimed to have seen her arguing with D'Aubray on the day of the murder. Perry denied the charges, but she was found guilty and sentenced to life in prison.

Perry appealed her conviction, and in 1957, her sentence was overturned. She was released from prison and returned to England.

After her release, Perry continued to write crime novels. She published over 60 novels, many of which became bestsellers. She also wrote a number of non-fiction books, including *Murder in the Family*, which is an account of her experiences with the justice system.

Perry's novels are often praised for their historical accuracy and their complex characters. She is known for her ability to create suspenseful plots that keep readers on the edge of their seats.

Perry's success is a testament to her talent as a writer and her resilience in the face of adversity. Despite the setbacks she faced early in her career, she went on to become one of the most successful crime writers of all time.

#### The Murder of Marie D'Aubray

The murder of Marie D'Aubray is one of the most famous unsolved crimes in New Zealand history. On October 17, 1954, D'Aubray was found dead in

her apartment. She had been strangled.

The police immediately began an investigation, and they quickly focused on Anne Perry as a suspect. Perry was a friend of D'Aubray's, and she had been seen arguing with her on the day of the murder.

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Despite the acquittal, the murder of Marie D'Aubray remains unsolved. There are a number of theories about who killed D'Aubray, but no one has ever been convicted of the crime.

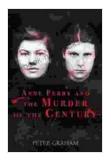
The murder of Marie D'Aubray is a reminder of the darkness that can lurk in the human heart. It is also a reminder of the importance of justice, and the fact that even those who are convicted of crimes can be innocent.

#### **Anne Perry's Legacy**

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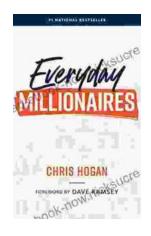
Perry's novels continue to be enjoyed by readers all over the world. Her work is a reminder that even in the darkest of times, there is always hope.



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