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Picador. 1 Paperback(s), 2004. soft. Book Condition: New. This second Inspector Montalbano mystery (following *The Shape of Water*) opens with a mysterious tête-à-tête involving a Mafioso, abandoned loot from a supermarket heist, and dying words pointing to a secret grotto in a mountain cave. In this place Montalbano finds two young lovers, dead 50 years and still embracing, being watched over by a life-sized terracotta dog. The inspector's obsession with solving this old crime takes him on a journey through the island's past and into a family's dark heart. With his sardonic take on small-town Sicilian life, his gustatory predilections, his delicate balancing act between the official and unofficial worlds he inhabits, and his genius for deciphering the most enigmatic of crimes, Inspector Salvo Montalbano has won millions of fans worldwide. First appearing in Italian in 1994, and in Stephen Sartarelli's superb annotated translations since 2002 as well as in an Italian-language television series starring Luca Zingaretti Andrea Camilleri's sly and witty series "breathes out the sense of place and the sense of humor that fills the air of Sicily" (Donna Leon). 343.



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