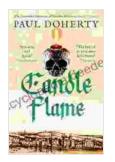
Candle Flame: The Brother Athelstan Mysteries 13

Step into the enigmatic realm of medieval England with *Candle Flame*, the captivating thirteenth installment in Paul Doherty's renowned Brother Athelstan Mysteries. This enthralling historical mystery transports readers back in time, immersing them in a world of intrigue, murder, and the relentless pursuit of justice.

The Glowing Heart of the Mystery

At the heart of *Candle Flame* lies a gruesome discovery: the charred remains of a woman found within the hallowed halls of a Benedictine abbey. The victim, identified as Sister Hilde, is believed to have been the abbey's sacristan, responsible for the care of the sacred relics and vestments. Her untimely demise casts a sinister shadow over the tranquil monastery, threatening to unravel its secrets and shatter its reputation.



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Enter Brother Athelstan, the astute investigator and keen observer, whose unwavering determination to unravel the truth sets him on a perilous path. Together with his loyal companion, Sir John Cranston, Athelstan delves into the murky depths of the abbey, determined to illuminate the darkness that shrouds the murder.

Whispers of Conspiracy and Deception

As Athelstan and Cranston delve deeper into their investigation, they encounter a myriad of suspects, each with their own motives and hidden agendas. The enigmatic Abbot, whose unwavering faith seems to conceal a web of secrets, becomes a prime candidate for suspicion. The ambitious Prior, driven by a thirst for power, emerges as another possible perpetrator.

With each tantalizing clue they uncover, Athelstan and Cranston unravel a intricate tapestry of conspiracy and deception that extends beyond the abbey walls. The murder of Sister Hilde appears to be inextricably linked to a series of clandestine activities, including the smuggling of forbidden relics and the illicit trade in sacred objects.

The Shadow of Treachery

As the investigation progresses, Athelstan and Cranston face treachery at every turn. The abbey's inhabitants, sworn to uphold the sanctity of their faith, harbor dark secrets that threaten to derail their quest for justice. The very foundations of the monastery are shaken as a web of betrayal and deception is woven around them.

In this treacherous landscape, Athelstan's unwavering belief in God and his unwavering pursuit of truth become his guiding lights. He navigates the treacherous paths of deception with a keen eye for detail and an

unwavering determination to unmask the killer and restore justice to the abbey.

The Unquenchable Flame of Truth

With each piece of evidence they gather, Athelstan and Cranston draw closer to unmasking the true culprit behind Sister Hilde's murder. The flame of truth burns ever brighter, casting its illuminating glow upon the dark recesses of the abbey and exposing the hidden evils that have festered within.

In a climactic confrontation that tests their wits and courage, Athelstan and Cranston face their adversary, a cunning and ruthless individual whose motives are as twisted as their actions. The fate of the abbey and the justice Sister Hilde deserves hang in the balance as the final pieces of the puzzle fall into place.

A Literary Masterpiece

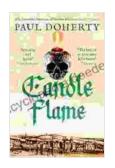
Candle Flame is a triumph of historical mystery writing, a testament to Paul Doherty's masterful storytelling abilities. With his vivid descriptions, intricate plotting, and unforgettable characters, Doherty transports readers to a time and place that is both familiar and utterly captivating.

Through the eyes of Brother Athelstan, readers witness the complexities of medieval England, a world where faith and superstition intertwine, and where the pursuit of justice is fraught with danger. Doherty's meticulous research and attention to historical detail create an immersive experience that transports readers into the heart of the past.

: A Brilliant Chapter in the Brother Athelstan Saga

Candle Flame is a brilliant addition to the Brother Athelstan Mysteries series, a riveting tale that will captivate readers from beginning to end. With its intricate plot, memorable characters, and thought-provoking themes, this historical mystery is a must-read for fans of the genre and anyone seeking a captivating literary adventure.

As the final pages turn, readers are left with a profound sense of satisfaction, knowing that justice has been served and the truth has been brought to light. *Candle Flame* is a testament to the enduring power of historical mysteries, a genre that continues to captivate and intrigue readers with its exploration of the human condition and the timeless pursuit of justice.



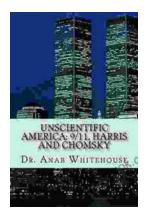
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