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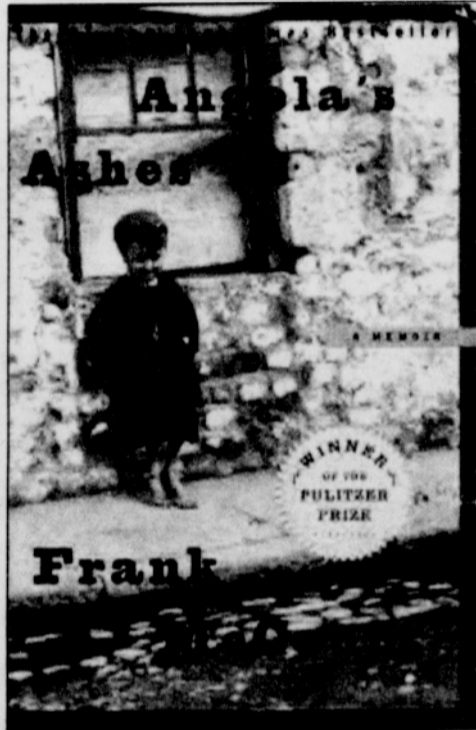
Angela's Ashes

by Frank McCourt

Touchstone Books
May 25, 1999

Summary: "When I look back on my childhood I wonder how I managed to survive at all. It was, of course, a miserable childhood: the happy childhood is hardly worth your while. Worse than the ordinary miserable childhood is the miserable Irish childhood, and worse yet is the miserable Irish Catholic childhood." So begins the luminous memoir of Frank McCourt, born in Depression-era Brooklyn to recent Irish immigrants and raised in the slums of Limerick, Ireland. Frank's mother, Angela, has no money to feed the children since Frank's father,

Malachy, rarely works, and when he does he drinks his wages. Yet Malachy — exasperating,



irresponsible and beguiling — does nurture in Frank an appetite for the one thing he can provide: a story. Frank lives for his father's tales of Cuchulain, who saved Ireland, and of the Angel on the Seventh Step, who brings his mother babies. Perhaps it is story that accounts for Frank's survival. Frank endures poverty, near-starvation and the casual cruelty of relatives and neighbors — yet lives to tell his tale.

Review: "Worse than the ordinary miserable childhood is the miserable Irish childhood," writes Frank McCourt in *Angela's Ashes*. "Worse yet is the miserable Irish Catholic childhood." Welcome, then, to the pinnacle of the miserable Irish Catholic childhood. Born in Brooklyn in 1930 to recent Irish immigrants Malachy and Angela McCourt, Frank grew up in Limerick after his parents returned to Ireland because of poor prospects in America. It turns out that prospects weren't so great back in the old country either—not with Malachy for a father. A chronically unemployed and nearly unemployable alcoholic, he appears to be the model on which many of our more insulting clichés about drunken Irish manhood are based. Mix in abject poverty and frequent death and illness and you have all the makings of a truly difficult early life.

complex novel. *Point of Origin* will stand out as one of Cornwell's best, a gripping story that transcends the genre to examine the dark side of the human soul.

Review: Virginia's chief medical examiner Dr. Kay Scarpetta is getting ready for a romantic holiday with her retired-FBI-profiler boyfriend, Benton Wesley, when she receives a cryptic and foreboding letter:

"Hey DOC, Tick Tock, Sawed bone and fire," it begins. Even more creepy, the taunting note has been signed by Carrie Grethen, the psychotic killer Kay helped send to a psychiatric facility for going on a murder spree with Temple Gault in Cornwell's earlier book *Body Farm*. Benton believes



that Grethen—who also happens to be the former lover of Scarpetta's niece Lucy—has big plans for a comeback. And before Kay and Benton can leave for their trip and discuss it further, Scarpetta is called upon to don yet another professional hat, that of a "consulting forensic

Point of Origin

by Patricia Cornwell

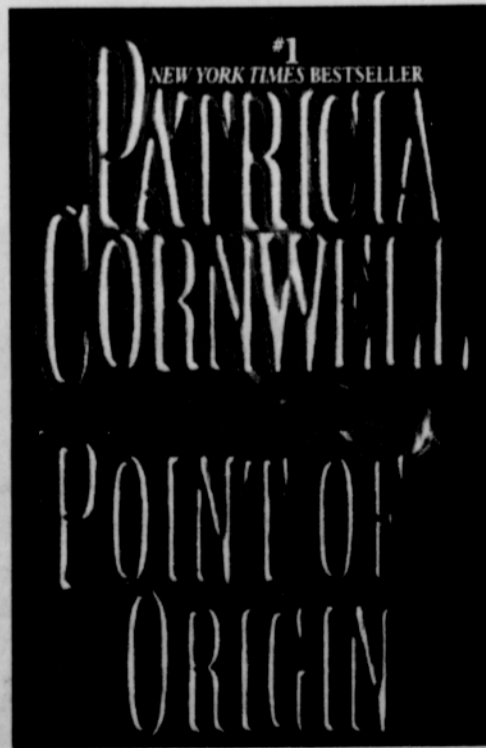
Berkley Pub Group
(August 1999)

Summary: Kay Scarpetta is back.

From New York Times #1 bestselling author of *Unnatural Exposure* and *Cause of Death* comes a white-hot new Kay Scarpetta novel that pits Virginia's chief medical examiner against an audacious and wily killer who uses fire to mask his crimes. And when Scarpetta learns that her old nemesis, Carrie Grethen, is somehow involved, the investigation gets personal and tragedy strikes closer to home.

In *Point of Origin*, America's leading crime writer combines literary talent and style with a fierce commitment to justice in this thrilling and

pathologist" for the federal government. Someone has burned a highfalutin horse ranch and all of its contents, including a human being, to the ground.



The Art of Happiness

by Dalai Lama, H. H. the Dalai Lama, Dalai Lama xi, Howard C. Cutler, Dalai Lama Bstan-dzin-rgya-

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Riverhead Books

(November 1998)

Summary: "Whether one believes in religion or not, whether one believes in this religion or that religion, the very purpose of our life is happiness, the very motion of our

life is towards happiness." —H.H. the Dalai Lama, from *The Art of Happiness* So popular and so rarely understood, this Nobel Peace Prize winner and man of great inner peace brings to a general audience the key to a happy life. In collaboration with a Western psychiatrist, *The Art of Happiness* is the first inspirational book for a general audience by the Dalai Lama. Through meditations, stories, and the meeting of Buddhism and psychology, the Dalai Lama shows us how to defeat day-to-day depression, anxiety, anger, jealousy, or just an ordinary bad mood. He discusses relationships, health, family, and work to show us how to ride through life's obstacles on a deep and abiding source of inner peace.

Review: Have you ever wondered what it would be like to sit down with the Dalai Lama and really press him about life's persistent questions? Why are so many people unhappy? How can I abjure loneliness? How can we reduce conflict? Is romantic love true love? Why do we suffer? How should we deal with unfairness and anger? How do you handle the death of a loved one? These are the conundrums that psychiatrist Howard Cutler poses to the Dalai Lama during an extended period of interviews in *The Art of Happiness: A Handbook for Living*.

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Paperback Non-fiction

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- 4 A CHILD CALLED "IT," by Dave Pelzer.
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