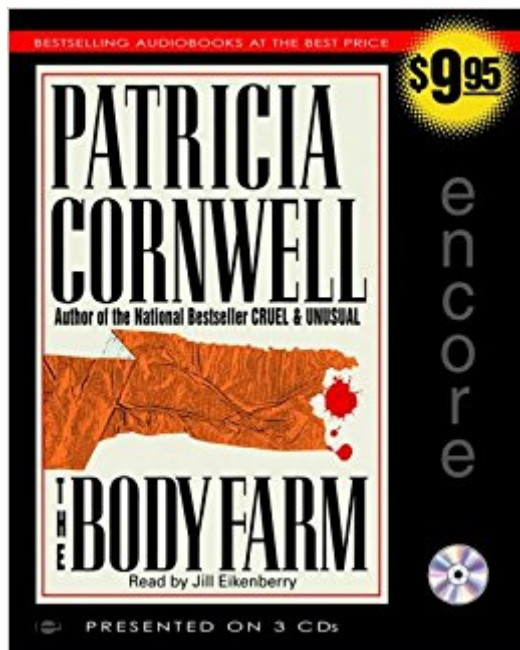


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# The Body Farm (Kay Scarpetta)



## Synopsis

Little Emily Steiner left a church meeting late one afternoon and strolled toward home along a lakeside path; a week later, her nude body was discovered, bound in blaze-orange duct tape. Called by the North Carolina authorities, forensic pathologist Kay Scarpetta recognizes similarities to the gruesome work of a serial killer who has long eluded the FBI. But as she tries to make sense of the evidence, she is left with questions that lead her to the Body Farm, a little known research facility in Tennessee where, with the help of some grisly experiments, she might discover the answer. It is Scarpetta alone who can interpret the forensic hieroglyphics that eventually reveal a solution to the case as staggering as it is horrifying. But she must also endeavor to help her niece, Lucy, who is embroiled in controversy at Quantico. And Scarpetta, too, is vulnerable, as she opens herself to the first physical and emotional bond she has felt in far too long a time. Tenacious and brilliant, tender and gentle, this is Scarpetta even more realized and poignant than we've seen her before--in a stunning achievement from a best-selling author at the peak of her powers.

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## Customer Reviews

New York Times bestselling author Patricia Cornwell brings back Kay Scarpetta, consulting forensic pathologist for the FBI's Behavioral Science Unit, in her grittiest and most compelling novel. In rural North Carolina, the brutal murder of eleven-year-old Emily Steiner has shaken a small town. But more disturbing are the details of the crimes, chillingly reminiscent of the handiwork of a serial killer who has eluded the unit for years. Into this volatile atmosphere comes Scarpetta's ingenious,

rebellious niece Lucy, an FBI intern with a promising future in Quantico's computer engineering facility--until she is accused of a shocking security violation. While coming to terms with Lucy, Kay must conduct a grisly forensic investigation at a clandestine research facility in Tennessee known as the Body Farm. There she will find more answers to Emily Steiner's murder--and evidence that paints a picture of a crime more horrifying than she imagined . . . --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

Cornwell ( *Body of Evidence ; All That Remains* ) casts a wider, surer narrative net in the latest case set for her increasingly complex heroine, Kay Scarpetta, Chief Medical Examiner for the Commonwealth of Virginia. As an FBI consultant, Scarpetta investigates the North Carolina murder of 11-year-old Emily Steiner, whose mutilation suggests the M.O. of an escaped killer met previously in *Cruel and Unusual*. Forensic clues from the body's second autopsy prompt Scarpetta to request that certain experiments be made at the University of Tennessee's Decay Research Facility, known as the Body Farm. Meanwhile, she, Pete Marino of the Richmond, Va., police, and her new love interest, FBI Unit Chief Benton Wesley investigate the apparent suicide (from autoerotic asphyxiation) of the local FBI agent in charge of the case. Then, Scarpetta's computer-whiz niece Lucy, working at FBI headquarters at Quantico, is charged with violating security. During her travels between North Carolina and Virginia, Scarpetta worries about both the less-than-forthcoming Lucy and Marino, who becomes emotionally entangled with Emily's beautiful stricken mother. Results at the Body Farm lead her to a convincing, if abrupt, resolution. Deeper characterization and a more intricate plot mark this fifth in a consistently compelling series. 500,000 first printing; paperback rights to Berkley; audio rights to Simon & Schuster; Literary Guild selection. Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

I enjoy the Scarpetta series, but this one did not wow me or blow me away. The ending became predictable half way through, and the character development and interaction seemed mediocre. I would not pay full price for this book - get it used and as cheap as possible if you are the type who has to read/own the full series.

Patricia Cornwell is a fantastic writer. I have been a fan for many years. If you enjoy a mystery or thriller that is engrossing and fast paced, you will love her books about Kay Scarpetta especially. You will certainly enjoy her other mysteries and thrillers as well. I have read almost every book that she has written and at one time had all of her mysteries in paperback. Now, I am re-reading them

for perhaps the sixth or seventh time and they are still just as grabbing for me as they ever were. I am thoroughly enjoying them again and can't put them down as usual.

As the title of my review states, I liked the book, but I didn't love it. Why? Well, I found it to be a bit predictable for one thing; I figured out the killer and the motivation long before the end. That was a let-down for me. I like murder mysteries to be, well, mysterious. Then there was the ending, which was anticlimactic. And the title, "The Body Farm." Why call it this? The Body Farm wasn't even in the story all that much. There's a brief mention early on when Dr. Scarpetta asks that an experiment be conducted at The Body Farm, then there is no more mention (that I noticed) of the experiment or The Body Farm until chapter eighteen. Even that was brief. The story was about the murder of an eleven-year-old girl. So why not name the book something that reflects this? I just don't get it. But, as I stated, I liked the book. I don't regret reading it, though I do regret buying it.

If you're new to kindle. this is the ideal book to break it in. kindle promises to create a medium which just leaves you with the words and emotions of the text. This is the first book I read on kindle, and it was an enjoyable experience. The book is lightweight crime fiction, (and I don't mean that in a dismissive sense) but I enjoyed her style of writing very much and it was definitely a page turner, with many interesting themes interwoven. It is written in the first person, very successfully, and her depth of research and engaging style was convincing and needed no leap of disbelief. It has a good ending, with an opening for other books in this Scarpetta series, and more chances for us to piece together the real Patricia Cornwell. There are no explicit sex scenes (thank god), but it is a sexy book. I want to read more of Cornwell's works, and they are all on kindle :-)

good audio book.

Not enough action, too much technical forensic stuff, and way too much discussion between characters about their investigation. I'm done with this series.

good book

Excellent

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