



Corpse: Nature, Forensics, and the Struggle to Pinpoint Time of Death

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Basic Books. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 288 pages. Dimensions: 8.1in. x 5.4in. x 0.9in. When detectives come upon a murder victim, there's one thing they want to know above all else: When did the victim die? The answer can narrow a group of suspects, make or break an alibi, even assign a name to an unidentified body. But outside the fictional world of murder mysteries, time-of-death determinations have remained famously elusive, bedeviling criminal investigators throughout history. Armed with an array of high-tech devices and tests, the world's best forensic pathologists are doing their best to shift the balance, but as Jessica Snyder Sachs demonstrates so eloquently in *Corpse*, this is a case in which nature might just trump technology: Plants, chemicals, and insects found near the body are turning out to be the fiercest weapons in our crime-fighting arsenal. In this highly original book, Sachs accompanies an eccentric group of entomologists, anthropologists, biochemists, and botanists--a new kind of biological Mod Squad--on some of their grisliest, most intractable cases. She also takes us into the courtroom, where post-O. J. forensic science as a whole is coming under fire and the new multidisciplinary art of forensic ecology is struggling to establish its...



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