



## The Caves of Perigord

By Martin Walker

Simon & Schuster. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 384 pages. Dimensions: 8.9in. x 5.9in. x 1.1in. In a brilliant and ambitious thriller that combines elements of Jean Auel's *The Clan of the Cave Bear* and Ken Follett's *The Pillars of the Earth* into a riveting, multifaceted tale of love, art, courage, and war, Martin Walker brings to life the creation of an extraordinary work of prehistoric cave art and the struggle to possess it in our own time. Walker's richly interwoven novel opens with the arrival of a mysterious package for a young American woman working in a London auction house. Brought by a British officer, it contains a 17,000-year-old fragment of a cave painting left to him by his father, a former World War II hero. The fragment, significant and stunning in itself, is also the key to the existence of an unknown cave that may be more important in the history of art and human creation than the world-famous one at Lascaux. It triggers a storm of publicity and commands the attention of the French authorities all the way up to the President of the Republic, who seems to know more about the paintings' origins than anyone else....



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