

THE AMERICAN MARTIN BOOTH

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The locals in the southern Italian town where he lives call him Signor Farfalla—Mr. Butterfly—for he is a discreet gentleman who paints rare butterflies. His life is inconspicuous—mornings spent brushing at a canvas, afternoons idling in the cafes, and evenings talking with his friend, the town priest, over a glass of brandy.

Yet there are other sides to this gentleman's life: Clara, the young student who moonlights in the town bordello, and another woman, who arrives with one hundred thousand dollars and a commission—but not for a painting of butterflies.

With this assignment returns the dark fear that has dogged Signor Farfalla's mysterious life. Almost instantly, he senses a deadly circle closing in on him, one which he may or may not elude.

"A psychological suspense thriller invested with life-and-death gravitas."

—Seattle Times

MARTIN BOOTH (1944–2004) was a critically acclaimed novelist and a documentary and feature-film writer. He wrote thirteen novels including *Islands of Silence*, *Hiroshima Joe*, and *The Industry of Souls*. His most recent nonfiction books include *Opium: A History* and *The Doctor and the Detective: A Biography of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle*.

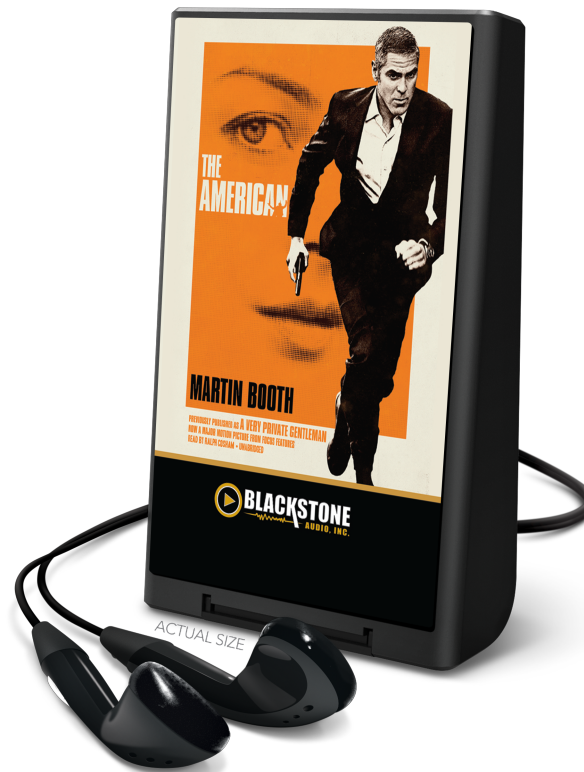
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