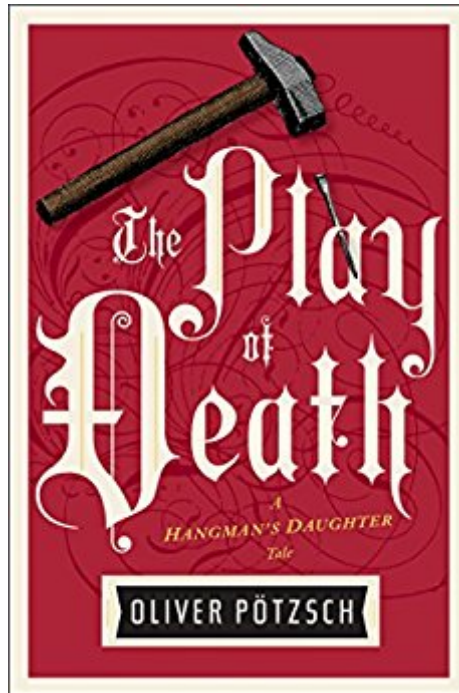




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The Play Of Death (US Edition) (A Hangman's Daughter Tale Book 6)



Synopsis

The Play of Death is the sixth book in Hangman's Daughter, the million-copy bestselling series. It is 1670 and Simon Fronwieser is in the town of Oberammergau to bring his seven-year-old son to boarding school. As he bids his boy a tearful farewell, news comes of a shocking murder: the man who was to play the part of Christ in the town's Passion play has been found dead, nailed to the set's cross. As there is no doctor in town, Simon is brought in to examine the body. The opportunities to spend more time with his son and to investigate the murder quickly convince him to stay. Soon he is joined by his father-in-law, Jakob Kuisl, the Schongau hangman, and the two begin piecing together the puzzle of the actor's death. Was he murdered by a jealous rival? Are the recently arrived and unpopular immigrant workers somehow involved? Or is it a punishment from God for the villagers' arrogance in trying to schedule the play four years earlier than prescribed by ancient custom? Once again, it looks like it is up to the Kuisls to unravel the mystery and bring a town's dark secrets to light.

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Customer Reviews

Having read the full series to date, I find the characters well developed at this point, and fully alive with human flaws as well as redeeming traits. Although all of the books have incorporated mystery, intrigue and action, this one was, I think, action-packed from start to finish. This plot is especially complex, as it turns out, and so the reader is kept busy. Very satisfying!

Reading a Hangman's daughter book is an engrossing thrill with familiar characters that grow and change. The prose are wonderful, but I usually am reading in a hurry to find out what happens next. There are plenty of thrills and cliff hangers. The mysteries are well thought out, and the historical situation well described. Wonder when Oliver will make a movie deal . . .

The Hangman and his family continue their adventures, this time at least partially away from Schongau. There are more characters than in previous books and the threads of their actions are brought together plausibly. While it is not intrusive and does not distract from the story, this novel does have a definite stand on issues that are still plaguing us today.

Wonderfully written. The author is correct we never learn from history. Full of facts and mysteries that make you want to take a trip or at least read more about the history of these villages. Kept me in suspense and I really did not believe the end with the children. I would never had guessed that. Loved this book just like the others. Very talented author.

I find it odd that I feel sympathy for the family that makes up the characters in these Hangman's daughter novels. The main character is, after all, in charge of torturing and executing people who are usually not even guilty of the crimes for which they are condemned. But, Jakob has a soul and, at times, even a heart. Though this is a translation, it is easy to read and kept me interested to the end.

Oliver Pätzsch has become one of my favorite writers. I enjoy his books so very much and am very excited to read each new hangman's daughter novel. The settings and the writing are very vivid and make the reader feel like a part of the action. I hope he continues to write these for many more years to come.

The passion play is in danger. He who was to play Christ is found murdered! Enter the entire

extended family of Jacob and Simon and Madeline to track down the murderer. Fans of The Hangman series will not be disappointed! I was glad this time for the author's character intros at the beginning!

Loved this. I think it's one of his best. Set in 17th century Bavaria, this story of intrigue and continued family/community relationships for the hangman's family keeps the reader guessing till the end. The characters are interesting and complex and the story line plays out at just the right pace. What an enjoyable read.

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