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Pythagorean Crimes

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Parmenides Publishing. 1 Paperback(s), 2008. soft. Book Condition: New. After Stefanos Kantartzis is found murdered in 1929 Athens, the police identify Michael Igerinos, his best friend of 30 years, as the last person to see him alive. Seeing his dead friend's body, Michael remembers the summer of 1900, when he and Stefanos met in the crammed Sorbonne University lecture hall during the Second International Congress of Mathematics, a landmark event in the evolution of modern mathematics. This debut mystery from Tefcros Michaelides, himself a mathematician, takes reader through the streets of Bohemian Paris and into the world of Bertrand Russell, David Hilbert, Henri Poincaré, and Kurt Gödel, and wonders whether a seemingly unsolvable math problem could inspire a passion intense enough to drive someone to murder. "When Stefanos Kantartzis is found dead in his home in Athens in 1929, his closest friend, mathematician Michael Igerinos, becomes the obvious and only suspect in his murder. The dead man had had an affair with Igerinos's ex-wife, and, more recently, had begun a relationship with Igerinos's former mistress. The sleuthing is secondary to the author's efforts to engage the reader in the intricacies and disputations of higher mathematics." Publishers Weekly 272.



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