



## Vanity Fire: A Guy Mallon Mystery (Paperback)

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Poisoned Pen Press, United States, 2012. Paperback. Condition: New. Reprint. Language: English . Brand New Book. Praise for Vanity Fire. Fast pacing, a strong sense of place.an engrossing read. - Booklist The phone rings in the middle of the night. Publisher Guy Mallon s book warehouse has burned to the ground. In the ashes there is a burned body. Carol Murphy, Guy s lover and business manager, fed up with the failing operation, has already split. But why is her car spotted parked nearby? It all began when retired businessman Fritz Marburger tempted Guy with a proposition: publish celebrity jazz singer Sweet Lorraine Evans novel, which he will underwrite. It s the first step in a Faustian bargain that finds Guy sniffing increasingly noxious fumes as the crass Marburger rents Guy s warehouse space and saddles him with an amoral co-tenant: pornographer-turned-vanity publisher Roger Herndon. Supported by two Santa Barbara poets with strong backs and by two strippers who form the core of Roger s stable of porn stars and production assistants, Guy first tries to make a go of the new venture. But after the murder, he knows he must bring Roger down to reclaim his own soul. Born in...

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