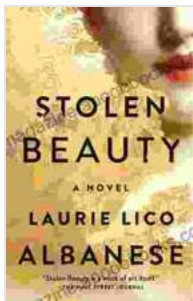


# Stolen Beauty: A Novel by Laurie Lico Albanese

In the heart of Renaissance Italy, where art and beauty reign supreme, a stolen painting sets in motion a chain of events that will change the lives of two young women forever.



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Isabella is a young artist living in Florence. She is talented and ambitious, but she is also poor. When she is commissioned to paint a portrait of the beautiful Contessa Alessandra, she sees it as her chance to finally achieve her dreams.

But Alessandra is not what she seems. She is a woman with a dark secret, and she will stop at nothing to protect it. When the painting is stolen, Isabella is drawn into a dangerous world of intrigue and deception.

Meanwhile, in Venice, a young woman named Vittoria is also drawn into the mystery of the stolen painting. Vittoria is a courtesan, but she is also a

woman of intelligence and wit. When she learns that the painting has been stolen, she sets out to find it, hoping to use its return to gain her freedom.

As Isabella and Vittoria investigate the theft, they uncover a web of secrets and lies. They learn that the painting is more than just a work of art. It is a symbol of power and desire, and it will stop at nothing to protect itself.

Stolen Beauty is a gripping historical novel that explores the themes of beauty, love, and loss. It is a story of two young women who are willing to risk everything for what they believe in.

### **Praise for Stolen Beauty**

"Stolen Beauty is a masterpiece of historical fiction. Laurie Lico Albanese has created a world that is both beautiful and dangerous, and she has populated it with characters who are both complex and compelling. This is a novel that will stay with you long after you finish reading it."

- \*\*Booklist (starred review)\*\*

"Albanese's writing is lush and evocative, and she brings the Renaissance period to life in all its glory. This is a must-read for fans of historical fiction."

- \*\*Library Journal (starred review)\*\*

"Stolen Beauty is a captivating and suspenseful novel that will keep you on the edge of your seat from beginning to end. Albanese is a master of historical fiction, and this is her best work yet."

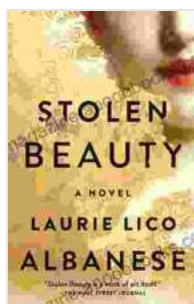
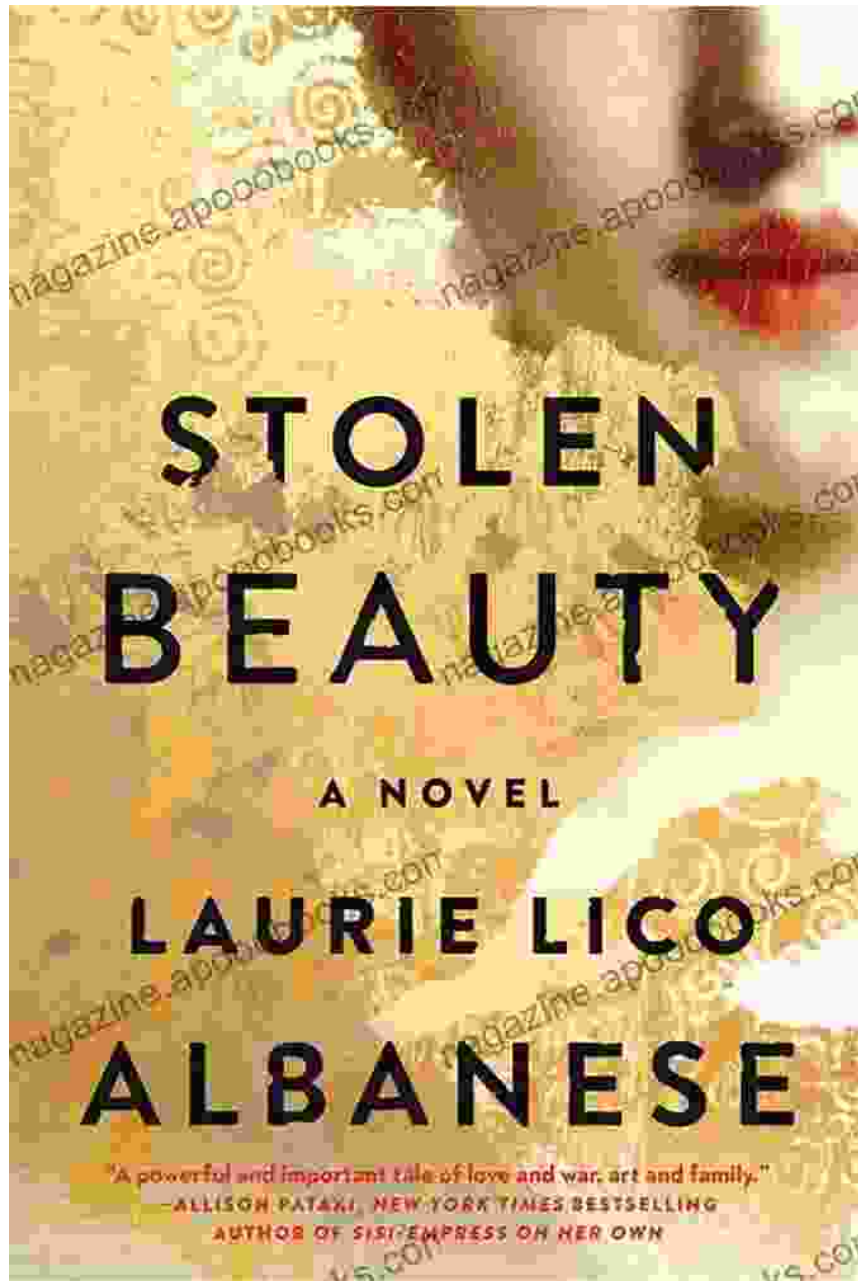
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## **About the Author**

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