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Lying in Wait



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In March 1936, Madrid is a city in turmoil after the recent electoral victory of the Frente Popular. In an alleyway in the city centre a fourteen year-old girl is found strangled, and her body shows unusual decorum: a perfect bow around her neck, her hands crossed on her chest, her dress neatly arranged over her rigid legs. And she won't be the last. Julián Fierro, inspector from the Investigation and Surveillance squad, will tackle these murder cases in a city on edge, where attacks and clashes are the prelude to an imminent military coup. Lying in Wait is a novel about commitment to others and selfish desertion, about nightmares and secrets, about man lying in wait for man. All in a Madrid 'that dissolves, that isn't real', and in which suspicion 'is a wild flower that takes root anywhere'.

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