

Moochers in Crime

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Based on the novel by Justice Gray

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Adult/Drama - 131 pages

LOGLINE:

A hedonistic couple living on borrowed time and stolen money decides to secure their future by orchestrating the ultimate grift: the cold-blooded murder of his wealthy, elderly parents.

SUMMARY:

In the provocative book layout of *"Moochers in Crime,"* readers are drawn into an intense **erotic thriller** reminiscent of *Criminal Minds* and *Fifty Shades of Grey*. The story follows Patsy and Dirk, whose dangerous preoccupation with wild sex spirals into a reckless **life of crime**. Driven by a craving for a **luxury lifestyle**, Patsy fabricates horrific stories of **domestic violence and child abuse** to manipulate her wealthy friend, Julia. Julia, believing the lies, helps her escape her husband by securing her a furnished apartment. Patsy quickly turns to **high-end prostitution** for fast cash, sleeping with men and women, which triggers a deep infatuation with Julia.

Soon, Patsy teams up with Dirk, her new lover and partner in crime. As they burn through cash to maintain their **rich lifestyle**, they transition into professional scammers. Their **crime spree** includes **identity theft**, stealing credit cards, and coercing landlords into free rent, with Dirk acting as Patsy's pimp. Desperate for more money, Dirk commits **elder financial abuse** against his parents, who suffer from dementia, and twice plots their **wrongful death**. The chaos culminates in a sensational **courtroom trial**. In a cynical twist, Patsy's daughter learns from her mother's grift, finding new ways to scam others for money, while Dirk's own son becomes Patsy's biggest fan during the media circus.

AWARDS:

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