Payment in Blood, Elizabeth George. 1989. This is the second book in the DI Thomas Lynley series and I am hooked and absolutely delighted to have over ten more to read! I space them out like I am with Camilla Lackberg’s Swedish mysteries. Lynley and his prickly partner, Barbara Havers are sent to Scotland to investigate the murder of a playwright. Payment in Blood qualifies as a violent, above-average Spaghetti western shoot ‘em up with a high body count. Like director Sergio Leone’s bigger budgeted The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly, the lower budgeted Payment in Blood concerns the quest for buried treasure. The outlaw villains embark on a search for a fabled fortune, approximately $200-thousand, stashed at an undisclosed location by Confederate General Beauregard. "For the purpose of this book, the modern Euro-western era begins with Joaquin Romero Marchent's first entries in 1955, after the 60's Westerns. Filipe Furtado 86 films 73 Edit. Payment in Blood. Elizabeth George. 4.3 • 134 Ratings. $13.99. Publisher Description. The career of playwright Joy Sinclair comes to an abrupt end on an isolated estate in the Scottish Highlands when someone drives and eighteen-inch dirk through her neck. Called upon to investigate the case in a country where they have virtually no authority, aristocratic Detective Inspector Thomas Lynley and his partner, Detective Sergeant Barbara Havers, grapple for both a motive and a murderer. I enjoyed reading this book. The story-line was cohesive and added depth to the characters. Although it was hard to keep track of the characters using first names then last or titles, I soon got use to it. The story was believable. More Books by Elizabeth George. See All. Believing the Lie.