The Third Twin

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NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

Using a restricted FBI database, genetic researcher Jeanie Ferrami has located identical twins born to different mothers. Frightened by her bizarre discovery, she is determined to discover the truth at any cost-until she finds herself at the center of a scandal that could ruin her career.

To extricate herself, Jeannie plunges into a maze of hidden evidence. With growing horror, she uncovers a cynical, far-reaching conspiracy involving disturbing genetic experiments and some of the most powerful men in America-men who will kill to keep their secrets concealed.

Identical twins have been the storyteller's friend since Roman times. Master-scribbler Ken Follett does the arrangement one better in his latest yarn, The Third Twin. The heroine, Jeannie Ferrami, is a young professor at Jones Falls University (JFU)(think Johns Hopkins) who is investigating the balance of nature versus nurture in criminality. Driven by a secret from her past, Dr. Ferrami is overjoyed to find that a straight-arrow law student at JFU has an identical twin (raised separately) who is a convicted rapist. She is not overjoyed, however, when that man is arrested for raping her best friend. Surely Mr. Perfect couldn't be guilty-enter the evil masterminds, three Nixon-era compadres who have been toiling for decades to make America safe for racial purity. It's bad enough that one of the conspirators is Dr. Ferrami's boss, but another is eyeing the Oval Office. The young professor has stumbled onto a secret that could ruin them all, and it's only a matter of pages before bad things start to happen to the pair. The shortest distance between two points is a Follett plot. Look elsewhere for subtlety; entertainment, we got." After three consecutive historical sagas, Follett returns to the threshold of the 21st century with a provocative, well-paced and sensational biotech-thriller about the genetic manipulation of human embryos." --Publishers Weekly

"It's high concept all the way in Follett's breakneck-paced thriller...Follett is as good as Grisham at keeping a totally plot-driven thriller zooming along...fans will love the ride, and movie producers will swoon at the high concept."

--Bill Ott. Booklist

Other Books

On Wings of Eagles, On Wings of Eagles is the account of an incredible rescue by a Green Beret colonel and a group of corporate executives hastily trained into a fighting team. When Ross Perot, millionaire head of the Dallas-based company EDS, discovered that two of his key men in Iran had been jailed, he turned to the one man in America who could help. Colonel 'Bull' Simons, famed World War II and Vietnam commando, agreed to do what the US government could not - go in and get the men out. This is the stuff of Follet's fiction - a secret penetration into a dangerous territory; a dramatic jailbreak; a harrowing overland escape to the Turkish border - and all the more extraordinary because it is fact.

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