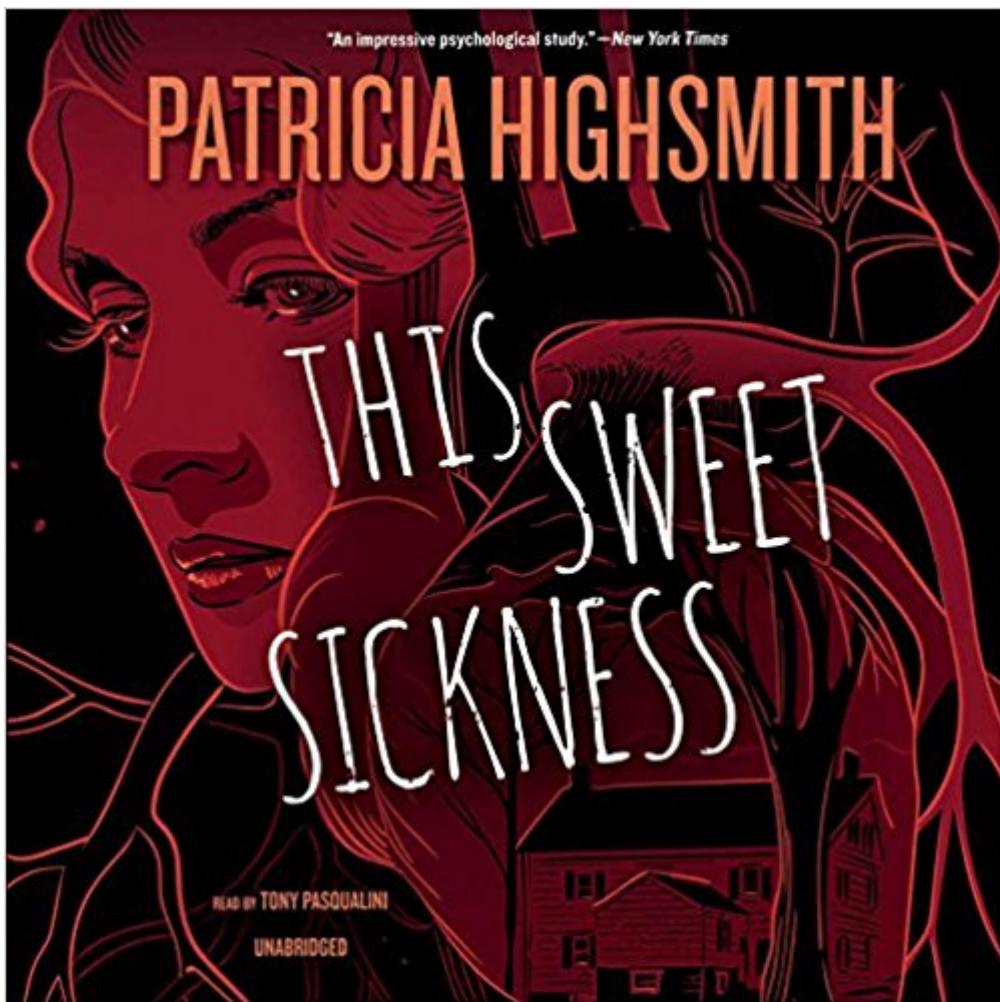


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# This Sweet Sickness



## **Synopsis**

In This Sweet Sickness, David Kelsey has an unyielding conviction that life will turn out all right for him; he just has to fix "the situation" of being in love with a married woman. Obsessed with Annabelle and the life he has imagined for them, David prepares to win her over, whatever it takes.

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## **Customer Reviews**

[Highsmith] is no more a practitioner of the murder mystery genre than are Dostoevsky, Faulkner and Camus. -- Joan Smith, Los Angeles Times --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Patricia Highsmith (1921-1995) was an American author most widely known for her psychological thrillers, which led to more than two dozen film adaptations. She wrote more than twenty novels, including *Strangers on a Train*, *The Price of Salt*, and *The Talented Mr. Ripley*, as well as numerous short stories.

Good read where the author built the story around the main protagonist, David, whose mental state gradually becomes more erratic as he tries to win over a woman he can never marry, or rather 'possess'. The letters exchanged between them are cleverly written as he interprets them in a totally different way to (me) the reader. His double life and the lies he has to tell to keep it that way was well constructed and helped build the story to its final twist and turn conclusion.

This is a story of obsession. It can be summed up in the form of a joke currently doing the

rounds...My new (old) girlfriend thinks I'm a stalker.Although technically she's not my girlfriend.Yet.If you've ever been the victim of unrequited passion you'll appreciate this story. Aspects of it -particularly around police procedures-seem dated in this age of CSI but that aside it's a story for the ages, focusing on one of the 7 deadly sins-jealousy- and how it can take hold of your mind and your life if not controlled.....

If you like Highsmith, then you will like this as well. Not my favorite, as it seemed to take a bit to get going. I couldn't get why the husband let his wife do what she did to him. However, when it started rolling, it got better. I laid it down at first, went to something else. I rarely do that, but, went back and finished and it was worth it. My favorite of hers is Cry Of The Owl.

I was a fan of Highsmith. I just wish she were alive to keep you from publishing this never ending drivel of a book. Nothing more than a terrible rehash of the brilliant Ripley series. The thing I am most upset about is that I finished it.

This book was great. Patricia Highsmith certainly has the knack of exploiting deep, dark thoughts.

Very good late night reading!!! I saw a 1960's episode of Alfred Hitchcock entitled "Annabelle" that had the same plot as "This Sweet Sickness". Did Hitchcock base his episode on Highsmith?

Not as great as most of her books, but if u like her books-don't skip this one! Full of strange behavior & odd characters - it is a good book.

We get to witness the slow decent into madness of David as he pretends that Annabelle is his wife. He becomes less and less able to function in daily life. Patricia has such a knack for getting her readers inside of her characters. It's almost as though I know the characters as neighbors or acquaintances. I'm looking forward to reading The Talented Mr. Ripley....

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