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From Harcourt : Maigret and the Wine Merchant (Maigret Mystery Series) by Simenon, Georges (2003) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Maigret and the Wine Merchant (Maigret Mystery Series) by Simenon, Georges (2003):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. No One GrievedBy Stephen LearyWealthy wine merchant Oscar Chabut is found shot to death outside a Paris brothel. Those who knew him dont care very much. He was't a well-liked man. Even his wife betrayed little emotion: The dead mans secretary had shed no tears when told of his death. Neither did his wife. She merely looked downcast and rather sorrowful. Maigret himself comes to feel that Chabut deserved it.While Chabut had many enemies, this isn't a whodunit and Maigret closes in on the culprit with few clues and no great Holmesian feats of deduction. Maigrets greatest tool for solving cases isn't deductive reasoning but his own intuition. We learn bits and pieces of the lives of sad human lives, and the reasons why one person would feel it necessary to go so far as to murder Chabut. Like most of the merchants relationships, the other party had been left feeling angry and vengeful. Maigret received an anonymous phone call that could have been placed by anyone who had known Chabut: Dont lose any sleep over the wine merchant. He was a lousy swine.Typically, Simenons police detective Maigret isn't eager to blame anyone for a crime. Simenons characters, like those in this novel, find themselves unable to prevent themselves from committing criminal actions, as if their destiny was foreordained. The Maigret novels focus on the psychology of the characters and why they do what they do. This statement could be inserted into any and all of the Maigret novels: Im just trying to see things as they are. Its not my business to apportion

blame. Georges Simenon (1903-1989) wrote almost 500 novels and was one of the world's most widely published authors. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The Maigret series is a joy to read -- not cozy mysteries but not gory ...
By Dee Lee The Maigret series is a joy to read -- not cozy mysteries but not gory either. As always, this book had interesting characters and a good story line. The book was used but in very good condition. I'm always happy to add to my Maigret collection.
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