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From Publishers Weekly

Six years after her death, Patricia Highsmith is in the middle of a renaissance. Since the release of Anthony Minghella's film of *The Talented Mr. Ripley*, her stock has been steadily rising among readers. Two reissues, *A Suspension of Mercy* and *Strangers on a Train*, feed the flames. In *A Suspension of Mercy*, American freelance writer Sydney becomes obsessed with the putative murder of his English wife, Alicia; in *Strangers on a Train*, the source for Hitchcock's 1953 classic, one man's guilty conscience disrupts two men's criminal plans. The movie rights to *A Suspension of Mercy* have been optioned by Warner Bros. for Heyday Films.

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About the Author

Patricia Highsmith (1921–1995) was the author of more than twenty novels, including *Strangers on a Train*, *The Price of Salt*, *The Blunderer* and *The Talented Mr. Ripley*, as well as numerous short stories.

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