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Education in a Noose

"Hornsby's well-constructed eighth Maggie MacGowen mystery. . . offers a nuanced glimpse of campus life in the budget-crisis era, a plot with a nicely topical twist, and a cast of smart, appealing characters. Readers will cheer Maggie on as both new romance and fresh career opportunities beckon." —*Publishers Weekly*

In the current era of economic havoc, community college president Park Holloway arouses faculty and student animosity with his expensive building program, especially an admin building derisively nicknamed the Taj Ma'Holloway. During a campus sabbatical from TV, filmmaker Maggie MacGowen finds herself in the middle of an explosive power struggle. When she finds the college president hanging in the building's stairwell, suspicion falls not on her, but on her young friend Sly Miller. A world-class artist, his sculpture was supposed to be hanging in place of the body.

That's only the beginning of a twisty plot dealing with the aesthetics and business of art, where value is determined by what the buyer will pay; a billion-dollar art-for-arms deal; political corruption and cronyism; and issues of art forgery and journalistic ethics, all capped off by a stunning denouement. Along the way, Maggie and her attorney uncle Max teach the police a few new tricks, beginning with respect for witnesses, and her life as a recent widow is spiced up by a new French boyfriend. We also re-meet Sly and others, including Kate and Roger Tejada from Hornsby's first two mysteries, and catch a glimpse of Maggie's early TV days. In the end, however, *The Hanging* is really a tale of two young men, one from a privileged background but cast into an emotional deep-freeze, and one redeemed from the streets by love.

Edgar-award winner Wendy Hornsby is the author of nine previous mysteries, seven of them featuring Maggie MacGowen. She lives in Long Beach, California, where she is a professor of history at a local college.

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