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Von Greg Bear

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Kurzbeschreibung In a world of wonders, wealth, and 'perfect' mental health, a famous poet commits gruesome murder . . . why? That crime, that question, leads a policewoman to a jungle of torture and forgotten gods; a writer to the bohemian shadows of a vast city; and a scientist directly into the mind-the nightmare soul-of the psychopath himself . . .

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