

SYNOPSIS

Perfume: The Story of a Murderer is a fiction – suspense novel. This novel tells about Jean-Baptiste Grenouille who was born in the fish market, specifically among the rubbish of fish guts. Grenouille's mother is a fish seller and a prostitute in the night. She always abandons her babies among the rubbish of fish guts because they are unexpected babies. She also abandons Grenouille, unfortunately, he cries and people in the fish market save his life. Her mother is brought to jail and she confesses everything she did toward her babies. Grenouille's mother is sentenced to death by the court.

Furthermore, the church decides to take care of Grenouille by giving him to the wet nurse. Grenouille only lives a couple of days with wet nurse. The wet nurse whose names Jeanne Bussie gives back Grenouille to the church. Moreover, the church gives Grenouille to the orphanage owned by Madame Gailard. In the orphanage, boys and girls know that he has no odor, consequently, they avoid playing and talking to Grenouille.

Grenouille's was born with no odor at all in his body consequently, his friends avoid him. In other hands, Grenouille has an extraordinary nose that able to smell things miles away. He learns his environment by using his nose. Grenouille is capable of differentiating things only by using his nose. His brain is also capable of saving thousand of aromas. Grenouille has an imagination about aromas, he is able to arrange new aromas including aroma that does not exist in the world.

At eight years old, Madame Gailard sold Grenouille to Grimal, a skin tanner. She does it because the church suddenly stops to pay Grenouille's fee. Living with Grimal, Grenouille has an opportunity to go out and spend his time to smell new aromas. After finding an unusual aroma, Grenouille has a desire to have the aroma for himself. The aroma belongs to a girl. Furthermore, Grenouille kills the girls and then smells each part of her body. After killing the girl, Grenouille knows the purpose of his life. His ambition is to be the greatest perfumer and the creator of the most unique perfume in the world.

Furthermore, Grenouille apprentices himself to Giuseppe Baldini, famous perfumer in the Paris. With him, Grenouille learns how to preserve the aromas of flowers by using the process of distillation. Unfortunately, this process is not able to preserve the aroma of virgin girl. Grenouille goes to Grasse, a place where there is further technique to preserve aroma. In the end, Grenouille finds beef fat that can be used to preserve the aroma of virgin girl. Since that moment, Grenouille's desire to have the aroma is unstoppable.

When the perfume is done, Grenouille uses it. The effect of it is people are considers him as innocent person even though he kills the virgin girls. He gets people's love only by using the perfume. People are hypnotized by the smell of the perfume. Thus, Grenouille goes to the place where he was born. In that place, he uses the perfume until the last drop. Suddenly, people come to him and start to eat him. Grenouille is not trying to struggle against them.