With Edith's Diary, Patricia Highsmith has produced a masterpiece. A writer who has created a world of her own – a world claustrophobic and irrational which we enter each time with a sense of personal danger. To call Patricia Highsmith a thriller writer is true but not the whole truth: her books have stylistic texture, psychological depth, mesmeric readability. Highsmith writes the verbal equivalent of a drug – easy to consume, darkly euphoric, totally addictive. Edith's diary by Patricia Highsmith, 1977, Simon and Schuster edition, in English. Close. Donate this book to the Internet Archive library. Close. Hooray! You've discovered a title that's missing from our library. Can you help donate a copy? If you own this book, you can mail it to our address below. You can also purchase this book from a vendor and ship it to our address: Internet Archive Open Library Book Donations 300 Funston Avenue San Francisco, CA 94118. Book Description From the writer of "The Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady", these "Nature Notes" from 1905 feature a selection of Edith Holden's watercolours of birds, flowers and landscapes, together with journal extracts, anecdotes and poems. Edith Blackwell Holden (1871–1920) was a British artist and art teacher, known in her time as an illustrator of children's books. Much influenced by the Arts and Crafts movement, she specialized in painting animals and plants. Holden was made famous by Edith's Diary, which is as original, as funny, as cleverly written and as moving as any novel I have read since I started reviewing. A novel the suspense of which is sane and grounded, alive with an understanding which is altogether without condescension. With Edith's Diary, Patricia Highsmith has produced a masterpiece. At first glance, Patricia Highsmith's Edith's Diary may seem like an odd choice for a "forgotten book" pick. Highsmith, who passed away in 1995, has hardly been forgotten. In many countries, especially in Europe, she remains a household name, and last year she topped a London Times list as the best mystery writers of all time.