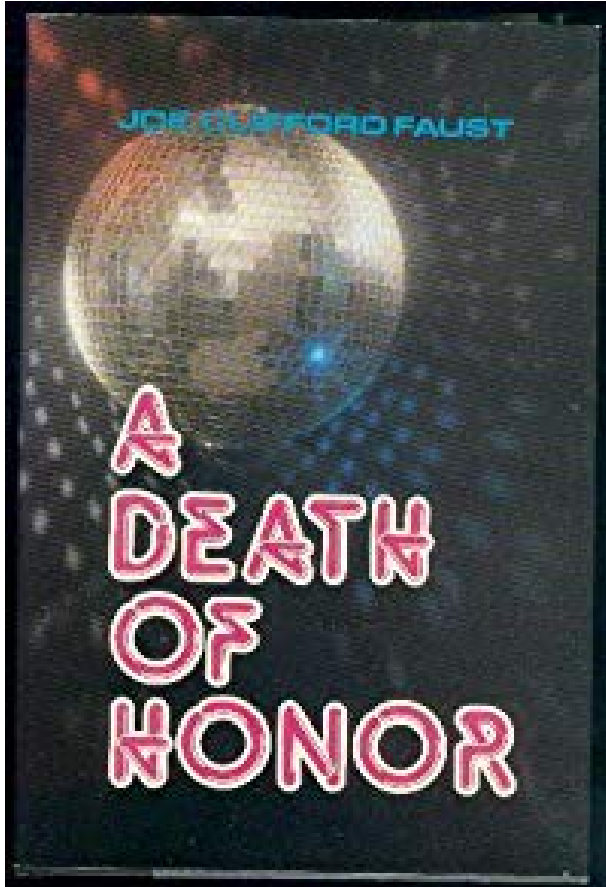


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21st century NYC--where power failures are frequent, where nightclubs are places to fulfill all your fantasies & where the only things still considered illegal are murder & trying to get away to one of the world's last truly free enclaves, Australia. Payne is a biotech researcher who finds a naked corpse in his apartment one night. Tho she's a complete stranger, he's still considered the primary suspect. New laws give him the right to investigate the case himself with the authorities' full cooperation. He must learn her identity & her history. But someone doesn't want him to succeed & he soon finds himself likely to become the next victim. His search for the killer leads to a biological hazard threatening the existence of his decaying world. "The science fiction mystery is an extremely difficult genre to handle well, & it's a delightful surprise when a 1st novelist pulls the trick off gracefully. Joe Clifford Faust has constructed a compelling mystery...Chillingly plausible."--Locus