

## *Le French Murder: French Mystery Series*

### **Jean-Luc Bannalec – *Death in Brittany* (BAN 2015)**

Commissaire Georges Dupin, a Parisian-born caffeine junkie recently relocated from the glamour of Paris to the remote Breton coast, is not happy when he is dragged from his morning croissant and coffee to the scene of a curious murder. The local village of Pont-Aven - a sleepy community by the sea where everyone knows one other and nothing much seems to happen - is in shock. The legendary ninety-one-year-old hotelier Pierre-Louis Pennec, owner of the Central Hotel, has been found dead. First in a series.

### **Cara Black – *Murder in the Marais* (BLA)**

Aimee Leduc, a Parisian private investigator, has sworn she would stick to tech investigation - no criminal her. Especially since her father, a police detective, was killed in the line of duty. But when an old Jewish man approaches Aimee with a secret decoding job on behalf of a woman in his synagogue, Aimee unwittingly takes on more than she was expecting. When she takes her findings to her client's house in the Marais, Paris's historic cases for Jewish quarter, she finds the old woman strangled, a swastika carved on her forehead. Can Aimee solve the crime? First in a series.

### **M. L. Longworth – *Death at the Chateau Bremont* (LON)**

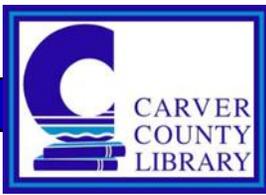
Set in charming and historic Aix-en-Provence, *Death at the Chateau Bremont* introduces readers to Antoine Verlaque, the handsome and seductive chief magistrate of Aix, and his love interest, law professor Marine Bonnet. When local nobleman Etienne de Bremont falls to his death from the family chateau, the town is abuzz with rumors. Verlaque suspects foul play and must turn to Marine for help when he discovers that she had been a close friend of the Bremonts. First in a series.

### **Ann Mah - *The Lost Vintage* (MAH 2018)**

To become one of only a few hundred certified wine experts in the world, Kate must pass the notoriously difficult Master of Wine examination. With the test a few months away, she travels to Burgundy to spend the fall at the vineyard estate that has belonged to her family for generations. There, Kate begins to dig into her family's history, a search that takes her back to the dark days of World War II and introduces her to a great-half aunt who was a teenager during the Nazi occupation. As she learns more about her family, the line between resistance and collaboration blurs, driving Kate to find the answers to two questions: Who did her family aid during the years of the war? And what happened to six missing bottles of wine?

### **Peter May – *Extraordinary People* (MAY 2016)**

Half-Scottish, half-Italian Enzo MacLeod used to be one of the top forensics experts in Scotland, and now he lives in Toulouse, working as a university professor.. He soon finds himself in the hunt for solutions to some vexing cold cases thanks to an ill-advised wager about the power of forensic science. Meanwhile, in Paris, a man desperately seeking sanctuary flees into a church. Deep in the catacombs below the City of Light, MacLeod unearths disturbing clues deliberately left behind by a killer. But as he expert draws closer to the truth, he discovers he may just wind up the next victim for his troubles. First in a series.



**Frederique Molay – [The 7<sup>th</sup> Woman](#) (MOL 2014)**

There's no rest for Paris's top criminal investigation division, La Crim'. Who is preying on women in the French capital? How can he kill again and again without leaving any clues? Chief of Police Nico Sirsky--a super cop with a modern-day real life, including an ex-wife, a teenage son and a budding love story--races against the clock to solve the murders as they get closer and closer to his inner circle. Can he resist the pressure? First in a series.

**Mark Pryor – [The Bookseller](#) (PRY 2012)**

Max, an elderly Paris bookstall owner, is abducted at gunpoint. His friend Hugo Marston, head of security at the US embassy, looks on, powerless to do anything to stop the kidnapper. Marston launches a search, enlisting the help of a semiretired CIA agent. They find that Max was a Holocaust survivor and later became a Nazi hunter. Is his disappearance somehow tied to his grim history, or even to the mysterious old books he sold? On the streets of Paris, tensions are rising as rival drug gangs engage in violent turf wars. Before long, other booksellers start to disappear, their bodies found floating in the Seine. Marston is convinced the hostilities have something to do with the murders of these bouquinistes. First in a series.

**Cay Rademacher – [Murderous Mistral](#) (RAD 2017)**

Capitaine Roger Blanc, an investigator with the anti-corruption-unit of the French Gendarmerie, was a bit too succesful in his investigations. He finds himself removed from Paris to the south of France, far away from political power. While trying to settle into his new life in Provence in a 200-year-old, half-ruined house, Blanc is tasked with his first murder case: A man with no friends and a lot of enemies, an outsider, was found shot and burned. When a second man dies under suspicious circumstances, the Capitaine has to dig deep into the hidden, dark undersides of the Provence he never expected to see.

**Susan C. Shea – [Love & Death in Burgundy](#) (SHE 2017)**

After three years of living in the small town of Reigny-sur-Canne, all Katherine Goff really wants is to be accepted by her neighbors. But as an American expat living in the proud region of Burgundy, that's no easy task. When the elderly Frenchman who lives in the village chateau is found dead at the bottom of a staircase, the town is turned into a hot bed of gossip and suspicion, and Katherine suddenly finds herself drawn deeper and deeper into the small town's secrets. First in a series.

**Martin Walker – [Bruno, Chief of Police](#) (WAL 2010)**

Meet Bruno, a policeman in a small village in the South of France. He's a former soldier who has embraced the pleasures and slow rhythms of country life. He has a gun but never wears it; he has the power to arrest but never uses it. But then the murder of an elderly North African changes all that. Now Bruno must balance his beloved routines--living in his restored shepherd's cottage, shopping at the local market, strolling the countryside--with a politically delicate investigation. First in a series.