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The Tourist Mystery

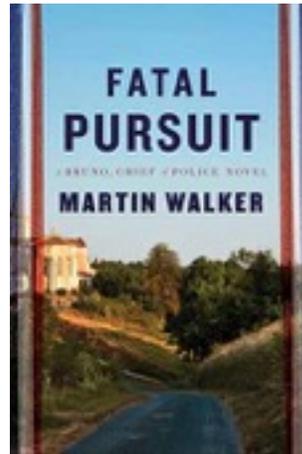
One of the fashions of mystery-crime novels nowadays is so common it's almost a recipe. Start with an exotic setting, someplace your readers would love to vacation. Drop in your police official, but of course, he's a native of this wonderful, different place. Mix in the quirky cultural customs of the locale with a very hefty dash of culinary description and you've made a very appetizing dish of the common who-dun-it a la Donna Leon's Venetian Brunetti series, or Louise Penny's tales of Gamache in the Quebec countryside or Martin Walker's Dordogne detective Bruno.

Featured this Month

Fatal Pursuit by Martin Walker

This novel, the ninth of a series about Benoît "Bruno" Courrèges, the Chief of Police of the small town of St Denis in the French countryside, begins with a quick immersion into "vive la différence" as Bruno is called upon not only to manage a tourist promotion in St Denis—an antique car exhibition—but also to participate as a navigator in a road rally as a favor to his friend Annette, a magistrate with a new boyfriend, an young Englishman in search of a fabulous "lost" Bugatti 57C (worth millions) that disappeared in the area during WWII from the custody of two notorious Resistance fighters.

The fete brings in a number of strangers to town including feuding members of a long established farming family who are arguing over disposition of an inherited property. On one side of the dispute is the wealthy scion of the Alsatian branch of the family, a car enthusiast who is also interested in the vanished Bugatti, and on the other, a beautiful business woman, daughter of the local farmers, who might just be tempted to take a larger interest in St Denis, especially the Chief of Police.



More in Bruno's own line of work, however, is the death of an elderly researcher which at first looks like a heart attack, but then shows hints of foul play. And of a more prosaic nature, the teenage son of a down-on-their-luck local couple has been bullied at school and been caught shoplifting from the supermarket owned by the father of his chief tormentor. But when a second seemingly "accidental" death occurs, and involves an old flame of Bruno's working for an international police project all of the plot threads begin to weave together tapestry connecting it all.

However, the press of police business is never so great that Bruno is unable to enjoy life—horseback riding through the countryside, hunting with his dog Balzac, dinner parties among the many friends of his close knit village community. Because this is the latest of nine novels, it takes a little attention to infer all the relationships between the characters, and sometimes the mystery narrative slows down a bit, but a glass of Sémillon and dish of foie gras with a fresh baguette are always welcome respite from the sleuthing.

Review by Mary Anne Ciancia

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New at the Library

Non Fiction

A Wolf at the Table by Augusten Burroughs
Works of Henry David Thoreau
Rattlesnakes by J. Frank Dobie
Beyond the Hundredth Meridian: *John Wesley Powell and the Second Opening of the West* by Wallace Stegner
The People, Yes by Carl Sandburg
Handbook of Rare and Endemic Plants of New Mexico by NM Plant Protection
The Old Ones of New Mexico by Robert Coles
Heirloom Vegetable Gardening by Wm Weaver
The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Flowering Plants by Bohdan Krisa

Films on DVD

Head in the Clouds ... In the Cut
Jurassic Park III...The Skeleton Key
Traitor...U-571...About Schmidt
Ali ... Barbershop... Life of Pi
Imagine Me & You Last Chance Harvey
Men in Black II ... Road to Perdition
Swimming Pool ... Thirteen Days
An Unfinished Life ... Intolerable Cruelty
The Badge ... Monsieur Ibrahim
Mrs. Harris ... Matchstick Men ... Taxi
Hope Floats ... The Life of David Gale
Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo
Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada

Mystery

The Babe in the Woods by Ruth Rendell
The Resistance Man by Martin Walker
Covenant Hall by Kathryn Wall
Hell Is Empty by Craig Johnson

Fiction

Yo! Eddie! by Alyce Shirleydaughter
Lord of Misrule by Jaimy Gordon
The Year of Runaways by Sunjeen Sahota
The Prime Minister by Anthony Trollope

Science Fiction

Tales of My Ancestors by Bruce Golden

Notes from the Library Board

The big event of the season is coming soon!

Christmas in the Foothills

Saturday, December 3
from 10:00am till 4:00pm
at the Hillsboro Community Center

The Library will have its Bake Sale table stocked with holiday goodies and all your usual favorites. Be sure to stop by and support your Library!

Going shopping? If you'll be filling a grocery cart at Bullocks in T or C sometime in the near future, please save your receipt for the Library. Bullock's Cash for Clubs program will rebate 2% of your total to the Library for the purchase of new books. Turn in your receipts at the Library desk or at the Bake Sale table.

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<http://www.hillsborocommunitylibrary.com>

Library Hours:

Sunday & Monday: closed
Tues. 3:30 - 5:30pm Wed. 1:00 - 4:00pm
Thurs: 3:30 - 5:30pm Fri: 10:00am - 1:00pm
Saturday 10:00am-2:00pm

Bookmobile Schedule

Wednesday, December 14
Hillsboro: 1:00 - 2:00 pm Kingston: 2:30-3:30 pm

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