Death at La Fenice—Donna Leon
Vice-commissario Guido Brunetti investigates the poisoning of the world-renowned conductor Maestro Helmut Wellauner that occurred during an intermission at La Fenice in Venice.

Bruno, Chief of Police—Martin Walker
Bruno, Chief of Police is the first installment of a series starring Benoit "Bruno" Courreges, the only cop stationed in a rural French village where tradition remains strong.

The Crossing Places—Elly Griffiths
An atmospheric adventure with beloved forensic archaeologist and "captivating amateur sleuth" Ruth Galloway, as she teams up with Detective Chief Inspector Harry Nelson to investigate a set of remains, thought to be the bones of a little girl who went missing ten years before.

In the Woods—Tana French
Dublin detective Bob Ryan has never been able to recall what happened when as a child in 1984 he and two friends went into the woods and only he returned, but he sees a chance to solve the mystery of the past through his investigation of the murder of a twelve-year-old girl whose body has been found in the same woods.

Faceless Killers— Henning Mankell
Winner of the Sweden’s Best Mystery Award and the first installment in the series that inspired the PBS program Wallander starring Kenneth Branagh, Faceless Killers is a razor-sharp, stylishly dark police procedural with searing social commentary.

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo—Stieg Larsson
Hacker Lisbeth Salander assists Mikael Blomkvist, a crusading journalist, with the investigation of Harriet Vanger's disappearance decades earlier, and the two uncover a dark world of secrets about a wealthy Swedish family as well as a surprising connection between themselves.

Fire and Ice—Dana Stabenow
Alaska State Trooper Liam Campbell, demoted and reassigned to the remote bush town of Newenham, literally steps off the plane into a murder scene. Dealing with death is never simple, but when the woman leaning over the body proves to be Liam's old flame, it's evident that his new job is about to become much more complicated.

Iron Lake—William Kent Krueger
Cork O'Conner is the former sheriff of Aurora, Minnesota, but when the town's judge turns up dead, Cork finds himself more willing to investigate the strange events that are happening than the police are, and when he discovers some shocking town secrets, he begins to understand why.

Killing Trail—Margaret Mizushima
When a young girl is found dead in the mountains outside Timber Creek, life-long resident Officer Mattie Cobb and her partner, K-9 police dog Robo, are assigned to the case that has rocked the small Colorado town.
More Authors Who Write Mysteries in Interesting Settings

- Nevada Barr (National Parks)
- CJ Box (American West)
- Linda Castillo (Amish Country)
- Colin Dexter (Oxford, England—see also related DVDs—Inspector Morse, Endeavour, and Inspector Lewis)
- Paul Doiron (Maine)
- Mario Giordano (Italy)
- Tony and Anne Hillerman (American Southwest—see related DVDs—Skinwalkers and Coyote Waits)
- Craig Johnson (American West)
- Val McDermid (Scotland)
- Jo Nesbo (Norway)