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# CEZANNE'S QUARRY

A NOVEL

**Barbara Corrado Pope**

**A young woman is found murdered...and the clues to her death point to her spurned lover, Paul Cezanne**

(Pegasus Books, June 11, 2008) — In this richly atmospheric novel, a mysterious young woman named Solange Vernet arrives in Aix-en-Provence with her lover, a Darwinian scholar named Charles Westerbury, and a year later is found strangled in a quarry outside the city. The young and inexperienced magistrate, Bernard Martin, finds his investigation caught in the crossfires of a raging cultural debate.

Initially assuming that Solange's murder was a simple *crime de passion* by either a jealous Cezanne or a betrayed Westerbury, Bernard soon finds himself on a mission to unravel the secrets of Solange and Cezanne's hidden past—the key to which may be a series of his paintings which depict the strangulation and violation of a woman with golden-red hair.

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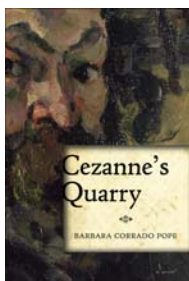
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