The Marlow Murder Club

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If you like British cozy mysteries, you might like The Marlow Murder Club. Judith Potts, a crossword compiler for national newspapers lives along the Thames River in the village of Marlow. She likes to swim nude in the Thames and on a summer evening while swimming in the river she hears a gunshot across the river at her neighbor Stefan Dunwoody’s home. She calls out but receives no answer. When she returns home she calls the police to report hearing a gunshot at her neighbor’s. The police arrive and look around but find no one at home or signs of a crime.

Judith calls the police and they tell her that there was no sign of a crime. Judith takes matters into her own hands and punts across the river to Stefan’s to investigate on her own. She indeed finds Stefan’s body with a gunshot wound to the head in the water below his garden. The police are called in again and a real investigation starts.

Another murder is committed a few days later. The victim is Iqbal Kassam and he was found dead in his bed with a gunshot wound to the head very much like Stefan. This time Suzie Harris, a dog walker is questioned as she walks Iqbal’s dog, Emma. Needless to say Judith and Suzie hookup along with Becks Starling the Vicar’s wife. They start asking questions of certain potential suspects which puts them in hot water with Detective Sergeant Tanika Malik who is investigating the murders.

After some rather risky and hilarious escapades by the ladies to find evidence connecting the murders a third murder is committed and without any real leads Tanika brings the three friends in to help as civilians.

It is a clever story that keeps you guessing and has a really good twist at the end.

This book is the first in the Marlow Murder Club series. The other books are Death comes to Marlow & Queen of Poisons which the Ansted Library has. There is also a PBS Mystery movie of the first book that Ansted also has.