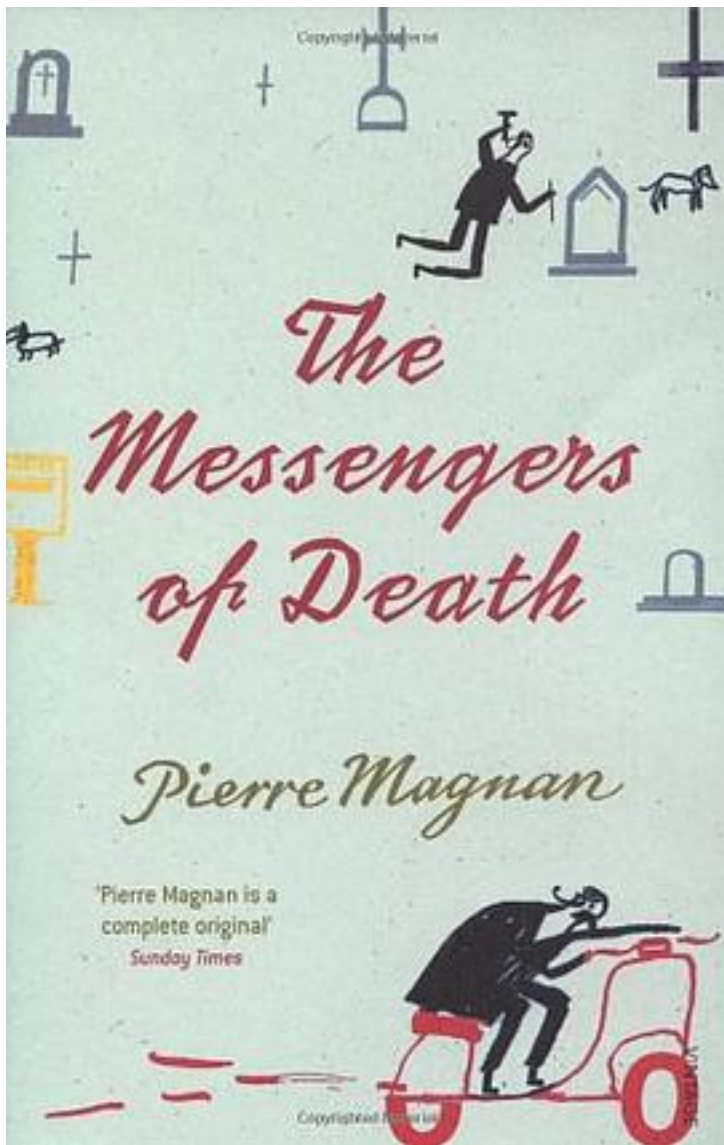


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"Stylish . . . Magnan blends elegant clue laying and deft characterizations that strike to the core of human frailties, all within a detective tale with a theme as old as Cain and Abel, as new as tomorrow's headlines and as eternal as the Greek myths that inspire Magnan's fiction."---"Publishers Weekly "(starred review), Best Mysteries of 2008 Last year "Death in the Truffle Wood" introduced renowned French crime writer Pierre Magnan to rave American reviews. Now the celebrated Commissaire Laviolette is back in a second delectable mystery set in Provence. Emile Pencenat is in a cemetery, designing his own ornate tomb. In a disused postbox by the gate he discovers an envelope addressed to a Mlle Veronique Champourcieux. He is puzzled, but being a former postman, he dutifully purchases a stamp and posts the letter. When the body of this same Mlle Veronique is later discovered---pinned to her own piano by a bayonet attached to an ancient ri?e---Commissaire Laviolette is coaxed out of retirement to solve one of the most bizarre crimes imaginable. Tautly plotted and brimming with suspense, "The Messengers of Death" is a story of dark vengeance and avarice that will thrill and intrigue Magnan's ever-growing audience in the English-speaking world.

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