

A novel situated in Andorra is the finalist of the Proverse Prize.

The mystery novel *Death Has A Thousand Doors* by Patricia Grey was selected as a finalist of the Proverse Prize 2010 – a literary competition out of Hong Kong, that gives awards to unpublished works throughout the world. The singularity of the story, written in English, is that the action occurs in Andorra.

The literary prize is the fruit of an initiative of two writers and university professors, Gillian and Verner Bickley, residents of Hong Kong who spend several months each year in Ordino. There they announce the semi-finalists of the prize and, later, in Hong Kong they announce the finalists and then the winning work.

Grey, an Australian living in Andorra since 1996, portrays her impressions in this, her first novel. In the plot, set in the final years of the 1990s, an Australian comes to the Principality to see her sister – but she has disappeared. The protagonist falls in love with an Andorran police officer and in the story there is a melange of smuggling, contraband, suspicious politicians... Grey explains that her inspiration was the case of a Frenchwoman who disappeared from her hotel in Ordino.

The writer, Albert Villaró, expert in setting mystery novels in Andorra, has said that Grey's work "offers a new perspective of our little world. So Closed. So complex. So unknown."

The novelist will present her novel this afternoon at 6pm, at 5 Sentits, Ordino.