About Pat Brown

Pat Brown became a member of London Writers Society not long after its inception in 2007. As a longtime member of London Writers Society, she held various roles over the years, including President (2011 & 2012), Vice President, Secretary, and Membership Coordinator. As well, she ran LWS critique and taught writing to local seniors.

Born in St. Boniface, Manitoba, Pat Brown grew up in London, Ontario, and began writing at six years of age. In 1978, she moved to Los Angeles, living eight years in the crime-ridden section of Hollywood that LAPD referred to as “a war zone” due to stabbings and assaults every weekend.

Pat’s first novel, *L.A. Heat* (originally *Babylon Boneyard*) published in 2004, was the first in the *David Eric Laine and Chris Bellamere Mysteries*, a series of gritty, police-procedural crime novels that grew out of Pat’s experiences in LA.

Over the years, Pat has worked a variety of jobs—housekeeper, horse groom, retail aquarium store manager, hospital porter, census taker, movie extra, and Novell Network Engineer in Bermuda—and she explores those worlds in her stories, crossing genres from science fiction to paranormal romance and contemporary novels, as well as historical fiction under the pen name GK Parker. A prolific writer, at last count Pat has seventeen published novels. She won the 2022 Forest City Film Festival screenplay competition for her feature “Chameleon.”

In honour of her many years of contribution to the London Writers Society, the *Pat Brown Award* for Crime/Mystery is created in 2026.