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Louise Penny's August Newsletter

*"Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and rightdoing there is a field.
I'll meet you there."*

- Rumi



August launch - The Long Way Home

This is it - the month when THE LONG WAY HOME comes out - finally. Seems we've been waiting forever, you and I. Hard to believe it's really here. On **August 26th**, the latest Armand Gamache book will be launched.

There are all sorts of exciting events surround it. First off, there's the pre-launch, launch - in Knowlton, Quebec. This is our annual event put on by Danny and Lucy of [Brome Lake Books](#). It will be held at the Centre Lac Brome in the village of Knowlton, on Saturday, August 23 at 2pm. It's a free event but you'll need to reserve to get in since it gets sort of crowded. Just call the bookstore at: 45-242-2242.

Vive Gamache at Hovey Manor

To coincide with the launch, the wonderful Hovey Manor on Lake Massawippi (about 30 minutes from Knowlton) is starting a Vive Gamache package, especially for readers of the Gamache books!

As you might know, Hovey Manor is the inspiration for the Manoir Bellechasse in book 4 of the series - THE MURDER STONE/A RULE AGAINST MURDER.

Jason Stafford, the general manager, has set up a special link, just for readers of this newsletter. The offer will be available to you before anyone else. Between now and August 23rd only readers of this newsletter will be able to use the link to make reservations. But it's only good for stays from August 23rd onward.

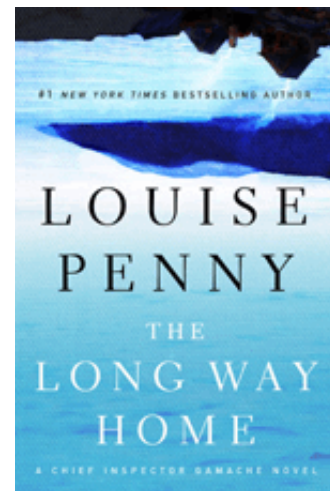
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Now, as part of the package, they'll be putting together a Gamache Quiz. Guests who get all the questions right will have their names put in for a draw for a special prize.

But - we need your help. I told them we'd provide the trivial questions and I thought I'd ask your help. Can you think of a trivial question from one of the books? Something like: What was Rosa the duck's sister's name? Oh, that's a good one. I'll send it along to Jason.

If you could send a question (not the duck one, that's mine) along with the book it's from and the chapter within that book, that would be wonderful! As thanks, we'll put your name into a draw and three

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people will win a signed copy of THE MURDER STONE/A RULE AGAINST MURDER.

Send your questions to: contact@louisepenny.com Please remember to include your full postal address in the email.

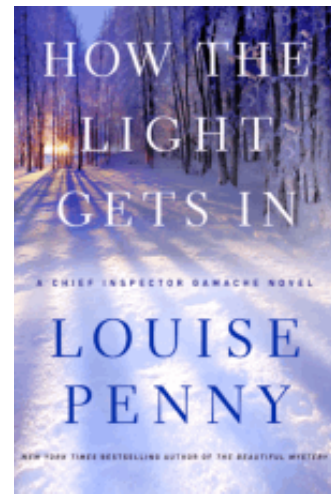
Can hardly wait to see what you come up with - and whether I can answer them.

The Long Way Home - book tour dates

Now, back to the upcoming tour for THE LONG WAY HOME.

Here are the dates and places:

Monday, August 25	Toronto, ON 7pm - Toronto Reference Library with former CBC radio host Mary Lou Finlay -Bram & Bluma Appel Salon, 789 Yonge Street click here to order fee tickets via the Toronto Library website.
Tuesday, August 26	NEW YORK, NY 7pm - Barnes & Noble, 2289 Broadway @ 82nd Street
Wednesday, August 27	Ferrington Village, NC 6:30pm - McIntyre's, The Barn at 2000 Ferrington Village Center ticketed event
Thursday, August 28	ANN ARBOR, MI 7pm - Aunt Agatha's Bookstore / Towsley Auditorium at Washtenaw Community, 4800 Huron River Drive
Friday, August 29	OMAHA, NE 6pm - The Bookworm at Omaha, 8702 Pacific Street
Saturday, August 30	MINNEAPOLIS, MN 2pm - put on by Common Good Books / Prior Lake Library, 16210 Eagle Creek Avenue SE
Sunday, August 31	SEATTLE, WA 1pm - Third Place Books, 17171 NE Bothwell Way
Monday, Sept1	PHOENIX, AZ 5pm - The Poisoned Pen Bookstore, 4014 N. Goldwater, #101 / Scottsdale
Tuesday, Sept 2	HOUSTON, TX 6:30 - Murder By The Book, 2342 Bissonnet St.
Wednesday, Sept 3	Vancouver, BC 7:30 - Andrew's-Wesley United Church - put on by the Vancouver International Literary Festival - Burrard at Nelson Street - ticketed event See website for details



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Here's the order of the **Chief Inspector Gamache books**, from the first to the most recent:

STILL LIFE

A FATAL GRACE / DEAD COLD

THE CRUELEST MONTH

A RULE AGAINST MURDER / THE MURDER STONE

THE BRUTAL TELLING

BURY YOUR DEAD

A TRICK OF THE LIGHT

THE BEAUTIFUL MYSTERY

HOW THE LIGHT GETS IN

THE LONG WAY HOME

It would be wonderful to see you at one of these events. If you can't make it but would like a book signed, just get in touch with one of these stores. I'd be happy to sign it and they can mail it to you.

Wish I could get to more places - but over the past ten years I've managed to hit just about all the provinces, and many states. And each year we add new stops.

The Long Way Home - news and reviews

THE LONG WAY HOME has received wonderful early reviews and attention. For instance, the **Kirkus Review** had this to say:

The emotional depth accessed here is both a wonder and a joy to uncover... Gamache's 10th outing culminates in one breathless encounter, and readers may feel they weren't prepared for this story to end.

As well, the book has been chosen as an **IndieNext Pick by the Independent Booksellers Association**.

Barnes and Noble has chosen to highlight it as a top book for the season.

Amazon in the US has named THE LONG WAY HOME one of the Best Book of the Month, for August.

The audio, featuring Ralph Cosham, is an **Editor's Pick in AudioFile Magazine**

If you'd like to read the entire first chapter of THE LONG WAY HOME, [just click here](#).

I can hardly wait for you to read THE LONG WAY HOME. You can pre-order it now from your local bookstore or [online](#).

A special edition of THE LONG WAY HOME has been produced in the UK by Scorpion Press. It's a very limited (only 55), signed leather-bound edition of the book. If you're interested, [here's the link](#).

Photo competition results

In the last newsletter we asked for more photos of you reading the Gamache books - thank you for all your great pictures. We put your names into a pot and My Assistant Lise drew two winners to receive a signed advance copy of THE LONG WAY HOME.

They are:



Dorothy Young



Bill Tully

And we added your photos to the video that Linda Lyall put together. Here it is:

[Click here to see the July entries via YouTube](#)

How The Light Gets In - Paperback launch

Michael and I have only just now finished a mini-tour of three stops in New England, to celebrate the paperback launch of HOW THE LIGHT GETS IN. It was wonderful to be on the road with Michael - and the booksellers and venues and readers were absolutely amazing, as you can see by the pictures.



Thank you all!

Trudy

Some sad news this past month. We had to say goodbye to Trudy. Her cancer finally caught up with her, though she fought it to the end, brave girl. I suspect you know how horrific it was, to look into her eyes and make that decision. But it was right, and it was time. And finally, in the end, it was peaceful. For her.

We, on the other hand, were a mess. The vet ran out of Kleenex.

It will get better. The home will feel less hollow. And Trudy, like Bonnie and Maggie and Seamus before her, will live forever in our hearts.

Thank you for all your kind wishes, and for holding our hands. We could feel your presence.

It is also a great comfort to have the new book to look forward to! I so hope you enjoy it, and can hardly wait to hear your reactions to THE LONG WAY HOME.

One little suggestion for readers in the US and Canada...when you pick up the book, smooth your hand over the cover. Gives me goosebumps!

Hope to see you on the road, and thank you so much for spreading the word about THE LONG WAY HOME. It makes such a difference.

Vive Gamache!

With thanks,

Louise

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