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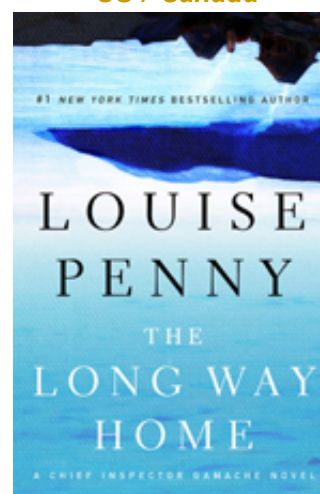
Louise Penny's July Newsletter

"To be interested in the changing seasons is a happier state of mind than to be hopelessly in love with spring."

- **George Santayana**



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Thank you

Happy Summer! Hope you're enjoying it, and can take some time off. We're at Manoir Hovey today - to celebrate our 18th wedding anniversary, and my 56th birthday. Michael and I were married in the village of North Hatley, Quebec, and had our reception in the rose garden of Hovey. This place holds so many memories, and it holds them in steady hands.

Michael and I are both so deeply and genuinely grateful for your messages after the announcement of his dementia, in the June newsletter. So many prayers, which we value and believe in. So much kindness, which heals not just us, but the world. And so much pain, as you tell us about your own experiences with dementia, and Alzheimers and cancer and strokes and other illnesses.

Change. How life changes. But, as you said, and your actions reinforced, kindness and love do not change. They're the constant we hold onto in the storm.

Thank you for your words, for your embraces, for sharing your own story. For reaching out.

Michael read all your messages, as did I. Lots of tears. Of sadness and relief - because you have made it clear, we're not alone.

The Long Way Home - Book tour

THE LONG WAY HOME is coming out August 26th - and I'm so excited I'm giddy.

We now know the tour schedule. Here is it, starting with a pre-launch event organized by Brome Lake Books

Saturday, August 23rd 2pm - Knowlton Community Centre, 270 Victoria, Knowlton (Lac Brome) Phone [Brome Lake Books](#) for reserved seating: 450-242-2242

Monday, August 25 Toronto, ON
7pm - Toronto Reference Library -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

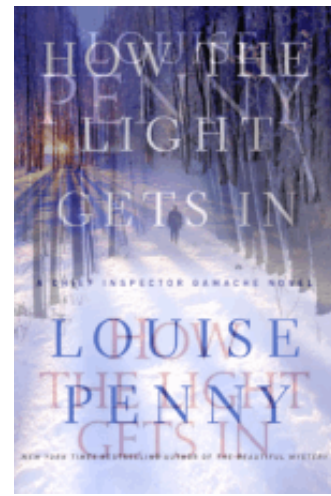
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Wednesday, August 27	PITTSBORO, NC 6:30pm - McIntyre's, The Barn at 2000 Fearington Village Center ticketed event
Thursday, August 28	ANN ARBOR, MI 7pm - Aunt Agatha's / Towsley Auditorium at Washtenaw Community, 4800 Huron River Drive
Friday, August 29	OMAHA, NE 6pm - The Bookworm at Omaha, 8702 Pacific Street
Saturday, August 30	MINNEAPOLIS, MN 2pm - 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, Sept 1	PHOENIX, AZ 5pm - Poisoned Pen, 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, Burrard at Nelson Street See website for details

~~I'd love to see you at one of the stops!~~

Read the first Chapter - The Long Way Home

As a taste, and tease, for THE LONG WAY HOME we're showing you the first chapter, a bit at a time. The Gypsy Rose Lee school of writing. So far, two thirds has been revealed, with the final excerpt going up on [Facebook](#) tomorrow (Wednesday). To read what is already there, [here's the link](#). Hope you like it. If not, lie.



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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

Reviews

And the pre-publication reviews are coming in:

★ Booklist (starred review)

As always, Penny dexterously combines suspense with psychological drama, overlaying the whole with an

all-powerful sense of landscape as a conduit to meaning.... Another gem from the endlessly astonishing Penny....

Penny appears to have reserved a lifetime seat atop best-seller lists everywhere, and, with the appearance of her latest, she will take her place once again.

Publishers Weekly

Perceptive... perfectly paced...The prose is remarkably fresh, filled with illuminating and delightful turns of phrase.

★ **Library Journal (starred review)**

Penny wraps her mystery around the history and personality of the people involved. By this point in the series, each inhabitant of Three Pines is a distinct individual, and the humor that lights the dark places of the investigation is firmly rooted in their long friendships, or, in some cases, frenemyships. The heartbreaking conclusion will leave series readers blinking back tears.

Advance Reader Copies - competition

We're giving out Advance Readers Copies (ARCs) of THE LONG WAY HOME. We've asked you to send photos of you (or your surrogates) reading the Gamache books, a couple of them are featured at the top of this newsletter. If you [click here you'll see a show of all the June entries via YouTube](#). Loved them!

My Assistant Lise and I chose two winners completely at random - far, far too difficult to choose any favorites, they're all wonderful! Here are the June winners:



Jean Crutchfield



Sharyn Carpenter

Congratulations! And thanks to Linda Lyall, my web and newsletter designer, for creating that marvelous video.

If you'd like to enter the July ARC contest, and join the show, just send the email and photo to: contact@louisepenny.com

Please write: THE LONG WAY HOME in the subject line, and include your complete postal address in the email. And don't forget the picture. If you've already sent a photo, we'll be keeping it for the next draw. No need to re-enter.

I do ask that, if you win, you read THE LONG WAY HOME as quickly as possible, and then jump on social media, or the phone, or the email or the bus, and tell the world. Cannot stress how powerful your word-of-mouth is in keeping Gamache et al alive.

How The Light Gets In nominated for a Macavity

There's also news about HOW THE LIGHT GETS IN. Mystery Readers International has nominated it for a coveted Macavity Award - to be handed out at Bouchercon in October!

Paperback tour - How The Light Gets In

And, the paperback of HOW THE LIGHT GETS IN will be coming out later this month. Michael and I are going on a mini-tour, and so looking forward to seeing you, if possible, at one of the stops. Here's the schedule:

Tuesday,	MANCHESTER CENTER, VT
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July 29	6pm - Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main Street ticketed event - Ticket includes a copy of the paperback - see website for details
Wednesday, July 30	NORWICH, VT 7pm - Norwich Bookstore, 291 Main Street ticketed event - Ticket includes 30% off the paperback or a pre-order of new hardcover, The Long Way Home - see website for details
Thursday, July 31	PORTLAND, ME 7pm - Longfellow Books / First Parish Church, 425 Congress Street ticketed event - Ticket includes 20% off paperback or pre-order of new hardcover, The Long Way Home - see website for details
<i>All will be ticketed events.</i>	

Gamache Inspired Tours

I also wanted to remind those of you planning to visit Quebec City this summer that there's a wonderful walking tour, following in the footsteps of Gamache as he investigated events in Bury Your Dead. We worked with the organizers of the tour to make sure it would be accurate, and worth your time. [Here's the link.](#)

As well, one of the local businesses in Knowlton has put together a Vive Gamache tour of the area. It's a fun tour, and they've made a game of it. [Here's that link.](#)

I also want to remind you, if you're in the area, to drop by Danny and Lucy's [Brome Lake Books](#) - a fabulous store with owners who happen to be good friends of ours.

Bishop's University Law degree



June was a fun month, with the highlight being the convocation at Bishop's University in Lennoxville, where I was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Law degree. It was a deeply moving ceremony, seeing all those young men and women, and their proud parents. They asked me to give a short address - [here's the YouTube video of it.](#)

Well, I've taken up enough of your time. I wish you a wonderful, peaceful, fun and healthy July. I'll write again at the beginning of August.

Michael says hi and sends embraces. You've put such a smile on his dear face.

Yours always,

Louise

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