

LOUISE PENNY, M.C.

Louise Penny is the author of ten mystery novels centred on the work of the (fictional) Chief Inspector of the *Sûreté du Québec* Armand Gamache.

In Ms Penny's words, her novels deal with murder and terror, but also with goodness, kindness, and enduring love. They are set in the province of Quebec, often in the Eastern Townships, and, among other things, present a portrait of relations between French- and English-speaking Quebeckers.

Louise Penny earned a Bachelor of Applied Arts (Radio and Television) from Ryerson Polytechnic Institute, now Ryerson University, in 1979. After graduation, she embarked on an 18-year career as a radio host and journalist with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. Her first job in broadcasting was in Toronto, and she subsequently worked in Thunder Bay and Winnipeg. She then came to Quebec, first as host of CBC's morning show in Quebec City, then moving to Montreal to host the noon-hour program.

Ms Penny's novels have been published in 25 languages. They have earned her awards in the United Kingdom and the United States as well as Canada, including the Agatha Award for Best Mystery Novel (five times), and the Anthony Award for Best Crime Novel (three times). The three novels published from 2011 to 2013 - *How the Light Gets In* (2013), *The Beautiful Mystery* (2012) and *A Trick of the Light* (2011) - were New York Times bestsellers, and topped bestseller lists around the world.

Louise Penny was made a Member of the Order of Canada in November of 2013, for her contributions to Canadian culture.