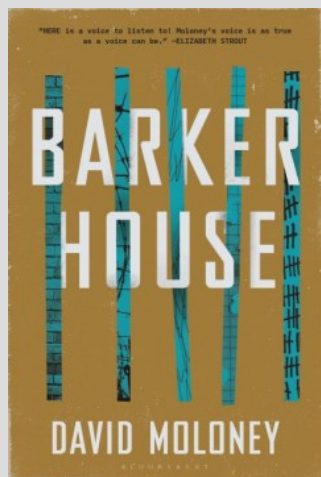


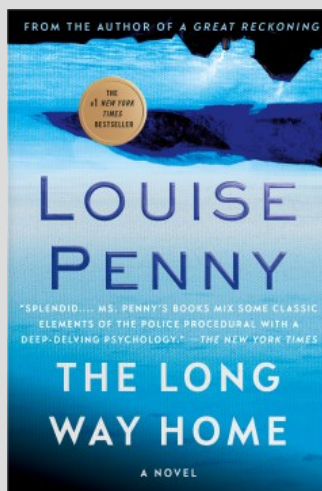


Ellen's PICKS

For books read in January 2025

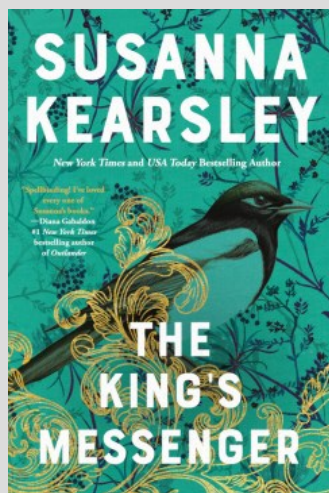


This book came from our Library's "Lonely Books" shelf - because it had never been checked out. Written by a former Correctional Officer and includes 9 stories of COs who work in the same facility. There are parts of it that are dark in content, but it feels like an honest portrait.

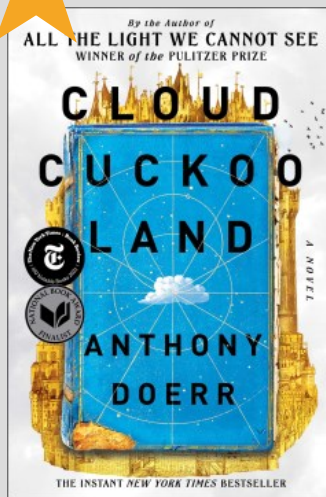


#10 in Penny's Gamache series. I love these cozy mysteries. Back in Three Pines, Insp. Gamache has retired, but Clara enlists his help to find her missing ex-husband (who I think should stay missing!) This was a very art-heavy, which may not be everyone's cup of tea, but I really enjoyed it. The ending had me gasping. Did NOT expect it!

COMING in March 2025



Historical Fiction of 17th century England and Scotland. I have seen Kearsley compared to Diana Gabaldon or Philippa Gregory and I agree. King James sends Logan to Scotland to find and retrieve Sir David Moray who had been an attendant to the King's young son, who died mysteriously at 16. The King seems to think Moray is responsible. There is a love story and little magic thrown in as well.



First 5 star of 2025 and a real contender for best of the year. We have 5 characters in different times (past, present and future) who are all broken, but who manage to show great courage. Running through all their stories is a book. Libraries are featured, so how is it not a hit?! Loved this so very much!



= my favorite choice

