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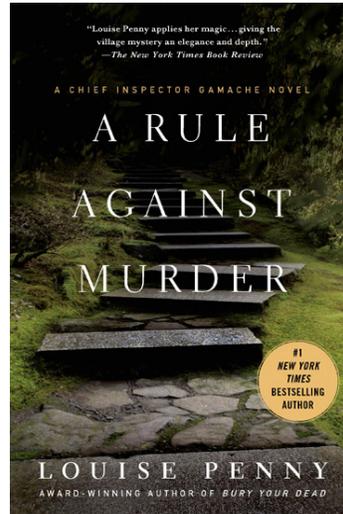
Mysteries and detective stories are certainly among the most popular of fiction genres, generally and in the Library's collection, as well. But it's not just the lure of the puzzle that may account for the popularity of a particular series, but an exotic setting like the Venice of Donna Leon's Inspector Brunetti, the Louisiana bayous of James Lee Burke's Dave Robicheaux or the French-Canadian haunts of Louise Penny's Inspector Gamache. The Library has several books in the Gamache series.

Featured This Month

A Rule Against Murder by Louise Penny

In this fourth installment of the series, Inspector Armand Gamache and his lovely wife Reine-Marie have returned once again for their anniversary to the luxurious hotel Manoir Bellechasse in the Quebec countryside where they celebrated their honeymoon years ago. Unfortunately, the isolated grand auberge has also been chosen for the same time period by the wealthy, obnoxious Morrow family, who have been gathered by the widowed and remarried matriarch, Irene Finney, to dedicate a memorial to the father of their four quarrelsome offspring. The older son Thomas and his gluttonous wife, Sandra seem to delight in tormenting the next oldest child Julia, who has divorced her disgraced-financier husband when they are not trading insults with the other sister, Marianna, who is accompanied by her strange, reticent and intentionally androgynous child, Bean. It is a surprise to the Gamaches, after being snubbed by these eccentric fellow guests to discover that the last arriving family members are friends of theirs, Peter and Clare Morrow from the neighboring village of Three Pines.

The staff of the Manoir including long-time matre d' Pierre, chef extraordinaire Veronique, shy gardener Colleen, and the rebellious waiter Elliott, all show a professional face to the guests but have their own internecine problems. A kind of upstairs-downstairs



dynamic develops as a violent summer storm -- literally and figuratively --approaches.

In due time the Morrows' monument to the paterfamilias is unveiled: a life-size marble statue of the man meant to stand in perpetuity in the Manoir's garden. But within a single evening the stone comes crashing down --right on top of one of the siblings. The investigation ensues. No one will be leaving this reunion until the Inspector has solved the mystery of this most unlikely death --and uncovered a few more secrets besides.

Woven through the narrative are wonderful descriptions of the Canadian countryside and the business of running an upscale auberge, not to mention the panoply of French cuisine on the menu at the grand hotel from the hors d'oeuvres to the after dinner cordials on the hotel patio. Such are the delights of mysteries set in foreign locales.

Review by Mary Anne Ciancia

Notes from the Library Board

Don't forget to visit the Library Bake Sale while you are attending the **Hillsboro Community Street Sale on Saturday, March 7**. The street sale is from 9:00am to 4:00 pm; the Bake Sale from 10:00am to 1:00pm (or whenever the goodies sell out! Make sure you get yours!)

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New at the Library

Fiction

Portrait of a Spy by Daniel Silva
Red Cell by Mark Henshaw
Lady of the Rivers by Philippa Gregory
The Typist by Michael Knight
Benediction by Kent Haruf
The Little Friend by Donna Tartt

Mystery

Act of War by Brad Thor
Edge of Dark Water by Joe R. Lansdale
Night Moves by Randy Wayne White
Criminal by Karin Slaughter
Death on Blackheath by Anne Perry
I've Got You Under My Skin by Mary Higgins Clark
Sycamore Row by John Grisham
Robert B. Parker's Wonderland by Ace Atkins
The Gods of Guilt by Michael Connelly
Second Watch by J. A. Jance
Resistant by Michael Palmer
The Quiet Girl by Peter Hoeg
On the Rocks by Sue Hallgarth
The Northern Clemency by Philip Hensher
Cleopatra's Daughter by Michelle Moran

Classics

God's Little Acre by Erskin Caldwell
Nana by Emile Zola

Nonfiction

Reverse Arthritis and Pain Naturally by Gary Null
Mind of the Raven by Bernd Heinrich
Living with a Wild God by Barbara Ehrenreich
Bohemians, Bootleggers, Flappers & Swells- the best of early Vanity Fair
Frozen in Time: An Epic Story of Survival and a Modern Quest for Lost Heroes of World War II by Mitchell Zuckoff

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Sunday & Monday: closed
Tues. 3:30 - 5:30pm Wed. 1:00 - 4:00pm
Thurs: 3:30 - 5:30pm Fri: 10:00am - 1:00pm
Saturday 10:00am-2:00pm

Bookmobile Schedule

Wednesday, March 18

Hillsboro: 1:00 - 2:00 pm Kingston: 2:30-3:30 pm

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