

Louise Penny

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The night is a strawberry.

~Louise Penny

Myrna could spend happy hours browsing bookcases. She felt if she could just get a good look at a person's bookcase and their grocery cart, she'd pretty much know who they were.

~Louise Penny

The four sayings that lead to wisdom: I was wrong I'm sorry I don't know I need help

~Louise Penny

Life is change. If you aren't growing and evolving, you're standing still, and the rest of the world is surging ahead.

~Louise Penny

Fear lives in the head. And courage lives in the heart. The job is to get from one to the other.

~Louise Penny

No good ever comes from putting up walls. What people mistake for safety is in fact captivity. And few things thrive in captivity.

~Louise Penny

But you want murderous feelings? Hang around librarians," confided Gamache. "All that silence. Gives them ideas.

~Louise Penny

Better to accept the wretched truth than struggle, twisting to make a wish a reality.

~Louise Penny

When someone stabs you it's not your fault that you feel pain.

~Louise Penny

Where there is love there is courage, where there is courage there is peace, where there is peace there is God. And when you have God, you have everything.

~Louise Penny

It's a shame that creativity and sloth look exactly the same.

~Louise Penny

A journalist also needs to be disciplined, and so do I. I am, essentially, lazy. Without discipline I'd be just a mass of gummy bears on the sofa instead of on book tour with my eighth novel.

~Louise Penny

Foolish people are never harmless. Stupidity accounts for as many crimes as anger and greed.

~Louise Penny

Don't mistake dramatics for a conscience.

~Louise Penny

What are you afraid of? I'm afraid of not recognizing Paradise.

~Louise Penny

I'm just like this. I have no talent for choosing my battles. Life seems, strangely, like a battle to me. The whole thing.

~Louise Penny

Every year the hunters shot cows and horses and family pets and each other. And unbelievably, they sometimes shot themselves, perhaps in a psychotic episode where they mistook themselves for dinner

~Louise Penny

Now here's a good one: you're lying on your deathbed. You have one hour to live. Who is it, exactly, you have needed all these years to

forgive?

~Louise Penny

Things are strongest where they're broken.

~Louise Penny

How much more courage it took to be kind than to be cruel.

~Louise Penny

But, like peace, comfort didn't come from hiding away or running away. Comfort first demanded courage.

~Louise Penny

We're all blessed and we're all blighted, Chief Inspector," said Finney. "Everyday each of us does our sums. The question is, what do we count?

~Louise Penny

Or - perhaps - I should just worry about my own behavior and let others be who they are.

~Louise Penny

Let every man shovel out his own snow, and the whole city will be passable," said Gamache. Seeing Beauvoir's puzzled expression he added, "Emerson." "Lake and Palmer?" "Ralph and Waldo.

~Louise Penny

Winning doesn't mean my book is better than anyone else's. It means I'm very fortunate. And I should be very, very aware of that. And grateful.

~Louise Penny

What people mistook for safety was in fact captivity.

~Louise Penny

It is very, very dangerous to come between a person and their beliefs.

~Louise Penny

Peter swept aside Yogi Tea and Harmony Herbal Blend, though he hesitated a second over the chamomile. But no. Violent death demanded Earl Grey.

~Louise Penny

The question that haunted every investigation was 'why'.

~Louise Penny

He tried to let her know it would be all right. Eventually. Life wouldn't always be this painful. The world wouldn't always be this brutal. Give it time, little one. Give it another chance. Come back.

~Louise Penny

A good novel is a good novel, *pointe finale*. And I think what I'm writing is exactly that.

~Louise Penny

I've seen enough successful writers who no longer seem to care when they are recognized with an award, and I think that's just tragic.

~Louise Penny

Few things are better in the world than a room full of librarians. I consider them literary heroes. The keepers and defenders of the written word.

~Louise Penny

I was tired of seeing the Graces always depicted as beautiful young things. I think wisdom comes with age and life and pain. And knowing what matters.

~Louise Penny

The women in the room chatted about love, about childhood, about losing parents, about Mr. Spock, about good books they'd read. They mothered each other.

~Louise Penny

To be honest, the only thing I ever really wanted to be was a writer - since I read 'Charlotte's Web' as a child.

~Louise Penny

In winter the very ground seemed to reach up and grab the elderly, yanking them to earth as though hungry for them.

~Louise Penny

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