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## Let's swap books!

My bookshelves are overflowing. How about yours? Why don't we swap books? Mail me an adult or YA fiction book, and I'll send you one back in the same genre. I'll check with you first to ensure you haven't read the one I'm sending. If you mail it via USPS media mail, it'll cost around \$3—much less than purchasing a new book. Let's get these books that are just taking up space back in circulation! [Email me](#) for my address and include the name of the proposed book you're sending. Can't wait to read what you've read!



## Positive reviews help authors!

If you've read my book and liked it, please post a quick positive review on Amazon to help boost my ranking. It should take only a few minutes.

Check out the updated description of [The Demons Among Us](#) on Amazon. Many thanks to [Vincent Davis](#), book marketing guru, who not only pointed out that my former description wasn't prompting immediate book

purchases, but also posted the new copy on Amazon for me.

He further suggests that I update my cover with graphic art to reflect more of a trendy YA vibe. What do you think? Please email your thoughts to [jill@jillkwillis.com](mailto:jill@jillkwillis.com).

## An Imaginative Response to my August blog

[Say it Loud, Say it Proud with your Email Signature](#)

American Christian Fiction Writers website

On the day my blog posted, [Andrew Budek-Schmeisser](#), author of *Blessed are the Pure of Heart*, left a poem in the comment section. I thought you might enjoy his sense of humor.

A photo with my signature?  
Don't know what message that stuff brings,  
because I look, for very sure  
like Gimli from The Lord Of Rings,  
far too broad across the chest,  
with a visage to be feared  
even when I smile in jest  
through my 'stache and great black beard.  
Perhaps, just thinking off the top,  
there's work that I could do  
with something cool like Photoshop,  
while trying to be true  
to that shining inner man,  
and make me look like Jackie Chan.

## Marvin's Labor Day BBQ Babyback Ribs Recipe

*My husband loves to grill and has perfected his simple two-ingredient BBQ ribs recipe over the years. His secret: boiling the ribs first to tenderize them.*

Babyback ribs (four per person)  
BBQ Sauce (your favorite bottle)

Boil the ribs for about two hours in a huge pot. Marvin does it outside on the gas eye next to his grill. When the ribs are not quite falling off the bone, he puts them on the grill and brushes the BBQ sauce over them. He grills them for about 10 minutes on each side on high to seal in the flavor.



# My Bookshelf

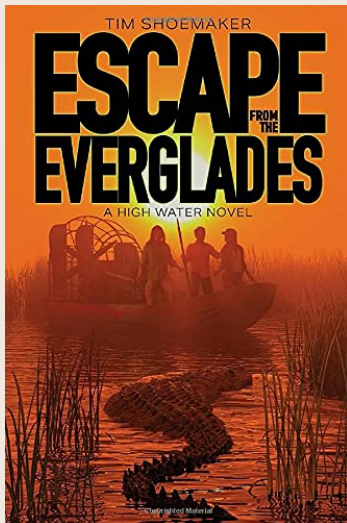
**Following are my ratings for the books I read in August. All five star! A First!**

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*Escape from the Everglades, Tim Shoemaker* ★★★★★  
(See review of this middle grade suspense novel below)

*Outlander, Diana Gabaldon* ★★★★★  
(Reread for my book club on Audible)

*A Rule Against Murder, Louise Penny* ★★★★★  
*The Brutal Telling, Louise Penny* ★★★★★



### MIDDLE GRADE BOOK REVIEW

## Escape from the Everglades

I met [Tim Shoemaker](#) five years ago at an American Christian Fiction Writers Conference where he taught a class on YA fiction. He stayed about 30 minutes after class answering questions from a few of us newbie writers. What a nice guy. I loved his *Code of Silence* three-book series, so decided to read the first in his *High Water* series.

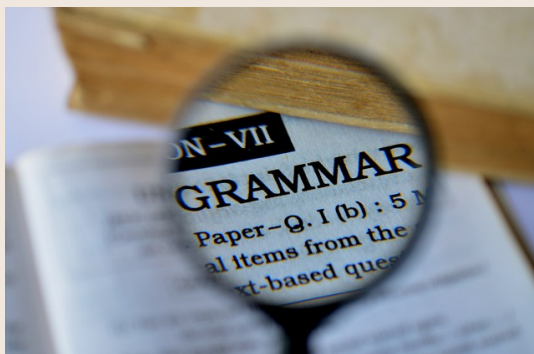
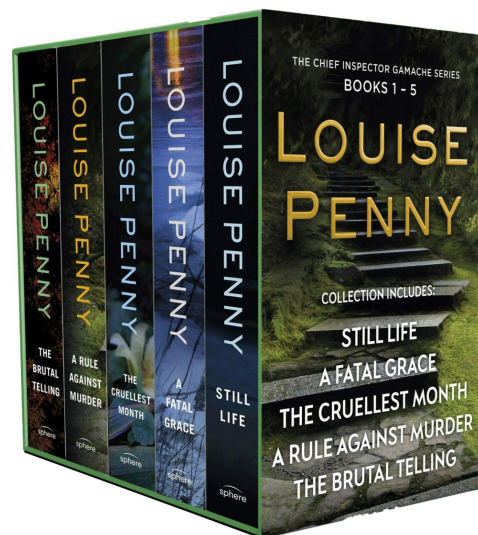
[Escape from the Everglades](#), is much more harrowing than his other novels. Parker, the main character, learns first-hand the dangers of the

Everglades and must balance his fears with the challenges of peer pressure. Middle grade guys will love the suspense. The next book in the series, [Every Hidden Thing](#), is launching Sept. 6 and is available on Amazon for pre-order.

### ADULT MYSTERY SERIES REVIEW

## The Chief Inspector Gamache Series

A member of my book club introduced [Still Life](#) to me several years ago. I loved it so much that I put the entire 18-book series on my To Be Read list. This summer, I decided to finish the series. Oh, how I wish I'd done so sooner. I love Chief Inspector Gamache's character, the cozy Canadian town of Three Pines, and the twists and turns of the author's stories. Get ready for non-stop action and more than a few head games.



### GRAMMAR TIPS

## Lose vs Loose

**Lose** means that something is lost, whereas **loose** means not tight or not strict.

### Correct examples:

If only I could lose 10 pounds.

I wish the waistline in my jeans felt loose.

The definition of business casual is loosening.

## Quick Links

[\*The Demons Among Us\* Book Trailer](#)

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