A brilliant and breathtaking debut that captivated readers and garnered critical acclaim in the United Kingdom, The Tenderness of Wolves was long-listed for the Orange Prize in fiction and won the Costa Award (formerly the Whitbread) Book of the Year. The year is 1867. Winter has just tightened its grip on Dove River, a tiny isolated settlement in the Northern Territory, when a man is brutally murdered. Laurent Jammett had been a voyageur for the Hudson Bay Company before an accident lamed him four years earlier. The same accident afforded him the little parcel of land in Dove River, land that the locals called unlucky due to the untimely death of the previous owner. A local woman, Mrs. Ross, stumbles upon the crime scene and sees the tracks leading from the dead man's cabin north toward the forest and the tundra beyond. It is Mrs. Ross's knock on the door of the largest house in Caulfield that launches the investigation. Within hours she will regret that knock with a mother's love -- for soon she makes another discovery: her seventeen-year-old son Francis has
disappeared and is now considered a prime suspect. In the wake of such violence, people are drawn to the crime and to the township -- Andrew Knox, Dove Rivers elder statesman; Thomas Sturrock, a wily American itinerant trader; Donald Moody, the clumsy young Company representative; William Parker, a half-breeder Native American and trapper who was briefly detained for Jammetts murder before becoming Mrs. Rosss guide. But the question remains: do these men want to solve the crime or exploit it? One by one, the searchers set out from Dove River following the tracks across a desolate landscape -- home to only wild animals, madmen, and fugitives -- variously seeking a murderer, a son, two sisters missing for seventeen years, and a forgotten Native American culture before the snows settle and cover the tracks of the past for good.

In an astonishingly assured debut, Stef Penney deftly weaves adventure, suspense, revelation, and humor into an exhilarating thriller; a panoramic historical romance; a gripping murder mystery; and, ultimately, with the sheer scope and quality of her storytelling, an epic for the ages.

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Personal Review: The Tenderness of Wolves: A Novel by Stef Penney
Dear Ms. Penney,
I'm writing with my Christmas wish list and it is this: a sequel to "The Tenderness of Wolves." It was published in 2006. (Congrats on the Costa prize - well deserved!) Would a 2010 Christmas release of a sequel be asking too much? I'd settle for 2011 or 2012 or...
Some fellow reviewers felt unsatisfied with the ending, and scored your book accordingly. Not fair.
The book is a wonder - especially considering that you, as a citizen of Scotland, have never visited Canada. I'm from Alaska and was frankly amazed by your dead-on descriptions of our northern world. Well done. The story gripped me completely. Excellent plot, three-dimensional characters plus a historical setting, well researched and accurately described - these are story elements I can never resist.
But let's get to the real point of this review, um, this total beg-a-thon. I simply must know what happens to Mrs. Ross and to her son, Francis. Mr. Parker should not be allowed to walk off into the sunset (or the snow storm). If the book lacks anything, it is a sense of closure for these characters and others - including the Knox family and Mr. Sturrock.
I know you must be busy with your films, but have pity on your readers. Tell us what happens next, pretty please.
My best regards,
Kathleen