

Getting to know author Ann Cleeves:

Ann Cleeves was born in 1954 and is an English crime-writer. Cleeves was born in Herefordshire which is a county in the West Midlands of England and brought up in north Devon. She studied English at the University of Sussex but dropped out and then took up various jobs as a cook, auxiliary coastguard, probation officer, **library outreach worker** and child care officer.

She wrote her first series of crime novels in 1986 which features the elderly naturalist, George Palmer-Jones. In 1987 Ann and her family moved to Northumberland and the northeast provided the inspiration for many of her subsequent novels. Since then, Ann has won many awards for her writing. Her novels are so well liked and written so well that 3 of her series have been made into TV dramas with the BBC. *The Vera Stanhope* novels have been dramatized as the TV detective series **Vera**; the Jimmy Perez novels as the TV series **Shetland**; and the Matthew Venn novel *The Long Call* (from Cleeves' Two Rivers book series) is her latest novel to be released on TV screens. Actor Matthew Venn (played by Ben Aldridge) is a perfect fit according to Ann *"I can't think of anyone who could play Matthew Venn better than Ben Aldridge. He will bring an authenticity and commitment to the role. I always hoped that the actor chosen would come from Devon, where the books are set, and he does."*

As many of you may know Louise Penny is a great Canadian author and very popular here at the CRPL. Many have compared Louise Penny and Ann Cleeves as having very similar writing styles. Knowing the popularity of Louise Penny in our community, we have recently purchased the books from Ann Cleeves' new series *Two Rivers* as well as the whole *Shetland* book and BBC TV series on DVD. So, stay tuned and if you want to be one of the first to borrow either the books or the DVDs contact the Rockland branch today!

Want to learn more about both Louise Penny and Ann Cleeves? Click on the link below to watch them discuss their writing, their careers, and their friendship at a *Politics and Prose* event in Washington, DC in 2018.

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To learn more about Ann Cleeves visit these sites:

<https://anncleeves.com/bio.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cUqGvlg3Z5M>

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