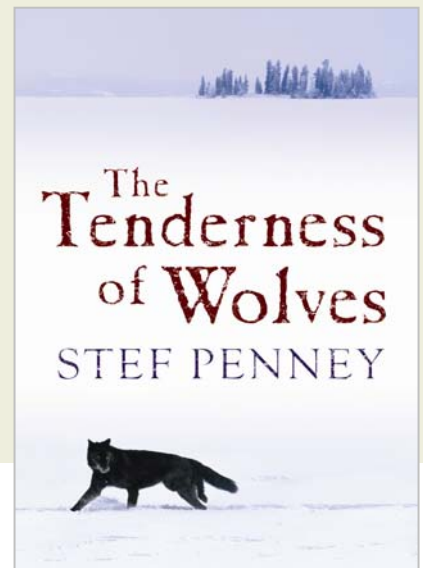


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### Description

1867, Canada: as winter tightens its grip on the isolated settlement of Dove River, a man is brutally murdered and a seventeen year old boy disappears. Tracks leaving the dead man's cabin head north towards the forest and the tundra beyond. In the wake of such violence, people are drawn to the township – journalists, Hudson Bay Company men, trappers, traders – but do they want to solve the crime, or exploit it?

One-by-one the assembled searchers set out from Dove River, pursuing the tracks across a desolate landscape home only to wild animals, madmen and fugitives, variously seeking a murderer, a son, two sisters missing for 17 years, a forgotten Native American culture and a fortune in stolen furs, before the snows settle and cover the tracks of the past for good.

In this stunning debut, Stef Penney deftly weaves adventure, suspense, revelation and subtle humour to create a book that is at once an exhilarating thriller, a panoramic novel, a study of the human condition and a keen murder mystery. *The Tenderness of Wolves* is an incredible book, with immense scope, intriguing and well-drawn characters and a strong narrative drive.

### Sales Points

- This title will be supported by a Reader's Guarantee that will be promoted on a belly-band around the book – "Enjoy *The Tenderness of Wolves* or your money back"
- International publishing rights have already been sold to Canada, France, The Netherlands and Germany
- Great for book groups
- Advance reading copies available

### Author Profile

Stef Penney was born and grew up in Edinburgh. After completing a degree in Philosophy and Theology from Bristol University, she turned to film-making, studying Film and TV at Bournemouth College of Art. On graduating, Stef was selected for the Carlton Television New Writers Scheme and has since written and directed two short films. *The Tenderness Of Wolves* is her first novel.