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Penguin Group (USA) under its imprint NAL is proud to announce that it will be releasing *Lumby on the Air*, the fifth novel of the acclaimed Lumby series, on 7/6/2010

***LUMBY ON THE AIR* - Book 5**

Pam and Mark Walker are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary with a week-long family reunion and a ceremony renewing their vows. Mark breezily dismisses Pam's misgiving about temporarily closing Montis Inn and heads off to the county fair, to try his hand at both chainsaw sculpting and sheep shearing, with chaotic--and hilarious--results. Meanwhile, Pam juggles her thrill-seeking mother, who has a new "friend with benefits," and her non-conformist niece, who posts unedited commentaries on her online blog. When Mark's brother-in-law starts broadcasting his radio talk show from Montis Inn, his disparaging remarks about small-town life causes immediate rifts that only widen when he sides with a real estate developer who wants to turn Lumby into an asphalt Aspen. As the controversy pits family against family, and neighbor against neighbor, will the spirit that defines Lumby triumph once again?

THE PROMISE OF LUMBY – Book 4

When Lumby's only veterinarian Dr. Ellen Campell decides to sell her business, the townsfolk are in full panic mode. Who will tell blind Jeremiah that his old horse Isabella is eating rabbit feed, and who will help little Timmy convince his parents that a puppy is the perfect pet? Meanwhile, the brothers of Saint Cross Abbey are at their wits end with the countless donations of exotic animals that run rampant in the monastery.

But when Tom Candor comes to Lumby, it seems as though he's the answer to everyone's prayers. Except not everyone is as trusting of the shy, pensive doctor, especially newspaper owner Dennis Beezer, who is determined to expose Tom's secrets, promising an unpredictable adventure and a heartfelt lesson the Lumbians won't soon forget.

LUMBY'S BOUNTY – Book 3

How Lumby has come to host a hot air balloon festival is a long story, but the town's people are jumping right into the preparations. Inn owner Mark Walker is in charge, leaving his wife, Pam, to dig a pond on her own and confront her biggest fear: a tractor she's named Bertha. Lucky for Lumbians, two hot air balloon enthusiasts, visitors from Indonesia, are just a stone's throw away at Saint Cross Abbey. Kai and Jamar agree to help Lumby take flight, though one ruffles some feathers with his growing attraction to Caroline Ross, daughter of the town's recently deceased matriarch. As cultures clash and balloons crash, Lumby's good-hearted townsfolk are keeping their fingers crossed for blue skies—and smooth sailing.

SEALING LUMBY – Book 2

Inn owners Pam and Mark Walker are up to their ears in new projects, including planting gum trees for their bees to produce rare honey and expanding their critter collection. But the big news of the day is the theft of one of the most important paintings of the twentieth century, *The Barns of Lumby*. Town matriarch Charlotte Ross has a very personal connection to the painting—and to the artist, Dana Porter. As a media frenzy descends on the little town, one of the two actual barns disappears from the landscape—and pieces of it begin showing up all over town, in the oddest places. But when times get tough in the town of Lumby, there is no better person to turn to than your nearest neighbor.

***THE LUMBY LINES* – Book 1**

Nearly destroyed by fire, Montis Abbey remains a ruin on the outskirts of Lumby. Once home to a resourceful order of monks, it stands abandoned, surrounded by its overgrown orchards. Then Pam and Mark Walker, a vacationing couple from the East Coast, stumble upon it – and upon the answer to their prayers. Leaving behind their hectic lives to restore the monastery and turn it into an inn is a dream come true.

But some residents of Lumby take a while to warm up to the outsiders. One of them is irascible William Beezer, owner of *The Lumby Lines* – the newspaper “worth the paper it’s printed on.” At every turn, he tries to hinder the Walkers’ efforts. The couple soon learns that for every citizen like William, there are many more willing to lend a hand, and that Lumby isn’t just a place – it’s a way of life.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Prior to changing her life and becoming a novelist, **Gail Fraser** had a successful career in corporate America holding senior executive positions in several Fortune 500 and start-up corporations. She has an AA from Colby-Sawyer College, a BA from Skidmore College and an MBA from the University of Connecticut, with graduate work done at Harvard University.

Six years ago, Gail gave it all up to move to the rural landscape of upstate New York, where she could write full time and work on her gardening and bee-keeping. She is married to folk artist Art Poulin (www.artpoulinstudios.com), who painted the covers and all inside artwork for her novels.

Now, in a case of life imitating art, Gail and Art have created their own "Lumby" called Lazy Goose, a gentleman's farm on 40 acres of land, demarcated by a 200 year old stone wall and a fast moving stream. Like Montis Abbey, the property is a work in progress.

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