

But this morning I woke and thought it time for a letter.  
The breeze through the birch trees is that two degrees cooler,  
making thought feasible again. Last night's event celebrating  
*Dead Ladies* left my head swimming as to whom I'd choose  
– Annemarie Schwarzenbach,<sup>1</sup> Madeleine L'Engle,<sup>2</sup> Eileen  
Gray?<sup>3</sup> Or indeed Anne Morrow Lindbergh,<sup>4</sup> whose late letters  
I'm reading now.

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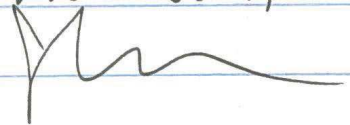
All best wishes and more soon,

Sylee <sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Swiss journalist and photographer who died in 1942 at the end of a remarkable-sounding life about which we very much hope someone writes us a letter and tells us more.

<sup>2</sup> American writer, best known for *A Wrinkle in Time*, who died in 2007.

<sup>3</sup> Irish furniture designer and architect who died in 1976.

<sup>4</sup> American author and aviator who died in 2001.

<sup>5</sup> Sylee Gore is a food writer and photographer in Berlin, who blogs at [berlinreified.com](http://berlinreified.com). She has not died.