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HELEN MIRREN IS QUEEN OF THE CASA AS SHE HONOURS SUSAN SARANDON



It was an event brimming with movie stars, musicians and members of Toronto's elite. Even so, everyone's eyes were fixed on Dame Helen Mirren as she presented the inaugural Peace and Justice Award to her colleague and friend Susan Sarandon at the 2015 Artists for Peace and Justice Festival gala at Casa Loma.

Dame Helen, 70, spoke about Susan's fight against injustice in Haiti. "She's never put herself or her career above what she believes in,"



said the Oscar winner. "And I didn't know this, but when she was in high school was when she was arrested for the first time."

As the room erupted into enthusiastic cheers, Helen asked the *Bull Durham* star, 68, how many times she's been arrested since. "Enough times to see the handcuffs go from metal to plastic!"

quipped Susan. The American actress is a founding member of the Artists for Peace and Justice, along with CEO David Belle and director Paul Haggis (pictured here with the leading ladies).

The outdoor gala - which raised \$1.2 million for Haiti - was capped off with live performances by Moby and Arcade Fire.

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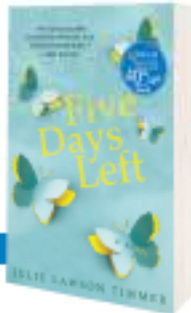
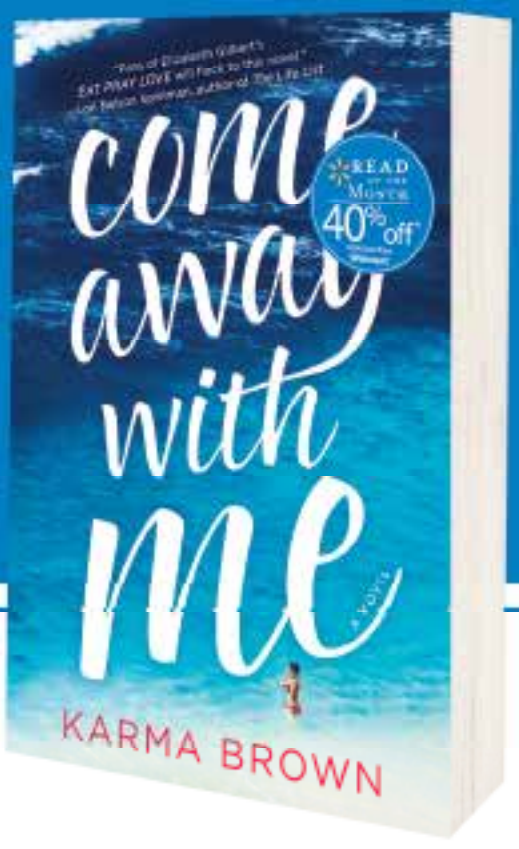
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