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**The new Chief Inspector Gamache novel from the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author.**

When a peculiar letter arrives inviting Armand Gamache to an abandoned farmhouse, the former head of the Sûreté du Québec discovers that a complete stranger has named him one of the executors of her will. Still on suspension, and frankly curious, Gamache accepts and soon learns that the other two executors are Myrna Landers, the bookseller from Three Pines, and a young builder.

None of them had ever met the elderly woman.

The will is so odd and includes bequests that are so wildly unlikely that Gamache and the others suspect the woman must have been delusional. But what if, Gamache begins to ask himself, she was perfectly sane?

When a body is found, the terms of the bizarre will suddenly seem less peculiar and far more menacing.

But it isn't the only menace Gamache is facing.

The investigation into what happened six months ago—the events that led to his suspension—has dragged on, into the dead of winter. And while most of the opioids he allowed to slip through his hands, in order to bring down the cartels, have been retrieved, there is one devastating exception.

Enough narcotic to kill thousands has disappeared into inner city Montreal. With the deadly drug about to hit the streets, Gamache races for answers.

As he uses increasingly audacious, even desperate, measures to retrieve the drug, Armand Gamache begins to see his own blind spots. And the terrible things hiding there.

## Kingdom of the Blind Details

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## From Reader Review Kingdom of the Blind for online ebook

### **Lisa Wright says**

Louise Penny and Armand Gamache never disappoint.

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### **Carolyn Fagan says**

As with most Louise Penny books, Glass Houses ended with many unanswered questions. Kingdom of the Blind answers some of them, while at the same time introducing us to a whole new mystery with some parallels. Penny continues to develop her main characters, never letting them become stagnant, as in real life, things happen, people change, life choices are made. And again at the end we are left wanting to know what will happen next in the life of the Gamache family and in Three Pines!

Thanks to Market Block Books for the ARC!

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### **Anne says**

More like a 4.5; could not quite give it a 5, much as I love Louise Penny and think she can do no wrong. I was in a reading slump - nothing was holding my interest - and then someone gave me an ARC of Kingdom of the Blind. Goodbye reading slump - could not put it down, as usual. Her books make me laugh, make me cry, make me think, make me smile, make me roll my eyes, make me marvel at her way with words and her observations about life and everything else... they are the full package. Perhaps when the final version comes out I will move it up to a 5 - some small things might get tightened up. I always read her books at least twice, and she is the only author that I preorder the hardcover (and often the Kindle, too). After I read one of her books I am spoiled for a while, and have trouble reading other authors - so I often go back and reread one or two or more of her books. She is just amazing, and I hope she writes for a long time!

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### **Sharron says**

Excellent entry in this long running series. Penny is a master of the complex mystery, just when you think you know where she's taking you, the road twists in an unexpected direction. Bravo!

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### **Annie says**

Possibly her best yet.

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### **Edwin Hill says**

Do yourself a favor and start at the beginning of this remarkable series (with *Still Life*). I thoroughly enjoyed this book - as I have the entire Gamache series - but it definitely marks a change in the narrative arc of the story. If you've invested in the other books in the series, the end of this novel will pack an emotional wallop!

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### **Ann says**

Four and a half stars. The latest in the series to be released in November. Armand Gamache is still on suspension from the Surete de Quebec when he receives a letter naming him as one of the executors of a will of a woman he has never met. The other two executors are Myrna Landers the bookshop owner in Three Pines and a young builder. The will includes bequests for things the woman didn't have and when a body is found in her now-abandoned house, the circumstances become more menacing. But along with this situation, Gamache is still desperate to recapture the last of the deadly opioids he allowed to slip thru in order to bring down the cartels. I'm happy to say the ending suggests the series is not yet over and we can look forward to another installment.

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### **Amanda says**

As the latest in one of my favorite series, I found this book easy to get into, like catching up with old friends. I didn't want to put it down and knew it was easily a 4-star rating. Then I got to the end. I don't read these books for the mystery aspect so much as for the characters, and I'm good with red herrings, but if you give us what a person is thinking and then that turns out that makes no sense they were thinking that because of what is revealed 300 pages later, I have a problem with it. I'm also curious if this is the last in the series; I'm not sure where she can go from here (I'll be asking this when she comes in Syracuse in November). Out November 27, 2018. Thank you to Edelweiss and the publisher for the advanced reader copy.

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### **Nancy says**

As with all of Louise Penny's work this is a mystery within a mystery within a mystery. Quite a lot to follow, but it makes for quite the page turner. As always lots of heart, sometimes joyful sometimes breaking.

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### **Stephanie says**

Penny continues to show her incredible mastery -- whereas so many series would have long begun to disappoint by book 14, the Three Pines/Gamache series just keeps getting better and better. In *KINGDOM OF THE BLIND*, we have the storylines of the continuing investigation (and suspension) of Gamache following the incidents of *GLASS HOUSES*, the hunt for the drugs the Surete failed to capture at the end of that last book, and the curious events surrounding Gamache and Myrna being asked to be liquidators (or executors) of a will for a woman neither of them knew. To keep these multiple storylines in balance and full of intrigue: that's one of the reasons why the Gamache series is such a pleasure.

Longtime fans know that what sets the books in this series apart is the unique combination of Penny's skill at writing incredible, real characters that readers feel they truly know; the way in which she captures the spirit of southern Quebec and Montreal's surroundings, inviting us into small towns, bistros, and homes, sharing the spirit of friendship, family, and food, without seeming the least bit trite; and the complex mysteries that hinge often only on a small detail that would seem forced in the hands of someone less talented. Each of the last several books has ended in such a way that I couldn't help but wonder if it would be our last adventure with Gamache, and this is no exception. I both shudder to think of the series ending and having the book I've just finished be the last and also hope each time Gamache will be honored in perpetuity by the fantastic story I have just read.

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### **Bloss ? says**

Louise Penny is an absolute treasure. I am chuffed beyond belief that we get another Gamache story!

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### **Joe Jones says**

If you have read this far into the series you know what to expect. Louise Penny is one of those authors who I will put down any book I am currently reading to start hers. She never disappoints and this was not the exception! Get this as soon as you can!

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### **Melissa says**

These books are ones you want to hurry through to find out what happens, and then should probably read again slowly to enjoy the writing.

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