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From critically acclaimed and bestselling author Layton Green, *The Letterbox* is a thrilling new mystery that weaves danger, exotic locales, breathless suspense, romance, and ancient secrets into the tapestry of an unforgettable novel.

## **The Letterbox Details**

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## Martha says

This ghostly thriller brings some soul searching.

A unique artifact is found on a desolate English moor. A wealthy New Orleans collector, Lucius, is hired to retrieve the letterbox and investigate its origins and purpose. The collector calls in a brilliant linguist, Lou, an atheist, who drags along his best friend, Aidan, an attorney who is disgusted with his work and seeking some greater meaning to life. Lou determines that runes on the box may be interpreted as the "God path". Not all the writing and mosaic work on the box matches the described or expected setting and historic time which adds to the puzzle. Lucius' assistant, Asha, who dabbles in the occult, joins the team and they head off to Dubrovnik to pick up the team guide, Jake, a Catholic historian skilled in collecting, and protecting, rare pieces.

The four are quickly drawn in and committed to the search by individual drives and secret motives. Even as strange visions, ghostly apparitions, threatening druids and dangers stalk them across Europe, they cannot let go of the quest. Will the map lead them to a hidden treasure, druid secrets concealed centuries ago, or an encounter with God? It is a quest that may steal their lives if not their souls.

This is a fascinating mystery guided by a puzzle that might have readers thinking of The Da Vinci Code while the quest is reminiscent of a modern day Indiana Jones adventure traveling to spiritually rich sites. The history, action and danger of the quest are engaging, but I was anxious to discover the end result. I found the four varied reactions to the revealed ending to be consistent with their beliefs and preset attitudes, which provides an interesting psychological argument.

The writing is strong with unique and well researched settings. The story is told from Aidan's view which worked well since he is the one seeking meaning without a preset belief system. I recommend this as engaging reading to those who like a puzzling thriller with a touch of soul searching.

I received this from the author for an honest review.

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## Jackie Wolfred says

"The Letterbox" by Layton Green is a suspense mystery and spiritual adventure all rolled into one. Loved the characters, all the adventures and surprise ending.

I won a copy of this book in a Goodreads giveaway.

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## Bill Donhiser says

This book has plenty of plot twist and kept me on the edge of my seat until the end. I really was not expecting the finale. Quite enjoyable I am looking forward to reading more of Layton Green's standalone novels

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### **Timothy R. Quinlan says**

**Not his best.**

Have read most of his novels and did, in large part, enjoy them. This one was too slow to develop and the ending was unsatisfactory. I did enjoy the Druid angle and Celtic history though, as any good Irishman would, and the Donn/Samhain information was very interesting.

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### **John says**

Layton Green has written another highly enjoyable suspense story. As always, the Letterbox makes us question whether the things that go "bump" in the night are in our heads or are just on this side of reality.

One of my favorite things about Green's novels is his wonderful descriptions of the various places his characters visit around the world. I love to travel and he really brings us to the places in his book!

As to the plot, it is fast paced and fun. There are enough suspenseful moments to keep us on edge, and I love Layton's ability to bring about twists that are plausible and unexpected.

The characters have some good dialogue and the main characters are well written, with enough back story to get us invested in their lives.

While I love the Dominic Gray series, I look forward to more stories like this from Layton Green!

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### **Carla says**

I do not choose to read a novel written by a man for my own reasons...HOWEVER, this book was recommended to me, I found it as a loaner at no cost to me...with that I said what the heck and downloaded it to my Kindle. I have no regrets of doing so...This book came with so many twist and turns I didn't want to stop reading... The ending is NOTHING of what I was expecting and I would recommend it to another mystery, mystical, historical, and travels reader....it has it all. It had everything to make me want to read another of Layton Greens books. EXCEPTIONAL...

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### **PM Atterberry says**

I very much enjoy his Dominic Grey series, but this story left me cold. The writing is not polished, the characters are not well-developed. The story line moved along at a rather tortured pace, though it did pick up towards the end.

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## **Jo Reason says**

I love the Layton Green series of Dominic Grey and when the author sent me a review copy of his new book I was so excited. OK, so this isn't Dominic Grey but so what, it is great, A very fast paced, dark book with loads of travel, mystery, friendship and even some romance. The characters are well developed and some are very mysterious. Another great book from Layton.

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## **Mab Morris says**

Another page turner from Layton Green. I might have missed Grey and Radek (and who wouldn't, the Dominic Grey series is great! But Layton Green is no one trick writer, and it's one of the things I like about his work)... However, the four companions, Aidan, Asha, Lou, and Jake more than make up for it. It's a fun, and suspenseful romp and, as with much of Green's writing, there's a lot of depth beneath the surface. Which, of course, we can expect from an adventure to find The God Path. As with any Layton Green book, he doesn't settle for an easy challenge. Each of the characters have their own need to pursue the quest, which only adds to the conflicts the team of antagonists use against them. And they do! In pretty cruel ways too, because Green doesn't hold back from either the fun, love, adventure, or anything else.

Though it didn't stop me from reading, I'll admit that being a Druid initiate, it was disconcerting to have only the classic idea of ancient Druidism mentioned, and that there's only a hint that there are people still doing Druid rites at place like Stonehenge. That said: It's a page turner, and well worth reading (all his books are well worth reading!). Green had me crying at the end, in a good way including being sad the adventure was done. More, the symbolism was wonderful.

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## **Colin says**

### **A thrilling adventure across Europe in search of the mysteries of an ancient artifact!**

I love Green's " Dominic Grey" books; this is the first one of his that I've read that wasn't part of that series. This one is about a mysterious and ancient object, covered with mysterious symbols, with ties to the ancient Druids and Babylon. It sends our protagonists on a quest along the "Path of God" to discover - potentially - the ultimate secrets of life and death. Cool stuff!

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## **Johann says**

### **Crazy Ride**

Aiden and 3 other companions have been tasked with unraveling the mystery of a relic known as a Letterbox. Allegedly it holds a map on how to find God...but will they find the answers they seek or will the mysterious white robed men that are following them cause them to find God sooner than they would wish? This is really good and keeps you turning the pages...pick it up!!!

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## **April Rohrer says**

I loved this book!! Layton Green is quickly becoming one of my favorite authors and this could be my favorite book he's written. Enjoyed the main characters a lot and their adventures traveling around the world following the mystery presented by a letterbox discovered in the moors and the possible connection to ancient Druids. Challenges the main characters' views on religion and what they think they know about life, death and the afterlife. Looked forward to reading this book whenever I could, and while I was a little nervous about how it would end, was totally satisfied with how it wrapped up.

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## **Cheryl says**

A treasure hunt looking for age-old answers

A mysterious wooden box is found buried in a bog on the moors of England and a team is hired to track down its provenance.

The team is composed of four very different people - a believer who wholeheartedly believes in God, someone who absolutely does not, and two who are on the fence.

The clues of the box lead the team to different spots around the world and through many dangers.

I'm not usually a big fan of books like this (such as The Da Vinci Code) but I so enjoyed another book of this author's (WRITTEN IN BLOOD) that I decided to give this one a try.

This story was good and I would have rated it 3 1/2 stars if I could have. It was a bit disappointing after the other book.

It has a great sense of place. The author describes the different locales around the world and I felt like I was there. But his characters are pretty shallow. Even the protagonist of the story, Aidan, an unemployed attorney, felt incomplete. The different characters are looking for definitive answers about the existence or absence of God and the author did a good job with that storyline.

So, it was readable. If you liked The Da Vinci Code you will probably enjoy this book.

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## **Jackie says**

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## **My Thoughts**

A new set of characters who engage the readers mind while following along with their quest for answers. Answers that have the power to change the way this group of fictional people view the world forever.

The journey to find the truth is a long and sometimes dangerous one but with a reward beyond measure beckoning them onward the four travelers feel compelled to see it through to the end.

This is indeed a thrilling trek that takes us along with Aidan, Asha, Jake and Lou as they find themselves on a quest that combines mysticism with spiritual overtones into a story that questions these characters beliefs as well as outs their own personal demons for the reader.

From the very beginning it was for me akin to watching an adventure the likes of those portrayed in Indiana Jones movies, a mix of action and suspense along with mysteries that unravel as well, with cunningly laid out clues which are slowly uncovered throughout the tale.

The use of the *letterbox* was a unique angle that allowed not only the four explorers to discover multiple destinations but taught them a bit about fortitude and patience along their quest as well.

Part archaeological expedition, part theological find, part macabre bordering on horror scenarios, part common sense, with bursts of violent action and never lacking in thrills for the reader or the characters themselves while they strive to find answers and to actually at times stay alive long enough to do so.

Well thought out twists, characters that are easy to relate to, adventure that appeals to both sexes and an engaging series of events that will keep one turning pages to find out what happens next.

*[Digital copy from Author]in exchange for honest review*

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### **Susan Smith says**

I have become a Layton Green fan!! This book took some twists and turns that I just didn't see coming. I appreciate that Mr. Green does a lot of research into his topics. And the editing is first rate. Bad editing, which happens far too often, has become a particular thorn in my side when I'm reading, and has ruined more than a few otherwise good books for me. Not so with Mr. Green's books. Top notch editing!

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