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Chief Inspector Armand Gamache of the Sûreté du Québec digs beneath the idyllic surface of village life in Three Pines, finding long buried secrets—and facing a few enemies of his own. With nine books in the series and more to come, this boxed set of the first three books—*Still Life*, *A Fatal Grace*, and *The Cruellest Month*—introduces not only the engaging series hero Inspector Gamache, who commands his forces—and this series—with integrity and quiet courage, but also the spectacular Louise Penny.

A #1 *New York Times* bestseller and multiple award winner, Louise Penny "writes with grace and intelligence" (*New York Times Book Review*) and "with her smart plot and fascinating, nuanced characters...proves that she is one of our finest writers (*People*). The acclaimed series is a sensation—there are nearly 850,000 print copies in the US and Canada alone, and it has been translated into 35 languages.

### Chief Inspector Gamache Series, Books 1-3: Still Life / A Fatal Grace / The Cruellest Month Details

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## From Reader Review Chief Inspector Gamache Series, Books 1-3: Still Life / A Fatal Grace / The Cruellest Month for online ebook

### Jeff Keener says

I just read the three books in the last month and they are some of the best mysteries I have ever read. I loved the character development and the book comes alive in you mind because the description of locals and people are so good. I fell in love with Three Pines!

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### Patricia B Scott says

Great to start at the beginning of Three Pines. I love the development of the characters and the village of Three Pines. Gamache is such a wonderful person, friend, husband, co-worker. Thanks Ms. Penny may Gamache live forever.

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### Phyllis says

Still Life is the first book of this series. Since I had read one of the series before, I wanted to start at the beginning of the series in order to engage with the characters. As a first book, Ms Penny's writing style had not developed to the level I found so attractive. Knowing it improved with each book, I stuck with it. I highly recommend the series.

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### pearl\_seeker says

Interesting writing with well-done characterizations. The mystery was pretty easy to figure out, but the town of Three Pines, the villagers, and the cops made it a very enjoyable read. Unfortunately, I could not get the first 'Three Pines' book, so I started on the second. The spoilers in the 2nd book will kind of negate the mystery of the first book when I finally get it. :/

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### Brooke says

Only read Still Life so far. Good little mystery but I felt like I often had to go back and re-read stuff because some of it was a little hard to follow, especially the dialogue (wondering who said what).

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### Jan Trzeciak says

Loved all 3 of these!

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### **Linda says**

I just finished Still Life, A Fatal Grace and The Cruellest Month and am totally hooked. I love the writing style of Louise Penny and the magical Three Pine setting for her village mysteries. But they are so much more. There are of course the quirky characters that inhabit the village, the requisite murders and Chief Inspector Armand Gamache who solves them with his equally quirky team "You must listen and watch" as you sip cognac by the fire in the bistro after a satisfying meal. (The food sounds so good and so French-I am going to look for my old French Cooking books and make some dishes) There is poetry, useful and true facts and oh the so human betrayals and jealousies and love-did I forget the paintings and books sprinkled throughout?. Can't wait to read the next three or four. I put them on my favorites list! I finished The Cruellest Month at Halloween--haunted house and death by fright-PERFECT!

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### **Bridgit Strachan says**

I've loved all of her books. She is a beautiful writer and her characters are quirky and eccentric with a bit of "normal" thrown in... They come alive. By the time I finished her second one I felt like I was leaving good friends. Be sure to read them in sequence.

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### **Adrienne B says**

I love love love Louise Penny books and Inspector Gamache. If you are looking for a new series to start Still Life is a wonderful place to start. Still Life begins the series of Canadian detective novels whose hero is Chief Inspector Gamache with his sidekick Jean-Guy Beauvoir. The series is mostly set in the small Quebec village of Three Pines where lives weave together and there is more than enough murder to be uncovered.

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### **David O. says**

#### **Brilliant and affecting series**

I purchased the first book on sale from Audible and quickly bought this box set before even finishing the narration (which was excellent btw). The mysteries are good but the characters are magnificent. She had a set touch in the crafting and depicting each and every one. These are people you want to spend time with.

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### **Carol says**

I actually read these 3 books individually but in order and still am entranced with Gamache and his cohorts. Ms Penny has created both colorful characters like Ruth and her duck Gabri and Olivier Clara and Peter as well as very imaginative mysteries. I adore the character of Gamache and have not been so caught up in a series as much in quite a while. He is thoughtful heroic but has his own secrets and foibles. Will be sad when I finish all his stories

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## Ellen Rohwer says

A friend recommended this mystery series based in Quebec, and I've enjoyed devouring the first three books.

Penny skillfully wraps each mystery in humanistic themes established through poetry, literary references, and the physical environment. The murders themselves are always impractical and implausible, so leave any police-procedural preferences parked at the door, and enjoy the characters and the story.

Oh, and the descriptions of the delicious food in every chapter adds a lot of fun. I am now craving croissants, and pretty sure I gained five pounds just reading these three books. I highly recommend for fun reading!

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## John says

### A Great New Series

Louise Penny has created a great new homicide detective, picking up Agatha Christie themes. I like the way she is able to weave together a couple of different narratives and keep both interesting and alive. Moreover, she does NOT waste a lot of a reader's time with a character's personal issues and problems that have nothing to do with a good story.

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## Jessie says

This is my third Louise Penny book and I really like them. The plots are intrigue and tightly woven. I never can guess the murderer before the end of the book. I also have a lot of guesses, and it's fun to keep wondering. I'm sure that I will read more books by this author-- a very good read. \*\*stop here for spoilers\*\*\* Armond Gamache is once again investigating a murder. He uses people on his team that others reject, misfits. He learns that he should accept himself, and finally he does give away his troubles by giving his token of his father to his son. His career is scandalized and he still goes on. He carries on with the investigation. He finds out that a person who has always been second place doesn't want this to happen again. An old best friend moves in who has cancer. She gets better and old resentments surface. The friend starts being better at everything again, and the final straw is when she takes the boyfriend. So, she puts a drug, ephedrine in her drink and food. She kills her friend out of jealousy. When her daughter fell in love with the friend and liked her more than her own mother, it was just too much. Fun book- story, mystery. A good read. (warning-- a few F words.)

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## Gloria says

If you haven't read Louise Penny, you are missing one of the best mystery writers of the time! Set in Canada, Inspector Gamache is an intelligent crime-solving detective who seldom uses his gun. The characters are amazing individuals--just what you hope to find in your own home town.

Start with Still Life and you'll read the entire series!

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