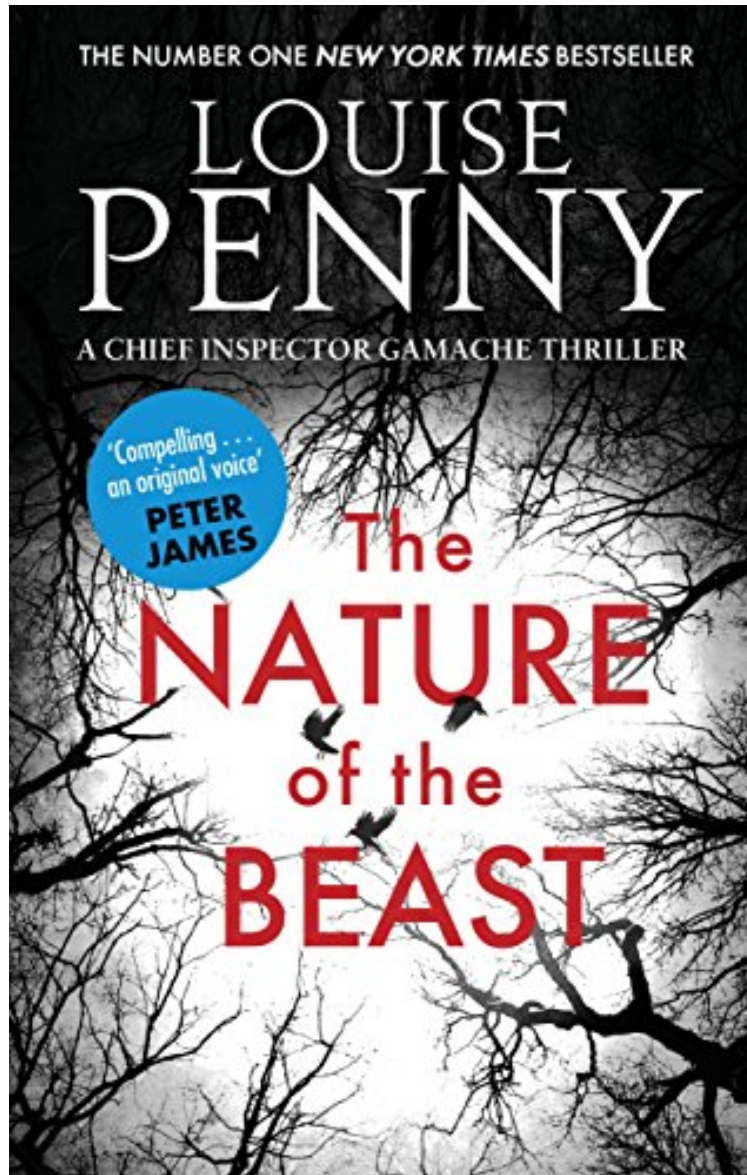


# The Nature of the Beast: A Chief Inspector Gamache Mystery, Book 11

Von Louise Penny

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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The assassination of a young boy in the village of Three Pines..., Von Miki101. Micha ...is the event that triggers consequences, which could really be of world-wide importance! After the more private than official "intermezzo" that was the previous book "The Long Way Home", Canadian master-writer Louise Penny returns in the 11th book of the series about the outer-worldly village of Three Pines with a real pageturner! A thriller which mixes facts with fiction, and reveals a plot that could mean nothing less than the grand-scale mass-murder of millions of innocent civilians. And describes hour by hour the desperate race of the investigators against the time. And against adversaries, who really do not have any scruples to kill a few persons for the salvation of many, they say. But there is no doubt that their agenda is commanded simply by greed and hunger for power. Laurant, a nine-year-old with a more than colourful imagination, is playing in the deepest woods around Three Pines, the village which isn't to be found neither on maps nor with GPS, and almost without Internet. Where Armand Gamache has retired with his wife Reine-Marie after the brutal wiping-out of corruption in the Surete of Quebec, which almost took his life. Now fully recovered, the couple enjoys their mostly peaceful life. But little Laurant breaks into the Bristro of Gabri and Olivier to announce his finding: A GUN -bigger than a house, bigger than 100 houses - with a monster riding on it! Together with Gamache this day is ex-Agent Isabelle Lacoste, now Chief-Inspector of Homicide, who wants him to return as a Superintendent to build the new Surete du Quebec, free of any corruption. Other offers have yet been made, Gamache and Reine-Marie are simply too young and active for retirement. With all those things on their mind, nobody believes the kid's tale - he had seen dinosaurs and aliens sometimes, too. Also because the rehearsal of a play - that will cause a lot of problems in the near future because of the most (in)famous man who wrote it - occupies the minds of many inhabitants of the village. So Gamache brings the boy home to his parents, who know of the rich fantasy of their son. But the next day Laurant disappears, only to be found dead after a night of frantic search beneath a gravel path, perhaps killed by losing the control of his bike. And the investigation led by Jean-Guy Beauvoir will lead to the giant gun the boy had really found! A gun? An absurdly big cannon, that with the right missiles can reach a high orbit and long distance without the need of any electronical guidance! A project started in the 1960 as HARP by Canada and the USA and then refined by the PhD Gerald Bull over the years under the name of "Project Babylon". He constructed some kind of giant cannon aka missile launcher to sell it to the nation or dictator who pays the highest price. Israel or Saddam Hussein - for Bull it didn't make any difference. But then in 1990 Bull was killed by 5 bullets in the head at Brussels. And the project was never completed - the whole world thought. But now it is there, the Supergun, with a seven-serpent-headed monster commanded by a kind of witch etched onto its side. Soon Gamache finds the prove that Laurant was murdered because of his discovery. And the Canadian Secret Services CSIS sends two strange agents - a woman and a man both middle-aged and obviously not very trained for field work - to look at the Supergun. Soon Isabelle Lacoste and the forensic agents take over, but this is a case which requires special scientific knowledge and a certain Professor Rosenblatt, who once worked with Gerald Bull, comes to help. He knows a lot more about the Project Babylon and the monster on it than he says, as Gamache and friends are yet getting used to with the CSIS agents. But a bad surprise has still to come - the worst Canadian serial killer John Fleming has been deeply implicated in the whole affair before he was caught and trialed for the murder of seven persons. Who is now in the high-security-prison HSU for lifetime. But he plots inside, hoping to have a possibility to escape. Soon Prof Rosenblatt can calm down everybody a little bit: The trigger of the giant gun has been removed and is nowhere to be found. The construction plans have never been discovered since Bull died in 1990, so the cannon is relatively secure. There also are no missiles to be fired, a meagre consolation for our investigators, but better than nothing. So the situation slowly but surely begins to deteriorate - the inhabitants of Three Pines are very worried, and soon the press is knocking, too. Worst scenario: Announcement of the discovery of Big Babylon in TV - and all the dealers of weapons will invade the village to seek the plans or try to steal the cannon. When the world knows, there will be no peace any more - neither for Gamache and friends, nor for the poor states menaced by that Supergun. Launching tons of explosives, atomic or biological warheads halfway around the globe without dependance on electronics will be easily possible. And then a second person is murdered and the situation is about to escalate... Writer Louise Penny has created with this thrilling fact-and-fiction book a real pageturner I had to finish as soon as possible. The project existed, she has only mingled a bit with the time of the developments and the site of the trial of a prototype called Baby Babylon. Big Babylon was 1990 still under construction, but could be stopped by the USA before handed over to a sworn enemy. But on the frontier of Canada and Vermont/USA in the 1960ies there was the HARP project site for the High Altitude Research Project. Which was stopped, but Gerald Bull continued to develop his Supergun. Those facts I found in Wikipedia, but not only. So in this fast-paced story the site where the cannon - the barrel of the real gun was about 52 METERS (!!!) long - "slept" all those years, has simply been translocated into the woods around Three Pines. But everything is very logical and believable, and the plot twists and turns often because of the secrets the single persons hide to Gamache and his friends and loved ones. Clara is still grieving the loss of Peter and is creatively blocked. Ruth Zardo and a close friend are haunted by the past, like the father of the killed boy, too. All the others try to help where they can, and the cooperation of all will bear fruits at the end and gives to the true fans of the series a lot to think about the future of Ex-Chief Gamache, Marie-Reine - who had a very active role this time - Jean-Guy and Anne, and all the oh so

interesting inhabitants of Three Pines. Who are always good for big surprises. Highly recommended mystery with political implications, not only for fans, but for all the readers who like surprises in their crime stories. 2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. This is again a very good story and it is once more situated in Three Pines. Von S. K. The usual characters of Three Pines and some new ones are combined to a compelling story taking place in the well-known surroundings we readers love so much. You can almost feel the warm fire and taste the flakey croissants. Still the story is full of surprises and very well elaborated. One of the best in the Gamache series. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Not good at all. Von Kunde I really love the books of Louise Penny and I was so glad when her new book came out but it is nearly unreadable. The story is too fantastic (a supergun bigger than a house in the forest near three pines waiting to be sold to Saddam Hussein). What a shame. I am quite sad about it and the money spend.

Produktbeschreibung The New York Times Bestseller Hardly a day goes by when nine-year-old Laurent Lepage doesn't cry wolf. His boundless sense of adventure and vivid imagination mean he has a tendency to concoct stories so extraordinary and so far-fetched that no one can possibly believe him. But when Laurent disappears, former Chief Inspector Armand Gamache is faced with the possibility that one of his tall tales might have been true. So begins a frantic search for the boy and the truth. And what Gamache uncovers deep in the forest leads back to crimes of the past, betrayal and murder, with more sinister consequences than anyone could have possibly imagined . . . From number one bestseller Louise Penny comes an ingenious, powerful and page-turning novel that will hold you in its grip until the final page.