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An incredible story about a family legacy set in south-west France.

“Aunt Lucie’s legacy” was applauded with publication by Club France Loisirs (France’s number one book club), acclaimed a jury favorite at the Livre d’Orthez book fair in 2010, selected for the “Fnac’s digital pearls” in March 2014.

This comedy stayed in Amazon, Kobo and the Fnac Top 100 for several months on the French market.

### THE STORY:

Aunt Lucie is a real pain in the neck. Although she wasn’t exactly a saint while she was alive, now that she’s dead, she surpasses herself in making life miserable for her family. Her testament is crystal clear: to collect the inheritance, her nephews and their families have to move into her house, which is definitely not a palace! Aunt Lucie has another surprise up her sleeve, a sort of mad treasure hunt, ankle-deep in mud. Welcome to rural France! What’s certain is that her dear nephews are not about to get bored as they get caught in an unforgettable adventure in the heart of the Béarn. How far will they go to get their hands on the jackpot? Comical situations, funny dialog and dramatic turns of events come fast and furious, masterfully orchestrated by dear Aunt Lucie. The climax could only be astonishing.

## Aunt Lucie's legacy Details

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## **From Reader Review Aunt Lucie's legacy for online ebook**

### **Ramona says**

Thanks to Goodreads, Kindle and Mr. Saimbert for a wonderful little romp. It did not take long for the reader to discern where the prize was hidden, but it was fun to watch the relative fumble and fail. This was a really fun read

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### **Rumeur says**

This was a fun book because Aunt Lucy was fun (although her relatives were less than thrilled with her). After she died, in order to get the inheritance, the relatives had to live in her run down, awful home, along with going through a treasure hunt in this awful, run down wreck. Aunt Lucy was as much fun dead, as she was alive \*insert sarcasm here lol

It was a real fun read, & quick since I found it immensely funny. I won a kindle copy of this book in a Goodreads giveaway & wrote honest review

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### **Tammy says**

Nostalgically Cute

A summer vacation in France looking for treasure left from an estranged aunt told from the viewpoint of a fourteen year old boy. Thank you good reads for this free book. Off the record I had guessed where the treasure was at the beginning but was a fun read.

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### **Charlie says**

First of all, I did receive this book from Goodreads.com and at no cost to me.

I tried to really, really like this book. I suppose it is well written, however, I couldn't get the humor out of it. I'm sure the humor is there but apparently it is not my cup of tea. Not the author's fault - it did get many high reviews, though.

I will try again later to see what I missed.

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### **Kat Jones says**

I'd give it 0 if I could. This has to be the worst book I've ever read. I only kept at it since I won it as a goodreads giveaway and felt I should give it a chance to get better. If you read for an escape, as I do, avoid it. Half the characters are obnoxious, self entered trash, and of course they get what they want in the end. The narrator is an incestuous rude teenager. He openly gets boners staring at his cousin who strips for him and laments they're former makeouts since she's "too mature" for him now that she got her period and starting

having sex outside the family as well. He also enjoyed watching his aunt have sex and goes on about never seeing another woman as sexy as her, except his cousin. They're entertainment is in making fun of a "retarded" man, as they joyously insult him multiple times. For a bunch of incestuous men and dim witted prude women, I found it rich for them to think they're so much more enlightened as they tear up the house of their aunt, who the men lusted after, while the women are disgusted that she decided to have a sex life instead of marrying a man that wouldn't allow her to have an opinion of her own. Basically, I expected it to be funny and only didn't hate or wasn't downright disgusted by the rare outlying characters and sometimes one of the uncles.

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### **Deanna says**

Perhaps it is because I am not french or my tastes do not lean toward crude language and borderline pornography, but this book was terrible. I kept hoping it would get better but it never did. The narrative rambled on and on, having nothing to do with the storyline. Luckily this was a free book.

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### **Catherine Lang says**

Une bonne tranche de rire. Tata Lucie connaît bien sa famille, qui l'a ignorée toute sa vie. Elle connaît tout ce petit monde cupide et âpre au gain. Sa vengeance est racontée à travers les yeux d'un adolescent (un peu perturbé par la montée en puissance de la testostérone). Tata Lucie se venge à titre posthume, elle va leur en faire baver. Ça sent bon la garbure et les effluves du Pacherinc. C'est truculent, rosse (comme tata Lucie), très drôle, gaulois, mais aussi plein de tendresse et surtout bien écrit et bien construit. On rit beaucoup. Un livre qui fait du bien.

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### **Sharon says**

Okay book with a mystery to solve for which some readers will identify answers before the story characters. To be noted are a few adult type (not terrible) circumstances which some people may find a bit offensive.

My book copy was received through a goodreads giveaway in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Shay VanZwoll says**

When Aunt Lucie passes away, her four nephews suddenly remember how much they loved her... or perhaps it was just a possible inheritance? Aunt Lucie was one step ahead, however, expecting the fickle family relations. When the nephews, their spouses, and children all show up at the reading of the will, they discover that in order to inherit Lucie's millions they need to find a specific gem on Lucie's property - with only a single clue to get them started.

Nothing is too drastic to find the turquoise stone... even working together. With two of the wives cooking and cleaning, the others sunning themselves at the beach, and the men tearing about the house and grounds, this family vacation has turned into a dysfunctional scavenger hunt.

An interesting story with a lot of humor, this book is a quick read that will keep you wondering what disaster will happen next. I was pleasantly surprised at the twists the author threw in, and even though I was able to figure out the last two riddles quickly it was fun to see the family's reactions. Well-written, with well-developed anti-heroes, I enjoyed reading this novel and would be interested in reading future books by this author as well. The language is a little formal in some places, most likely due to translation, but I found it easily relatable and - knowing plenty of dysfunctional families - actually believable.

Thank you to the author for providing me with a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Deirdre says**

I won a copy of this book and am glad I did. First, it has introduced me to an author I knew nothing about and who I thoroughly enjoyed reading. Merci beaucoup. A tale of a crazy family's month-long venture in the Langue d'Oc, searching for a necklace on their deceased aunt's estate that will give them a hefty inheritance....if they find it. Some good laugh-out-loud Gallic humor interspersed throughout. Sometimes you need to read a book purely for entertainment, and this once fit the bill very nicely.

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### **PepperP0t says**

\*\*\*A complimentary copy of this read was furnished by author in exchange for an unbiased review\*\*\*  
When Aunt Lucie died, a lot was said and a lot was unsaid. Believing himself to be Lucie's favorite nephew and sure he'd inherited Lucie's worldly goods Dad pulled out appropriate sadness about her death, remembrances of how and why he was her favorite nephew, touted her virtues and family values.

Much to Dad's chagrin, he learned Aunt Lucie's solicitor had appointments to see his three brothers as well. He was livid at the possibility of sharing his inheritance. Then he spouted about Lucie's inconsideration to die at the start of the family vacation and the many lascivious smiles and knowing winks that followed in Lucie's wake over her chosen profession.

Once the will is read the greed, dark humor, sarcasm and madcap, ludicrous situations begun on the way to the funeral are ratcheted up and continue as the prevailing tone of the read. Lucie's instruction stipulates the nephews and their families live in her rural home and participate in a scavenger like hunt if they intend to inherit a euro. Winner take all!

As the families depart the notary office for the house Dad reverts to his natural jealous and hypocritical state and initiated the ever present game of bluster and brotherly brinkmanship. The finely developed brothers and their wives were identifiable by their own degrees of greed and were entertaining if not likable.

I liked pieces of this read but didn't love them, it did mostly deliver (a dark but) humorous read told in third person memory by a pre-teen great-nephew. For this reader's taste the pacing is a tad slow given the givens but third party was the best narration for the tale.

This reader was concerned much would be lost in the translation from French to American speak and sensibilities. Some things were but they were minute (I think).

Rating 3.25 stars

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### **ChrisGA says**

Outrageously tongue-in-cheek story, set in France, of four brothers and their families who compete to find a treasure hidden by their recently-deceased and reportedly-scandalous aunt. It told from the viewpoint of a fourteen-year-old who candidly reports the quirks, “colorful” (aka foul) language, and dysfunctional behaviors of his peculiar, extended family. It also dwells on his bodily reaction to beautiful women and his feelings of being awkward and misunderstood by just about everyone around him. I have never been a 14-year-old boy, but I imagine these reactions are pretty common. The hair-brained attempts of his family to decipher the clues and find the treasure are a continuous comedy of missteps and blunders. All in all, the book is a little bit naughty, humorous, and intriguing. I received this book through Goodreads giveaway, but the thoughts are my own.

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### **Sky says**

This book caught me off guard, from the opening line, to the touching scenes of family life, to the humor running through the book, and to the reflections on death that we all must confront at one time or another.

The first part of the book is really a family road trip, but instead of going to Wally World or the Grand Canyon, they’re going to Aunt Lucie’s funeral. And the time they spend together illustrates the joy and wonder of life, even when it’s over and mourned by loved ones.

When the family arrives at Aunt Lucie’s house, they realize that their unconventional aunt has posthumously set them against each other in a treasure hunt. In short, we see a family come together, to compete against each other – which often brings out the worst in them.

I don’t know who Philippe Saimbert is, or what his other books are, but this one is a gem. The characters come alive through quick and witty dialogue. There is humor on every page – I often laughed out loud. And Saimbert knows how to keep the surprises coming – there is not a dull moment.

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### **Janine says**

I received this book through Goodreads Giveaways for an honest review.

I thought the plot of the book was really good - I liked the treasure hunt idea for the inheritance. I also liked the ending. I had a hard time getting into the humor though. It just wasn't for me.

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### **SIMON Karine says**

Je dois dire que dans l'ensemble, je suis un peu déçue, par ce livre. Peut-être que j'en attendais un peu trop, j'avais été très emballée par l'extrait que j'avais lu.

Malgré tout, il y a des chapitres très intéressant, et même très rigolo, c'est bien écrit, sans langue de bois.

Et même si je ne veux pas trop en dire, pour vous laisser découvrir ce livre, je peux vous dire que la Tata Lucie, c'était vraiment une emmerdeuse.....

Bonne lecture !

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