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# 13 Little Blue Envelopes



## Synopsis

New York Times bestselling author Maureen Johnson's funny, heartbreaking, and utterly romantic tale gets a great new cover! Ginny Blackstone never thought she'd spend her summer vacation backpacking across Europe. But that was before she received the first little blue envelope from Aunt Peg. This letter was different from Peg's usual letters for two reasons: 1. Peg had been dead for three months. 2. The letter included \$1000 cash for a passport and a plane ticket. Armed with instructions for how to retrieve twelve other letters Peg wrote twelve letters that tell Ginny where she needs to go and what she needs to do when she gets there. Ginny quickly finds herself swept away in her first real adventure. Traveling from London to Edinburgh to Amsterdam and beyond, Ginny begins to uncover stories from her aunt's past and discover who Peg really was. But the most surprising thing Ginny learns isn't about Peg . . . it's about herself. Everything about Ginny will change this summer, and it's all because of the 13 little blue envelopes. Look for the sequel, *The Last Little Blue Envelope!*

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## Customer Reviews

After Ginny Blackstone receives notification that her favorite aunt, Peg, has died at thirty-five of brain cancer, she receives a package of thirteen letters from her aunt sending her traveling alone across Europe and each envelope includes a task for her to perform. Ginny is a somewhat timid girl and finds some of the tasks quite challenging. The letters are Peg's way of imparting some wisdom to Ginny since she won't be there for her as she had promised. I enjoyed the book. I did think that it required some suspension of belief.

While this is classified as a young adult novel, it translates well to adults also. A shy young girl, grieving for her recently deceased aunt, finds herself on an epic quest across Europe while following the instructions left for her in 13 envelopes. Charming, addictive and worthwhile!

Enjoyed this read, although perhaps I would've liked the aunt's letters to be longer and more in-depth. Overall, however, it was a charming, fun read that I plowed through fairly quickly, and I will probably pick up its sequel, *The Last Little Blue Envelope*, to find out what the final blue envelope says!

Fantastic fast paced book and such a wonderful story. Ginny's Aunt disappears without a trace. She just took off one day and didn't tell anybody where or when she would be back. A few years later, they received a phone call to say she had passed away. Ginny received a letter, she had to go to the shop under her Aunt's apartment to pick up a parcel. This was the beginning! Inside the parcel was 13 letters. In each envelope there was a task for Ginny to complete and details of what her Aunt was thinking and experiencing while she traveled by herself. Ginny travels all over Europe following her Aunt's directions. She discovers courage that she never realized she had. Makes new friends and potential boyfriends. For a 17 year old, this is the biggest adventure of her life. This was an amazing adventure that does contain a sad story as well. I was crying along with Ginny and laughing. Overall this was a great book and even better knowing there is a sequel.

After the early death of her Aunt Peg, Ginny embarks on a trans-Atlantic romp that brings her from London to Greece, Rome, Copenhagen by way of instructions in thirteen envelopes written by Peg to recreate her own travels through Europe. Worried that her beloved niece has been too quiet and shy for far too long, Peg develops the envelope adventure as a way to bring Ginny to a totally new place -- and give her the ride of her life -- after she is no longer there to guide her into adulthood. It

was a bit unrealistic! Very high-school!

This book was the plane ticket I didn't have to buy! The story takes you all around Europe following Ginny as she follows her dead Aunt Peg's 13 little blue envelopes. On her travels, Ginny meets a boy from a Starbucks play & HE'S HILARIOUS AND CUTE with a british accent. Ginny learns about herself and her Aunt Peg...as well as some others. I love Maureen Johnson's writing, I've never had a problem with it. She's a great writer and I have nothing negative about this! JUST READ IT.

Having a dead aunt can't be fun, but how about when she sends you 13 blue envelopes that send you to about 6 countries and a butt load of money? Virginia gets letters from her dead aunt, and she follows what she wrote her, taking Virginia to crazy adventure of making friends, learning something, and taking big steps that she could never see herself do.

I was beginning to feel a little left out in the YA world. Why? Because I had not read a book by Maureen Johnson. I knew I had to fix this and fix it quickly! I started with 13 Little Blue Envelopes and I was not displeased. In fact, I have never wanted to be unwashed, grimy, broke and sleeping in nasty hostels more than I ever have right now. 13 Little Blue Envelopes follows the journey, or scavenger hunt of sorts, that Ginny's dead aunt left for her. Her travels take her all over Europe and put her in many difficult situations. After you suspend your disbelief-- because no parent would ever let their teen travel across Europe by their selves, and what teen, especially a shy one, would take up this crazy adventure by their selves--you will wish you had a crazy aunt to send you 13 little blue envelopes. Ginny, the main character, was really my only complaint. She was a little disconnected. She never seemed to be having fun! She met this cute guy who wears a kilt (KILT!) for crying out loud and the feelings I got from her were only 'meh'. This didn't take much away from the story, though. I was much too engrossed in where she would end up next and what would happen there! All in all, I really enjoyed my first Johnson book. I'm really looking forward to the sequel and reading her other books!

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