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**WHEN TRAGEDY STRIKES, LOUISA HAS TWO CHOICES:  
FADE AWAY INTO GRIEF. OR CONCOCT A PLAN.  
LUCKILY, THIS SMART, SASSY, IRREVERENT RETIRED SCHOOLTEACHER  
IS NOT THE FADING TYPE...**

–THE TESTAMENT OF HAROLD'S WIFE by Lynne Hugo on sale September 25, 2018 –

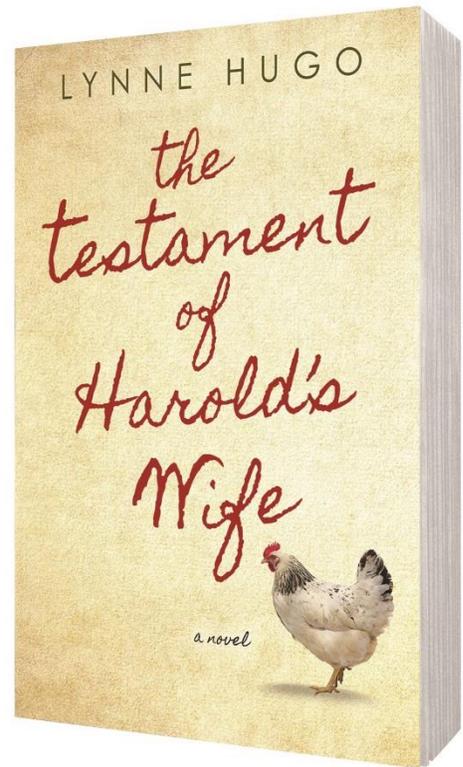
**Advance Praise for *The Testament of Harold's Wife***

"A glorious—and unique—tale of tragedy, resilience, and one kick-ass grieving widow and grandmother. I laughed, cried, and cheered as Louisa talked to her pet chickens, splashed bourbon in her tea, hid 'Glitter Jesus' around the house, and wrestled with revenge." – **Barbara Claypole White, bestselling author of *The Perfect Son* and *The Promise Between Us***

"Flawlessly written and genuine to the core, this novel takes an unflinching look at how we survive shattering tragedy and pointless cruelty and continue to love the world. Its startling, life-affirming conclusion will haunt me for a long time." – **Patry Francis, author of *The Orphans of Race Point***

"Grief can make a woman a little crazy, but it can also make her very entertaining! I adored this fun yet poignant book." – **Diane Chamberlain, NY Times bestselling author of *The Stolen Marriage***

"Perhaps the toughest and bravest way to survive tragedy is by bearing up. After losing her husband and grandson, Louisa weathers catastrophe through hard-fought wisdom, humor, and revenge served cold—fueled by a side of hot bourbon." – **Randy Susan Meyers, bestselling author of *The Widow of Wall Street***



Humor, hope and the healing beauty of nature balance moments of darkness in ***The Testament of Harold's Wife***, award-winning author Lynne Hugo's unflinching depiction of a strong, proactive widow finding new ways to live after a year of overwhelming loss.

After the death of her beloved grandson in a drunk driving accident, then the loss of her husband in the same year, Louisa feels she has two choices. She can fade away on her Indiana family farm, where her companionship comes courtesy of her aging chickens and an argumentative cat. Or, she can concoct *A Plan*.

Louisa, a retired schoolteacher who's as smart, sassy, and irreverent as ever, isn't the fading away type. But sometimes even the best laid plans can go awry, and as Louisa cuts an accidental trail through her forest of grief, she's reminded that enduring beauty of the natural world and the mystery of human connection are larger than revenge... and so is justice.

To be released by Kensington Publishing on September 25, 2018, *The Testament of Harold's Wife* is simultaneously an exploration of grief and the profound impact of drunk driving, as well as an insightful and refreshingly unsentimental story about one woman's unconventional path from heartbreak to hope.

### **Author Lynne Hugo on writing *The Testament of Harold's Wife*:**

*"I wanted to depict an older woman who is smart, articulate, sassy, does not have a foot in the grave, is not pathetic or doddering even though she is coping with aging and overwhelming losses. I wanted to inspire myself and others with the vision of a protagonist who is **enlarged by her years rather than diminished by them**, and not merely cute, a gray-haired teenager, or a secondary character who gives sage advice to the important actors in a dramatic story. I wanted her to be the one with agency."*



### **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

**Lynne Hugo** is the author of eight novels. She is a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship recipient who has also received grants from the Ohio Arts Council and the Kentucky Foundation for Women. *Where the Trail Grows Faint*, about animal-assisted therapy in a nursing home with a lively Lab, won the Riverteeth Literary Nonfiction Book Prize. Her recent novels were *A Matter of Mercy*, which received the 2015 Independent Publishers Silver Medal for Best North-East Fiction, and *Remember My Beauties*. Born and educated in New England, Lynne and her husband now live in Ohio with Scout, a yellow Lab feared by squirrels in three states.

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**by Lynne Hugo**

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