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Since leaving the Army six months ago, Izzy Rivera has closed herself off from everyone and everything. Struggling with a debilitating case of PTSD, she has been fired from three jobs and was recently arrested for assault. Her last hope is a rehab program for veterans on Heron Island, which she was admitted to on a probationary basis and which she must complete to stay out of jail.

After establishing an illustrious career as a marine biologist, Ryan Callahan has returned to Heron Island to open a nonprofit to save the Chesapeake Bay and help his father—a fourth-generation waterman—expand his oyster farm. As one of the primary employers for the veterans' center, Ryan is counting on his new workforce to make the merging of these two operations a success.

But Ryan underestimated the challenges of employing a group of physically and psychologically wounded veterans—particularly the female Army veteran who wants nothing to do with his nonprofit, his father's farm, or the peaceful island that's supposed to help her heal. Can Ryan find a way to convince Izzy to believe in something again? Or will the shell she's built around her heart trap her in the past forever?

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From Reader Review Wind Chime Summer for online ebook

Lisa says

'Wind Chime Summer' is a sweet read which takes its time in revealing its story. It is a slow burn but it needs to be and I loved the emotional, poignant journey it took me on.

Izzy is just another veteran part of the island's programme, right? Wrong. Izzy has seen the horrors of war and survived. It is not this that brings her to the island. It is her chance to stay out of prison. There is more to Izzy than meets the eye. She is vulnerable and fragile yet determined and courageous. As she finds her feet in working for Ryan on his oyster farm, she finds some inner peace and a passion and understanding of the nature around her as well as finding Ryan.

Ryan is patient and nurturing towards her as he fights his growing attraction for her. But will he be able to support Izzy when her truth is revealed or when things go wrong for her?

A thoughtful and poignant read that brought all the feels and was full of charm. I loved the premise and it was superbly delivered. This series continues to deliver first class stories.

Reviewed for LBM Book Blog

Tonya Hodgson says

This story is the last of a three story arc that deals with PTSD, and issues veterans face when transitioning to civilian life. I am not a blogger, I did not receive a free copy of this book for an honest review. I am a reader and a wife of a retired service member.

I stumbled on Sophie's first book awhile ago. I read all three of the Seal Island Trilogies at the same time. (Patience is a virtue that I don't really possess.) I don't know if I left a written review. Often I don't. I am stingy with my 5 star reviews and I don't want to hurt anyone's feeling.

Why am I writing a review of this book now? Because I finished rereading Wind Chime Wedding and discovered there was a new book. Kindle said there were only 10 reviews. I want to lend my voice to a book that speaks at the heart of something important to me our service members and their families. I loved and hated the villain. He was too real which is probably why I hated him. There are lots of good honorable people who are officers in the military. There are also scum sucking liars who can kill a career (of both sexes) in the military. I have never been to a small Island off the coast of Ireland. I have never spent time on a small island on the east coast. I don't know any Navy Seals (I really do but since they served in Vietnam it feel like a different lifetime.) While my husband did deploy much of what he did I couldn't know about. I know military families. I think the families aren't supported enough! It's hard to be the one left home. It's hard to not understand the horrors that the people you love best went through. So this book spoke to the secret heart of me. I highly recommend this book (and the rest of the series).

Can it be a stand alone I don't know. I want to end with the thought that Collin shared in Wind Chime Wedding. It's not charity when you are training people to be a more cohesive part of society! No matter how you feel about the choices made about foreign policy, we should all support our military members! They

didn't ask to go. They were told to go.

This is a bit preachy so please take it with a grain of salt (preferably on a large margarita.) Or just ignore it!! Since 2001 we have had more repeat deployments of whole squadrons into hot zones than any other time in history (including Vietnam.) We are sending more of the National Guard and Reserves into deployed hot spots than ever before. If you have a job the military is "short" of they can keep you past your original commitment. Yet, this is still a volunteer force so it effects the lower and middle class more than it does the upper class. Ask yourself why we allow a president and congress to make such far reaching decisions for our troops when they haven't spent time in the service of our country. Would their choices be different if it effected their spouses, their sons, or daughters? *sorry off soapbox now!!

Lisa Hutson says

I have read all three of this series. All wonderful stories. Connected but easily stand alone stories. Each story is completely its own. And wonderful. Wind Chime Summer is romantic. Its uplifting. You cant help but hope for the characters trying to get their lives back in order. Not just the main characters. Not to mention how much I learned about oyster farming. I didn't even know there was such a thing. Fascinating.

Rob.C. Rob.C. says

Sophie Moss did it again, and it's no surprise. Her books, especially those in the Wind Chime Café series are beautiful and artfully crafted stories that will hook you from the very start and will take you on a journey filled with emotions so strong and real you can nearly touch them, with tension that will make you hold your breath and root for the characters' happily-ever-after, and with that feel-good vibe that will wrap you in a warm embrace like a blanket on a chilly day. The small-town setting only serves to add up to the emotional connection you get when you read her books. No matter where you are when you're starting the book—you can be sure you'll end up on Heron Island after a few pages. You'll be able to smell the fish and ocean water, you'll hear seagulls and the sound of the wind chimes carry in the air, and soon enough you'll feel like you're one of the residents.

The romance in this novel is a little more subtle than the usual romance novels, with more focus on the heroine's journey toward getting over her fears and letting another man close again. I'll be honest, I was a little sad when I saw the words "The End" and realized I wasn't going to read more about the two of them together. I personally would have loved to read more of Ryan and Izzy as a couple, after they took the final step and decided to let love in. But don't let this discourage you from picking up the book, because it really is a beautiful story, with a romantic happy ending and some twists that keep it all more entertaining (there are a couple of edge-of-your-seat moments that will have you hold your breath waiting for the next scene).

Just like I expected, I enjoyed reading this book and I had a hard time putting down my Kindle. It was one of those books you can't put down but at the same time, you don't want to read too fast because then it will end too soon. I was thrilled to find out there will be a series crossover in the next book, and I can't wait to read it. I do hope Ryan and Izzy will make an appearance in that book, just like all the characters from the previous books did in this one, because I really want to see more of them together.

If you've read the previous books in the series, you will love this one just as much. If you haven't, this works as a standalone, but I'm pretty sure you will go back and read book 1 and book 2, as soon as you've finished Ryan and Izzy's story. Fans of emotional and sweet romance, will definitely like Wind Chime Summer.

read my full review here: <http://robertasdreamworld.blogspot.it...>

*** I received a complimentary copy from the author and voluntarily reviewed the book. I was not compensated for my review***

Kim O'Daniel says

Oh my Gods what a book! Hell this whole series is amazing. I fell in love with book one. And have been hooked ever since. I was so delighted when I found out this book was available. I just had to read it immediately. This is the third book and can be read as a standalone but I suggest you read the other 2 first.

This is Ryan's story and how he met Izzy. Of course it is thought the wonderful program will sets up in book one. Now Izzy has PTSD but not why you think. In her case it is worse as this happened on home soil. Now this book deals with trained solders dealing with a range of problems. But Ryan is working at pulling Izzy out of her shell so she can heal. As he is more invested in her as he is falling for her. I am so read for the next book. And make sure you read the note at the back of the book to get a glimpse of what is next

Now before I ruin this for you I will leave off here. I hope you enjoy this book as much as I did. If you do like this book, please consider leaving a review. The Authors really like it when you do; they value your opinions too

Angela says

simply gorgeous. i laughed and cried and longed for the ocean. my heart is so full after reading this novel. and i just want more. thank you sophie moss for this beautiful story.

Tanya Vought says

This is another amazing book by this Author! Wind Chime Summer is filled with some drama, pain, war heroes, amazing friends and family.

You will fall head over heels in love with the stunning setting, the food and the two main characters!

Despite both characters having past issues- when they are together, something just 'clicks'.

If you are looking for a contemporary romance filled with history, love and survival you'll love Wind Chime Summer!

4 oyster stars from me!

Recv'd a copy of this book via the author in exchange for an honest review

Alissa says

Another excellent story. I continue to be enchanted by these characters and this place. Highly recommended.

Kristen says

So much more than a love story! A great book. Izzy suffers from PTSD from her time in the military, but not from what she saw or experienced in a war zone. Her trauma came at the hands of a superior officer, but left a mark that was deep. Ryan has returned to Heron Island to do his part to help save the oyster harvest in the Chesapeake Bay. Together they feel a chemistry that can't be denied, but there are obstacles. Izzy is on the island as part of a program to help veterans heal, and she is assigned to work with Ryan on his oyster farm. Ryan, as one of the people running the veteran program, knows that it is hands-off for a woman working for him. The book tells their story of developing love, Izzy's healing through not only the veteran's program but also in helping bring her assailant to justice, and the workings of the fishermen who are working to revitalize the Chesapeake Bay. Great story! Loved revisiting Heron Island and the people I had come to know from the first two books (although this could be read as a stand-alone). Highly recommend!

The Color of Ink says

Izzy has put her walls up because of something she has been struggling with, but is rehab what she needs to save her from closing herself in completely. She's lost and feeling helpless, but through the help of caring people and the other veterans on Heron island she may just find her way back to herself. He knew what he was signing up for when he agreed to employ some of the men and woman in the program, but Izzy doesn't seem to want to be involved in anything going on around her. She's just going through the motions. There has to be something that will start dropping her walls so she can start to heal. Here starts the real journey with an attraction that is undeniable and a journey to overcome obstacles beyond the surface.

It's no surprise that I enjoyed this read. This is a favorite series of mine. I got nothing less than I expected. It's a story filled with heart and character. Sophie Moss has a way of building up the story and characters that you don't mind waiting for final piece of the romance puzzle to fit in just right. The stories are different, but each journey will give a deeper connection to the next. I recommend reading the books in order.

I'm looking forward to next book in the series, which is tentatively titled Wind Chime Cottage. Sending a

big thanks to the author for writing another great book filled with healing, trust, and love.

Harriet Schultz says

Wind Chime Summer is among the best books I've read this year, which is no surprise since the author's novels have been a favorite since I discovered her Seal Island series. Those earlier books revolved around a fanciful myth, while the Wind Chime series is very grounded in reality.

Moss takes a serious subject and wraps it in charm, character, location and romance with a depth of feeling that makes you care, really care, about the people that inhabit Chesapeake Bay's Heron Island. I loved meeting this book's new characters and revisiting those from the prior two books of the series.

Moss's fans will delight, as I did, in an obscure reference to a character from the Seal Island series and look forward to how she incorporates this into the upcoming fourth book in the Wind Chime series. I highly recommend anything this author writes.

Book provided by the author in exchange for an honest review.

Tracy Meyer says

I love the Wind Chime novels, and the third book in the series does not disappoint. Author Sophie Moss tackles tough topics with grace and honesty, incorporates a realistic and heart-warming romance arc, and includes the beautiful and enchanting Chesapeake Bay as a backdrop. Her characters are authentic, her writing pristine. I highly recommend Wind Chime Summer, as well as all the Wind Chime novels. You won't be disappointed.

Miriam says

I think...I needed this. I've been restless lately, going from one book to another, reading but not absorbing, feeling listless after each read. Maybe this is what I've needed? It settled me in ways I can't describe. It's more than a feel good, heart warming, overcoming the odds romance.

It's about healing, deep down soul healing, and renewed faith in others.

Izzy's PTSD is unlike others I've read in military themed romances. Hers is the result of a superior officer, but it runs just as deep as the soldiers who have suffered on the battlefield. She's broken and mistrustful. She lashes out. She's lost everything. If this rehab program doesn't work, if she doesn't allow it to work, nothing can save her from a future that's so far from what she deserves.

Ryan's the complete opposite. He has everything he could ever want and need. The rehab center is an expansion of himself, a way of being close to home while utilizing the skills he's built over the years. But the crew he's working with are unlike any other. Men and women broken physically and mentally by war, something he knows nothing about, are a challenge to command. But he's determined, pretty damned determined to make it work, to work through the issues to accomplish two goals: grow the farm, and help

them heal.

This story moves me. My gut would clench then drop then flutter as life changed, as love grew, for Ryan and Izzy. There's this overwhelming hopefulness that kept me in its grips as Izzy healed. And, wow, what healing.

I've only read one other book by Ms. Moss and it was quite some time ago. This book is just as stunning as that one. The characters, the setting, the lessons. I needed this. I really did.

A beautiful story that is guaranteed to touch the heart and soul of anyone who ventures to read it. I hope you do.

Received from publisher for an honest review

Kristine says

Fantastic

I have loved every book in this series but I think I loved this book the most. The characters were delightful, the writing was excellent, the editing was great, and the storyline was wonderful. The story flowed from the first page to the last. I highly recommend this clean series.

Juliette Sobanet says

I'm so excited that Sophie has released the next book in her Wind Chime series, and I couldn't wait to dive into this one! Wind Chime Summer is a beautifully written, heartfelt story that follows the struggles of Izzy Rivera, who is suffering from severe PTSD after leaving the army. Sophie has written such a unique character with Izzy, and I loved how it took a while to peel back Izzy's layers so that we really get to know and understand her. The love story between Izzy and Ryan is really touching as well, and Sophie moves the romance along at the perfect pace for these characters. This story is so much more than a romance, though - Sophie really gives the reader a true depiction of what soldiers go through when battling PTSD, and she takes us on an incredible journey of hope and healing. I absolutely love how she weaves a little bit of selkie magic from her Seal Island Trilogy into the book as well. Can't wait to see how she combines the two series in her next novel! Bravo Sophie!
