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The *New York Times* bestselling author of *Little Beach Street Bakery* and *Christmas at the Cupcake Café* returns with a delightful new novel—with recipes!—that is already an international bestseller and is perfect for fans of Jojo Moyes, Meg Donohue, and Sophie Kinsella, and Elin Hilderbrand.

Summer at Little Beach Street Bakery is an irresistible novel—moving and funny, soulful and sweet—about happiness, heartache, and hope. And recipes.

A thriving bakery. A lighthouse to call home. A handsome beekeeper. A pet puffin. These are the things that Polly Waterford can call her own. This is the beautiful life she leads on a tiny island off the southern coast of England.

But clouds are gathering on the horizon. A stranger threatens to ruin Polly's business. Her beloved boyfriend seems to be leading a secret life. And the arrival of a newcomer—a bereft widow desperately searching for a fresh start—forces Polly to reconsider the choices she's made, even as she tries to help her new friend through grief.

Unpredictable and unforgettable, this delightful novel will make you laugh, cry, and long for a lighthouse of your own.

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Anja says

Polly thinks, she has it all: handsome, lovely boyfriend, wonderful bakery, new friends, a beautiful island and a lighthouse as her new home. It couldn't be better for her. But of course, fate strikes again and Polly loses her bakery to a horrible man and her boyfriend has to go back to where he came from once again. Also, a woman returns to Mount Polbearne, who has something to do with the misery from the previous year and Polly's feelings about everything are turned upside down. Again.

Well, at first I was quite excited about that new person in town. I wanted to see how she and Polly clash with each other and I was hoping for a little bitch fight or at least a tiny row. Did I get that? No. Well, that woman owns a cat, which caused some trouble, but not the trouble I was hoping for. That was kind of disappointing, really. In the end, the big secret was unraveled, but did they fight then? No. Because it was in the middle of the big drama (literally) and they were best friends again after that. So disappointing.

The story itself wasn't entirely to my liking as well. I didn't like the fact that Huckle (what a great name, but I'll come to that.) left Polly alone for stupid reasons and then didn't come back for forever for reasons that were even more stupid. With every page I disliked him more. A shame, because I quite liked him in the first part.

Towards the end I got more and more annoyed with Polly and Huckle and the story itself. It also took me ages to finally finish it.

Then, the end. Well the happy end was okay, but not nearly cute enough. At all. And before the final happy end, of course there had to be some total, life-threatening drama. Which had to do with the sea, just as in the first part. Okay, they live on a tiny island, so heavy storms and huge waves and whatnot are probably most likely, but still. And after that Polly is the most wonderful heroine of all time, blah, blah, blah. How could it have been any different?

Now, to the names: Huckle. I could ignore the stupidity of that name in the first part, but now he has a brother called Dubose. Seriously? And what kind of cruel parents name their children Huckle AND Dubose? The brother was stupid, so his name fitted him perfectly.

All in all, I would say I clearly expected more. It was just not cute enough, not lovely, not satisfying in any way, at all. There was not the fight I was hoping for, no romance, because the guy went away, no daily bakery life, because the bakery kind of went away, too. Polly gets a substitute for her loss of the bakery, but still. Not my favourite book by far.

Magdalena aka A Bookaholic Swede says

Summer at Little Beach Street Bakery is a sweet book! ;)

Honestly, I've come to love Jenny Colgan's books and I'm kind of sad to have read this book since it's the last one in this series so far). This is book two, but of course, I started off by reading book three, then book one

and now this one. Still, it doesn't matter if you read them in a different order, each book has a deliciously interesting story with both sadness and humor mixed together. I listened to the audio version and honestly, there are some really funny scenes that made me smile.

And, of course, Neil the puffin is in this book! I adore Neil! I recommend this series warmly!

Bookevin says

<http://iheart-chicklit.blogspot.com/2...>

Summer at Little Beach Street Bakery will appeal to Jenny Colgan's fans and readers who fell in love with that little adorable puffin, Neil in The Little Beach Street Bakery. With Jenny Colgan's trademark humour and her arsenal of deliciously written artisan breads, get your holiday bags packed for another getaway at Polbearne!

Fabi says

Livro bom com receitas muito boas!

prettybooks says

14/20

Un plaisir de retourner sur cette petite île, retrouver son ambiance et les personnages de cette série. C'est la lecture feel-good par excellence, et tout ce dont j'avais besoin au moment de ma lecture. Je regrette les longueurs de ce tome et certains rebondissements qui étaient à mon sens un peu de trop, mais j'ai trouvé dans cette lecture la douceur que je recherchais.

Ma chronique : <https://myprettybooks.wordpress.com/2...>

Paula Reis says

Deliciosa continuação de Pão Mel e Amor.

O Amor tudo consegue, a tenacidade ajuda muito e a humildade dá uma mão gigantesca! Receita para um livro de ler e chorar por mais!

Agi says

Jenny Colgan seems to feel really well with her formula, and I find it absolutely OK, because well, just give me a book with cupcakes, bread or other cakes or tea - rooms in it and I'm sold, and I personally can't wait

for new releases from this author. I know I am for a real treat with her every new book, and I enjoy them all because they are full of warmth, human feeling and they always put a smile on my face. What should I want more? It also seems that I can't have enough of stories set on small islands or in little villages, where the sense of community is so strong developed. Mount Polbearne reminds me so much on Poldore from Rowan Coleman's stories, they are both lovely places to live and I would move there without hesitation.

I am not sure if this book should be read as a stand - alone novel, I'd rather recommend you read "Little Beach Street Bakery" first. Yes, Jenny provides a brief catch up at the beginning, just as she usually does in her series, and I personally find it a brilliant idea, but in my opinion to fully understand Mont Polbearne, to get into the depth of the story, you should read both books.

Polly is living in Mount Polbearne, in her newly purchased lighthouse, with boyfriend Huckle and Neil the Puffin, happily doing this what she loves to do: running the little town's bakery. Life is perfect, right? Unfortunately, everything goes belly up with the death of Mrs Manse and when her nephew turns up on Polly's doorstep and starts to "rationalise". He wants to see profits only and has pounds signs in his eyes, and soon Polly finds herself out of work that she loves so much. Money is short so Huckleley decides to head back to America, to help on the farm and to earn some money. To add more troubles to this all, the widow Selina comes back to the island, Malcolm the Nephew is sabotaging Polly's new business, and after this horrible accident with the cat, Polly decides to hand Neil over to his natural environment, deeply hoping that he' going to turn out on her doorstep again, just like the last time... But is he? Can Polly come to terms with the changes in her life? With the arrivals and departures? Is Polly and Huckleley's love going to survive? What with Polly's dream to have her own bakery?

I had no idea how much joy the re - union with Polly and co. is going to bring me. I have easily and seamlessly picked up on the story and felt as if I have never left Mont Polbearne before. My feelings to Polly didn't change, she was as adorable as she was in the first book. Living her life happily, in a lighthouse, with Huckle and Neil, surrounded by her friends, but she never takes things for granted, and this is what I love in this girl. And all her feelings and moods were so real, and I just couldn't help but keep my fingers crossed for her!

I also loved to meet up with Huckleley and his no - nonsense life approach, and well, the way Polly thought of him, reminiscing when he was away, hmmm, Huckle is a new candidate to be a book - boyfriend, no? Responsible, having both feet hard on the ground and reasonable, but also able to drop everything and get on a plane, just to see with his own eyes that his girl is OK.

Neil the Puffin is of course the star of the show, and he steals every scene he's in. Eep. (You know, I've already read "Polly and the Puffin", in fact I have hidden the book because Sophie makes me read it hundred times a day, but nevertheless, Neil is a hero. I think he's the best of all the other animal characters in the books that I've come across).

I have absolutely adored the fact that Jenny focused not only on Polly and Huckle and their problems, but added more characters, characters that I've already grown to love, to the story, and so we have more of Kerensa and Reuben, and no matter what he says or does, he's just brilliant, and those two make a brilliant sex... I mean, love - couple. We have the fishermen, who still can't recover from the tragedy, but who are so lovely and loyal, and please don't give them matches in hand! Mrs Manse's nephew Malcolm and his antics, his posing for a businessman, haha, I'm laughing hard, do you hear, Malcolm? We have more of Jayden, who's Polly's right hand and tastes all her baking, and bubbling with enthusiasm he often forgets that those are things for the customers, and so often there is nothing left for them, but who's so lovely and honest. There is also Huckle's brother Dubose, the free - spirit, not the most likeable character in the world, especially when you get to know his history and Clemmie, and last but not least, Selina, the fisherman's widow, whose return on the island brings more tears and problems, but also helps to see things in different light. They were all characters living their own lives, vivid, popping out of the pages people that felt as realistic as the person next to you.

As for the plot, yes, it is a little predictable, but there is nothing wrong with a little of predictability, and yet the story is full of surprises, turns and twists. The relationship between Polly and Huckle felt more serious and they were so much in love, it was a real joy to see those two together, to see how great they felt in each other company, and they were just a couple made in heaven, they were destined for each other, basta. Of course Jenny Colgan put Polly into many troubles, and it made me so sad to see Polly so sad, to see her fighting for her survival, it was her to be or not to be, to be so lonely and having to face up everything by herself. There is so much happening in the story that I didn't want to put the book down in case there was something new coming up on the next page, and there are so many questions: what is Polly going to do now when she's out of her job? Is Huckle going to come back or rather stay on the farm? And Neil? What's going to happen to him? And is Mont Polbearne without fresh bread at all possible? There is not only a lot of humour, but also a lot of drama, and of course there must have happened a storm - and how did this end this time?

The descriptions of the town, the nature are beautiful. In fact the way Jenny Colgan wrote the storm just gave me the shivers, she can write in such a vivid, realistic way. She actually brings not only the characters, but also the island itself to life, and you can't help it but let her draw you into the whirl of the events, and quickly you will find yourself rooting for the characters, keeping your fingers crossed for them, cheering on them or booing them, and - shortly - just feeling as if you were a part of this book, a part of the characters' lives.

Jenny Colgan has a brilliant way of writing, she makes the dialogues sound totally realistic in the mouths of the characters. She has this talent to add a word or two and thanks to this the atmosphere becomes lighter, more optimistic. Jenny doesn't exaggerate, she writes as it is but even if the problem seems impossible to be solved, there is something uplifting in her writing that let us think everything will be OK. There is really some kind of magic in her writing that enchants you, and her books are a wonderful breath of fresh air.

It was an incredible story with a feel - good factor to it, full of sunshine and good humour. A lovely novel, full of spirit, brilliant small town inhabitants, this small - village community sense, with a great dose of dry humour, wonderful one - liners, touching moments and in the end you can't put it down, telling yourself "just one more page, one more page", and ending with sleepless nights because of this "just one more page".

This book was so heart - warming and full of warmth, and I just couldn't help it, but as I think the best place to read it is in a full sun, I just wrapped myself in as many layers as possible and read it mostly on my terrace, enjoying the first rays of the spring sunshine and a cup of hot chocolate. I have absolutely adored this story and I really wouldn't say no to a third book in the series. Jenny?

Highly recommended read!

Copy received from publisher in exchange for a review.

C-shaw says

I suddenly realized that my library books are due Wednesday and I have this one and _News of the World_ still to read. Eek, drinking coffee now to stay up late and get a good way through another of Jenny Colgan's good novels before farming duty calls in the morning. :-} Stress like this I can handle, no worries.

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Whew, finished it just after midnight. I am in love with these characters, Huckle (very cool name), Polly, and

Neil the puffin. This is not great literature, just an imminently readable, good story, so I am giving it five stars for those reasons.

Nélia Rosa says

Uma leitura leve e que deixa água na boca com as receitas que apresenta. Tenho de fazer algumas!

Rosie says

Such a perfect sequel. Such a perfect series. So far, a flawless author.

It's immersive, it's emotive, it's amazing-ive (!)

Please read, thank you.

Cassidy (Cassidys.Bookshelf) says

Mount Polbearne is a tiny island off the coast of England that is home to a thriving bakery all thanks to Polly Waterford. She's finally doing what she loves, her American boyfriend is living with her in their newly purchased (but seriously falling apart) lighthouse and they have a pet puffin named Neil. What more could she ask for? Of course things can never be smooth sailing and an unforeseen event takes place that makes Polly wonder if she will be able to hold on to the new life she has created for herself.

If you like lighthearted books that center around all the carbs, pick this series up! You won't be disappointed. I'm looking forward to continuing the series with reading Christmas at Little Beach Street Bakery. I'd rate this one 3.5/5?

Paul E. Morph says

Well, here we are back at the Little Beach Street Bakery and, before we can even start queuing up for our bread rolls, the author immediately overturns the happy ending from the first book. Yes, everything's coming up dog poo for our protagonists... and it's just as well, really, as it wouldn't have been a very interesting book otherwise.

As it is, what we end up with is that rare beast: a sequel that is actually better than its predecessor! I know; that hardly *ever* happens, right? Well, in this case, Jenny Colgan has not only managed to bottle the magic she captured in the first book but she's plugged it into the amp and turned it up to eleven.

The peril is greater this time around, the stakes are higher and things look pretty bleak for a good portion of this book. There are a number of very moving sections and I ~~even had tears rolling down my cheeks twice~~ succumbed to my book allergy and had to start freebasing antihistamines.

I don't want to say too much about the actual story because it could only litter the review with spoilers but I will say that at least one character from the first book *dies*. Oh, yes... the author's pulling no punches with this one.

There's actually a fair amount of action in this book, mostly when the worst storm for 150 years hits the village, and our protagonists actually have to put on their hero boots and get stuck in.

What I liked the most about these books is that every time we start heading into twee chick-lit territory with a darker section, a bit of genuine peril or even just a mouthful of foul language from one of the characters! As a result, you get chick-lit that this big, hairy, middle-aged man is entirely unashamed to say he absolutely loved. I'll certainly be reading more from Colgan in the future.

P.S. Yes, the author shares more of her recipes at the back of the book again.

P.P.S. Yes, Neil the Puffin is in this one too, don't fret.

P.P.P.S. I did mention that one of the characters from the first book dies, right?

P.P.P.P.S. I'm not saying it's Neil that dies.

P.P.P.P.P.S. I'm not saying it's not either...

Additional: I just found out this author also writes science fiction... I think I may have just had a minor spasm of joy...

Beverly J. says

I have no words to describe how cliché this thing was. I enjoyed the first one but this one was ridiculous.

Elaine says

I am beginning to get a little soft spot for Mount Polbearne – a quintessentially Cornish seaside town with cobbled streets, a fishing fleet and a lighthouse, it really does sound the perfect holiday destination and this book in particular has really got me yearning for the summer to come now.

When we join the residents, Polly Waterford thinks life just couldn't get any better. She has her dream job running her bakery, living in a lighthouse with her gorgeous American boyfriend Huckle and her cute little pet puffin Neil. Little does she know that storm clouds are brewing and once again her life is going to be turned upside down.

This is a really nice, easy read and would be perfect for relaxing on the beach. There is romance, drama, intrigue and danger with a cast of characters who may not all be likeable but are certainly entertaining to read about. I did have to agree with Huckle though when he said that Reuben was annoying! He isn't a major character in this read though so I could put up with him! And, the bread! I could almost smell that heavenly freshly baked bread scent in my kitchen as I was reading. I want a Beach Street Bakery in my village now!

Many thanks to the publishers for the review copy.

Thyago | MrsMargotBlog says

QUE LINDO!!!

Foi tão bom poder viajar outra vez até à Cornualha, voltar a sentir os cheiros e sabores dos pães da Polly, ver onde a relação dela com o Huckle chegou.

Ter a Selina mais presente foi interessante, Malcolm foi detestável.

E mais uma vez adorei as receitas que autora deixou no final do livro.

E devo dizer que já estou ansioso por ler o terceiro, que só pelo título deve vir aí uma mão cheia de receitas natalícias, quero muito.

Teria tanto para falar deste livro, mas não quero fazer spoilers.

Acrescentar, que adorei o final ♥?

Zdenka Wé says

Po sérii nárožnejších textov, pomalšie plynúcich dejov a až príliš reálnych príbehov, som potrebovala siahnuť po niečom oddychovejšom.

Jenny Colgan píše romantiku, avšak dobre, jej knihy nie sú zbytočne preplácané.

Léto s vŕní ŕerstvého chleba je pokračovanie knihy Ostrov s vŕní ŕerstvého chleba. Obe knihy rozprávajú príbeh o Polly, mladej žene, ktorej sa rozpadne vzťah aj práca a tak sa rozhodne pre radikálny obrat. Odíde na ostrov kde zažije chrumkavý, voňavý chlieb. Spoločne jej robí roztomilá Alka.

Na stránkach knihy môžete sledovať Pollyne problémy so začlenením sa medzi obyvateľov ostrova, s rozbehnutím vlastnej pekárne a samozrejme s láskou.

S manželom máme sen, že raz budeme na jednom malom ostrove žiť, bude nám stačiť pár tričiek, šapky a kraťase, mne pár kníh a jemu drobné práce pre ostrovanov. S touto knihou nebol problém sa do toho sna ponoriť :-)

Maria João (A Biblioteca da João) says

8,5 de 10*

Jenny Colgan surpreendeu-me pela sua escrita leve e fresca no livro “Pão, Mel e Amor”. Assim que vi editado o seu novo livro “Tempestade de Verão”, e sabendo que dá continuidade à história de Polly, Huckle e Neil no belo cenário que é a ilha de Mount Polbearne, entrou imediatamente na minha wishlist. Que bom foi voltar a esta história!

Apesar de ter um ou outro ponto menos bem conseguido, esta comédia romântica mantém o registo do livro anterior, que me deu imenso prazer ler!

Comentário completo em:

<http://abibliotecadajoao.blogspot.pt/...>

Summer Ashbee says

I love Neil the puffin.

Vanessa Martins says

Jenny Colgan foi o melhor achado que a editora quinta essência fez dentro da literatura de romance.
<http://www.clubedoslivros.pt/search/l...>

Megan Readinginthesunshine says

Having been a huge fan of all of Jenny Colgan's books so far, I couldn't wait to sit down and get started on her latest release – Summer At Little Beach Street Bakery!

It is Summer in the Cornish town of Mount Polbearne and Polly Waterford couldn't be happier. Polly is in love – with the beautiful seaside town she calls home, with running the bakery on Beach Street, and she's definitely in love with her boyfriend, Huckle. And yet there's something unsettling about the gentle summer breeze that's floating through town. Selina, recently widowed, hopes that moving to Mount Polbearne will ease her grief, but Polly has a secret that could destroy her friend's fragile recovery. Responsibilities that Huckle thought he'd left behind are back and Polly finds it hard to cope with his increasingly long periods of absence. Polly sifts flour, kneads dough and bakes bread, but nothing can calm the storm she knows is coming: is Polly about to lose everything she loves?

I was SO excited to be back in the world of Polly and her beautiful little bakery down at Beach Street! If you haven't already then please read Little Beach Street Bakery first...although it doesn't get confusing if you haven't as this one can be read as a standalone, and Jenny always makes sure that you are given enough information to know what happened, reading the first one can make it more enjoyable as you get to read more books with the characters in and have a longer experience with them!

Polly is a firm favourite of mine, I loved her character and her personality since the first book so it was wonderful to be reunited with her as she continued her journey and her life on Mount Polbearne. But with a turn of events and other issues popping up, I really felt for Polly as she faced all of this. I really really rooted for Polly, and I was absolutely gripped to the story wanting to know what would happen next and how Polly would cope with everything. I REALLY want to talk about all the events but I'm desperate not to spoil anything, but there is lots of love, friendship, emotion, obstacles, and lots of bread too!

I LOVED Polly's interactions with Huckle, I swoon over them as a couple! And who can forget that there is a gorgeous little Puffin Neil who just makes me feel happy all of the time! Jenny also does a fantastic job of incorporating brilliant and delicious recipes and food into her stories, and if you are like me then it will have you itching to get in the kitchen and start baking! Summer At Little Beach Street Bakery is a thoroughly enjoyable read and a fantastic return to Mount Polbearne!

