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From NY Times bestselling author Rebecca M. Hale, the story of a man, a fish, and the daily special.

Jilted at the altar, Dr. Walcott Emerson Jones sets off on his honeymoon without his runaway bride. A week on a remote Caribbean island is just what the sun-averse dermatologist needs to mend his broken heart.

Along the way, he braves a haunted cane field, tracks a grief-stricken fisherman up the side of a volcano, and befriends a chef at the local beachside diner.

But the cook has broader ambitions than spending the rest of her life serving up fish sandwiches, and the spurned diamond ring hanging from the doctor's neck is a prize too tempting to resist. Will the vacationer's last meal on the island turn into his last meal – ever?

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From Reader Review Ode to a Fish Sandwich for online ebook

Barb says

Sad ending with little character growth; some good twists in the story;

Yodamom says

A beautiful and mysterious adventure to a Caribbean island with beautiful beaches, soft waves and the best fish sandwiches for hundreds of miles. The adventure begins with a damaged soul, fresh from a broken engagement, he is recovering from his broken heart at his honeymoon location. A dermatologist by profession he has some issues with the sun damage on his skin and some difficulty adjusting to this laid back lifestyle. He is laughed at and does not fit in with the island regulars. He struggles to figure out what to do till he wanders into a beachside eatery that only has one offering, the fish sandwich. It just happened to be the best thing he has ever eaten and the beginning of a change in his life.

This island stand is cover in secrets, and ghost that are gong to reveal the truth in between bites. One watery addition even gives her all to the cause.

A fun quirky story, beautiful and visually written so that you can feel the sand between your toes. Warning, it will leave you with a craving for that fish sandwich.

linda lucas says

Great read!

Enjoyed the book very much. Different style. Interesting and surprising twist Very well written kudos to the author. Plan to read more!

Jo says

The funnest thing about this book was it's title. I got if "free" for my kindle.

Bookish Enchantment (Katherine Quirke) says

Loved this short story really loved it. Fast, interesting and curious. Worth picking up and reading.

Ann says

What a delightful short story with characters you like and that amaze you. Dr. Jones, takes his honeymoon

(Minus the fiancée and wedding) on a obscure tropical island in the Caribbean. He explores the island much to the dismay of the resort owners and discovers a diner where he goes everyday for lunch. Twist and turns, Caribbean legends and lore and a "ghost" who haunts the cane fields. A great little read. First in a series by Rebecca Hale and hopefully there will be many more.

LORI CASWELL says

Recently jilted at the altar, Dr. Walcott Emerson Jones decides to set off on his honeymoon without his runaway bride. An adventurous week on a remote Caribbean island is just what the sun-averse dermatologist needs to mend his broken heart.

Along the way, he braves a creepy cane field, tracks a grief-stricken fisherman up the side of a volcano, and befriends a chef at the local beachside diner.

But the calculating cook has broader ambitions than spending the rest of her life serving up fish sandwiches, and the spurned diamond ring hanging from the doctor's neck is a prize too tempting to resist. Will the vacationer's last meal on the island turn into his last meal – ever?

A story about a man, a fish, and the daily special.

Dollycas's Thoughts

This novella is Rebecca Hale's first Quirky Tale from the Caribbean and it was a real treat.

Following Dr. Jones around the island for a week was fantastic and yes, quirky! Not happy staying with the confines of the posh resort he travels outside the gates and meets the unique residents of the island like Winnie, owner of Delilah's Beachside Diner, who makes the best fish sandwiches ever. The islanders don't know what to make of this man covered head to toe with either clothes or sunscreen but for the week he becomes a daily fixture in their lives. They even give him the nickname "White Wally".

The story also has some quirky twists that had me humming the theme music from the old Twilight Zone television show as I reached the end.

A fun read for a quick summer escape to the Caribbean. One problem, I am now craving an authentic island fish sandwich :)

Donna Engler says

Not her best

Loved the first book I read by this author, but didn't care much for this one. Sorry. A strange story.

Anne says

Quirky Tale of the Caribbean. On a small island 1500 miles southeast of Miami.....I chose Dominica

although the setting sounds a lot like Eleuthra in the Bahamas.

Carol - Reading Writing and Riesling says

My View:

If you like quirky and the slightly bizarre then this novella is for you. Hale provides some very beautiful settings, the locations are picture book idyllic; romantic tropical island, beautiful luxury resort and even more stunning local beaches and a fish shack on the water front that makes the most incredible and delicious freshest fish sandwiches.

Add to this setting a dermatologist afraid of the sun that has just been dumped by his bride to be and a tuna in love with the doctor, and a cast of local desperate and murderous people and you have a very interesting and somewhat strange story this is unlike anything I have ever read.

Melanie says

Left me hungry for a fish sandwich

Cute tale of a jilted dermatologist on vacation in the Caribbean, a local diner owner, and her memorable fish sandwich.

Susan Carpenter says

Ode to a Fish Sandwich (Quirky Tales from the Caribbean): another book by Rebecca M. Hale, my favorite author! A sun-phobic dermatologist, jilted at the alter, decides to proceed alone on his honeymoon to a tropical island. Feeling out of place, he heads into town against the wishes of those manning the gates to the resort. There he discovers the island's celebrated Fish Sandwich, a lovesick tuna, and his role in the continuing lore of the island. This book is laugh-out-loud funny and filled with the quirky characters for which Hale is noted. This book in addition to her Mystery in the Islands books is also the reason I bought my Kindle, perhaps the best investments I ever made. If you have not read Hale's books, this is a great introduction. However her Cats and Curios mysteries remain my favorite beginning with How to Wash a Cat to her latest, How to Paint a Cat. Do not miss out on Hale's books for unparalleled excursions into another world of humor and delight.

Fred says

Ode To A Fish Sandwich is a very well written novella that has bit of suspense, humor and very enjoyable look at a remote Caribbean island.

Dermatologist, Dr. Walcott Jones, has been left at the altar. He decides to go ahead and take his honeymoon at a couples only resort on a remote Caribbean island. Being a dermatologist, he is overly concerned with

being in the sun and is constantly lathered with sunscreen. So much so he has earned the nickname White Wally at the resort. He soon wants to see the rest of the island and pleads with guards to open the electrified gate. He finds Delilah's Beachside Diner, where he soon finds that the only thing is a fish sandwich, said to be the best in the island.

There are three characters and they tell their own story.

This was an excellent story and as with all of Hale's work, very descriptive with just a touch of humor along the way.

As I read this story I couldn't help but think about stories on The Alfred Hitchcock Hour and Twilight Zone and maybe a bit of Fantasy Island.

I certainly hope that there will be more Quirky Tales From The Caribbean, as I will definitely be reading them.

Sheila says

Dr. Walcott Emerson Jones goes off on a solo honeymoon in the Caribbean after being jilted at the altar by his bride. Dr. Jones is a dermatologist who is worried about skin cancer so he keeps himself covered up in baggie clothing and sunscreen and always has an umbrella up. At the resort he has made a nuisance of himself so he decides to explore the island. The guards to the resort do not want to let him out but he wears them down until they open the gate designed to keep unwanteds out and walks the road through the sugarcane in Rebecca M. Hale's newest release, ODE TO A FISH SANDWICH. As Walcott walks down the road he is spooked by the feeling he is being watched. Is he? Dr. Jones, footsore and weary, finally arrives at the other end of the island where there is a shack housing a restaurant. He asks for water and decides to eat there. The owner, Winnie, tells him to order the special, which is a fish sandwich. He tries to order other menu items but settles for the fish sandwich. He is so delighted by it that he returns each day. He and Winnie pass the time of day and Winnie learns about his jilting. He also shows her the ring his fiancée returned. Winnie sees the size of the diamond and wants it. She also thinks the fiancée was crazy to leave him, even with his quirks. Can she get the ring? What would she do to get it?

ODE TO A FISH SANDWICH is a delightfully quirky story. The quirkiness starts with the title and continues with the characters. Dr. Walcott Emerson Jones is full of quirks. He worries about skin cancer and has alienated most the resorts' staff and guests with his warnings of skin cancer and covering up to avoid it. His nickname is White Wally. Every day, no matter how hot and sunny it is, he leaves the resort and goes to Winnie's place, Delilah's Beachside Diner. He loves her fish sandwich. He also ends up with an unusual admirer while there. Winnie has quite a past. Her thoughts are on how to make her life better, meaning richer in monetary gains. She plots and wonders how she can do that. Seeing Dr. Jones' ring really gets her plotting. Burt, Winnie's estranged husband, brings her the fish everyday but is still in love with his first wife, Delilah, original owner of Delilah's Beachside Diner. He is sure Delilah communicates with him daily from the spirit world. These are fun characters.

The plot is simply Dr. Jones' week at the resort and what he does on this solo honeymoon. We learn of what people have done in the past. We also discover Dr. Jones has enjoyed his vacation to the point he is like the rest of us. He does not want to go back home but he must. He will, however, have some good stories to share at his practice.

With a title like ODE TO A FISH SANDWICH I did not know what to expect. I knew though that Rebecca M. Hale would give us a tale like no other. And she does. It is quirky, fun, a bit eerie, and Dr. Jones is oblivious to what is happening around him. This is a story of a truly unique man. A great story for a weekend escape when you cannot physically get away from home.

Paula Sorensen says

Fun tale of sun and sea that made me laugh and made me hungry for a delicious fresh tuna fish filet sandwich!

The story started a bit slow but it easily pulled me in and I fell into the rhythm of the sea and the cane fields, wicked Winnie and Burt and of course the doctor and the heroine! Fun story!
