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Me and Mr Jones

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You may love him, but can you ever love his family?

Introducing a family business and four different women, each dealing with their very own Mr Jones...

Lilian and Eddie Jones have been the owners of Mulberry House for years, but now Lilian's worried about Eddie's health. Will any of their three sons step in to take on the business?

Alicia, married to Hugh Jones, is a perfectly behaved wife and mother. But with her fortieth birthday looming, she feels the need for excitement. Maybe it's time to spice things up...

David Jones is struggling to come to terms with his redundancy, while his wife Emma is desperate for a baby – whatever the cost.

And Isabel Allerton is on the run from a dark and troubled past. She's determined not to fall for charming, unreliable Charlie Jones... but will her heart listen?

Me and Mr Jones Details

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Agi says

I received a copy of the book from publisher in exchange for a review.

What can I say? I loved this book, really I did. I am on such a good roll with the books lately, it's just wonderful.

This book proves that one can write a brilliant, warm, deep story without too much over - exaggerated drama, impossible situations and über - intrigue. It was a wonderful, calm read, it had everything: interesting plot, great characters, enough action to keep you in grip and want to turn the pages. And it teaches you that you can't judge person by the first impression, doesn't it, Lilian?:)

I really didn't like Lilian at the beginning, shame to say because she was an older person already and one should like all older people, or maybe not? :) She was so arrogant and rude and I was sure nothing change my opinion about her but well, something did. Her daughters - in - law (in - spe as well) were wonderful, normal woman, working, having their own dreams and problems and being just good. And being good I don't mean that they were plain characters, oh no, they were not so easy, they had their own secrets and plans as well. I have really warm to Alicia, immediately, she was a real person, like every one of us, because I guess that most of us is like her: she wants to do something for her, she wants a little independence but when the crunch comes she puts herself as the last important person, and I think this is what most of us always do. And I don't mean here that she is a martyr or something like this, no, she is absolutely wonderful woman, honest and brave.

And just let me to tell that I am keeping my fingers crossed for Emma and David.

What I perhaps missed a little is more about Izzy and Gary situation, it has solved itself very fast and actually too easy, but on the other hand shall there be more drama I think I would end frustrated, banging my head on the wall. So no, maybe it's better it has ended like this.

The end itself is for my liking too open, it leaves a lot to imagine but maybe we get a sequel to this book?

Wouldn't say no to it, absolutely not:)

Altogether, brilliant read, absolute page - turner and would recommend it heartily.

Damelapin says

I usually don't like to follow many stories but these were different and memorable. A good read that you can't put down

Laura says

I thoroughly enjoyed 'Me and Mr Jones', despite having tried to read it a couple of years ago and not getting very far. I thought this book deserved a second chance, and it didn't let me down. Concerning four sisters with very different romantic lives, I found myself rather invested in the outcome of the main character, whose wedding gets called off the night before and life suddenly seems very bleak. As we know though will all chick-lit romances, life doesn't stay difficult for long and her Prince Charming will soon be along to sweep her off her feet. An easy read and well-written.

Kim says

The owners of a bed and breakfast call a family meeting and tell their three sons that they want to retire, hoping that one of them will take over the family business. Neither of the two wives are keen- and the one son they would prefer nowhere near it, is the only one who expresses an interest in saving it. You follow the lives of the family and wonder whether one of them WILL take over. A lovely book.

Melanie says

Really enjoyed this as an audio book. Nothing too taxing but a very enjoyable listen about the ladies and their Mr Jones. There is plenty of scope for a sequel and I would definitely love to catch up with the characters again. Issy was my favourite character by far and her little girls were lovely. Highly recommend, perfect beach or travel read.

Grace says

So, I'm a 16 year old student who's a fanatic for reading and came across this book in the summer. It was a copy I bought from waterstone's, having had the motive to find a good book to read. The blurb intrigued me beyond normality, causing me to just want to engross myself. I started reading the book and stopped half way, but two days ago I picked it up again and now it's finished. Can I say, that I'm absolutely gutted it's done! I loved this book so much, for so many reasons. The concept is absolutely brilliant, intertwining 3 story lines in one way or another to have them all come together and link in the end. The drama, the romance, the tension were all so greatly developed, and it was amazing how throughout the whole book there were cliffhangers because of one character's story being cut off by another character's story in the next chapter! It was so smartly written! and even though there were only 2 or 3 typing errors- literally- the book was grammatically correct, which made me the more happier. I seriously suggest this book to anyone who's like me and are fanatics of humorous drama! Definitely would read it again xo

Anne says

Me And Mr Jones is Lucy Diamond's seventh novel and is published by Pan Macmillan, released on 6 June 2013.

The story revolves around the Jones family; the four Mr Jones and the women and children that share their lives.

Eddie Jones and his wife Lilian have lived in Mulberry House for over forty years, this is where they brought up their three sons; Hugh, David and Charlie. Mulberry House is now a guest house and Lilian and Eddie have managed their business very well over the years. Lilian has realised though that Eddie's health is not so good, it is time for them to retire, but will any of their sons want to take over the business?

Be warned! Once you start reading Me And Mr Jones you will won't want to put it down. This is the perfect summer read, full of entertaining and vividly drawn characters who immediately begin to feel like members

of your own family. Hugh has been married to Alicia for around twenty years, they appear to be the model family; good jobs, nice house and three lovely children. Alicia is approaching her fortieth birthday and is beginning to feel unsettled, she is tired of being the perfect wife, always cleaning and cooking, she wants a little excitement in life. Little does she know that good old Hugh has a little secret of his own.

David, the middle son has lost his job. His wife Emma is desperate for a baby, everything seems to be crumbling around them. Emma wants a baby, she is determined to get pregnant, and nothing will stand in her way.

Charlie, the youngest son, is a charmer. Totally unreliable, but Lilian's favourite son. Everything that he touches fails, yet he is lovable and honest and loyal. When he meets Izzy, on the run from an abusive husband with two young daughters in tow, everyone assumes that this is going to be another of Charlie's failures. They don't know Izzy though!

Lucy Diamond has written a novel that is a joy to read. It's a pleasure to sit down with this book and totally lose yourself for a few hours. Although funny, it also deals with some pretty serious issues, and she deals with them very well. I found myself completely caught up with each of the characters and their lives. We meet Lilian and scowl in frustration as she bitches at her daughters-in-law and undermines anyone who dares to speak back to her, then we get to know her a little better and find that underneath the bluster there is a loving wife who is worried sick. She is worried sick about Eddie - a wonderful father character who I loved instantly.

This is sparkly, summer reading at its very best. Characters to love and a really engaging storyline. I enjoyed every page, and really hope that Lucy Diamond will consider writing a sequel. I'd love to know what happens to the Jones family in the future.

Kate Hewitt says

I have really been enjoying Lucy Diamond's books--they are fun and breezy but deeper than the average chick lit, touching on serious issues with a deft hand. However I could do without the occasional pot shot at 'evangelical Christians' (as quoted in the book). There were two mentions in this book alone about how weird and preachy Christians are. Does she think no Christians read her books?! You wouldn't get away with mocking another religion like that, as a lighthearted aside that we're all meant to find funny.

Marie says

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I just adore this cover. It's got a nice summery feel to it, very much so, from the array of pale colours used (I practically like a few of the items that are coloured in a shimmery blue which has been used and sparkles in the light!) to the items and greenery that goes around the author's name and the title. The pale yellow and white striped backing adds to the summery feel and works well from the pale blue of the author's name and the redness of the title. Great front cover!

As some of you know I'm a big fan of Lucy's books and I'm trying to work my way through them. They are so gentle and easy to read, and the characters are just loveable!

The three Jones brothers Huge, David and Charlie are all so very different. Hugh is loyal, dependable where as David is the more practical one and Charlie is a kind of free spirit unable to keep a job.

Hugh is married to Alicia and they have two children; which keeps them very busy. With work commitments, the running of the house and running the children around the couple have got there relationship in a rut. Can they get themselves out of the rut their in? Do they want to? Is their something more to the distance between them?

David is married to Emma and the couple are desperately trying for a baby. The stress of waiting every month only to be disappointed is really getting to the couple; affecting their relationship. Will the stress of trying destroy their relationship?

Charlie is very single (at the moment!) he isn't really the reliable type not just with jobs but with women and life in general. But when he meets Izzy when picking his nice up from dance class, things change. Izzy is a single working mother to a daughter, she has move to the town to get her and her daughter away from her abusive husband. She is hoping more than anything that he won't find them, constantly looking over her shoulder. Izzy isn't sure about Charlie, he get's on well with her daughter but does she need the hassle on top of everything else? Will Charlie ever settle down? Will he find what he has always been looking for?

Their parents; Lilian and Eddie run and own a B&B in what was the family home for the Jones family. But the house need some TLC and with their age is against them and Eddie seems to be getting more and more confused, Lilian knows she can't carry on. They don't really what to have to sell to just anyone they are hoping that one of their son's will take it on; so she and her husband can get something more suitable for them both. In a bit to break the news to the Jones brothers they summon them and their wives to come to a family meal.

They all turn up at the Jones household and Charlie is late but brings a Izzy; who suddenly feel's like a fish out of water. Alicia recognises as the dance teacher. Lilian is not happy at all at Charlies antics, but somehow she never stays mad at him for long. Lillian and Eddie make their announcement to their boys hoping that Huge or David will step up and not Charlie. Huge is keen but Alicia isn't, David offers to stay a while and help fix the place up and Charlie seam's really keen on the idea! Who of the Jones brothers will take on and run the B&B? Will any of them notice Eddie's forgetfulness?

Lucy Diamond what a delightful book you have written! I was quite literally glued to Me and Mr Jones from the very first page I read! The plot is lovely, gently with comical moments throughout the story. I felt completely entertained as the story unfolds of the family. Lucy's description of the scenery was out of this world, making me feel connected to the setting and the characters. There are many up's and down's which provides anticipation and entertainment!

My favourite characters Izzy; for all that she goes through throughout the story, and Charlie for the way he grows and shock's his family! (but in a good way!) I would defiantly read this book again in a heartbeat!

Alison Winter says

I liked this book, bit slow to start but worth the wait

Nicola Clough says

This was an excellent book with great characters and very easy read all about family life and moving forward. Lillian and Eddie run their house as a guest house but Lillian realises eddies health isn't to good so

wants to hand the family house to one of her boys. Do the boys want to take it on or do the wife's want to as well can they sort it out or not. Lillian isn't use to girls and finds it hard getting on with the boys wife's and do they like her. Well written and didn't want it to end.

Kathy says

Very good easy read and very well written. Eased from one family to another and back again, enjoyed it very much

Karen Robinson says

This was my first Lucy Diamond book. I often like to dip into a light 'chick lit', and this fit the bill. It isn't all light and fluffy, there are some scenes of drama and some serious issues, which made it feel more real and relevant. While I am a little older than the main female characters, I certainly did feel I could relate to some of the issues they were facing. I found myself wanting to rush on and find out what happened to everyone. A bit of a page turner! I enjoyed this book and I will certainly look out some more titles from this author.

Michaela says

Toto je také ?ahké ?ítanie, že ani neviem, ?o k tomu doda?. :) Rodina Jonesovcov sa má stretnúť na oslave výročia svadby rodičov, ktorí vedú rodinný penzión, no tí chcú odísť na dôchodok a navrhnú, aby ho prevzal niektorý z ich synov. Mama vyzerá ako dražica, otec zažína zabúdať, takže to vyzerá kadejako... Majú troch synov, najmladší je najnezodpovednejší, starší dvaja úspešnejší, ale asi sa im nebude chcieť meniť život a s?ahovať sa... ale ponúkli im to. A tu sa zažína príbeh zamotáva a už nie je ani tak o synoch, ale o ich ženách. Jedna na prahu štyridsiatky chce vybojiť z ko?ají ve?ne úslužnej gazdinky a zažiť nejaké dobrodružstvo, druhá sa snaží otehotnieť (až tak, že rozmýšľa nad svojím exmilencom, ktorý ju donútil ísť na potrat) a tretia nechce chlapa, lebo uteká pred násilníkom aj so svojimi dcérami.

Rea Cobb says

There are a select few authors whose books I wait impatiently and eagerly to be released each year and Lucy Diamond is one of those authors. I am sure most of you have a few fail safe authors who you know what ever book you pick up by them is sure to be pure escapism, well this author is well and truly on that list for me! You can always tell a Lucy Diamond book from way off as she has her own signature look when it comes to her books they are always bright and cheerful and Me and Mr Jones is as bright as they come.

Me and Mr Jones follows Emma, Alicia and Izzy all who are the love interest of the Jones brothers. The story alternates between each of the women's perspectives, allowing us to really get to know each of the characters in turn as well as their partners and the dreaded mother in-law! Things have become too much for parents Lilian and Eddie and the time has come for them to leave the family home and b&b business but they really want to keep it in the family but which one of their three sons will be ready to take charge?

I loved each and everyone of the characters in this book even down to Lilian who appears to be the mother in-law from hell! Quite often when there are a large amount of characters in a book it can often get a little confusing as to who is who but this was not the case in this book all of the characters were developed so well they were all quite clear to tell apart. I loved the relationships but I did enjoy Izzy and Charlies relationship best as there was more excitement and mystery as to will they wont they which kept me gripped.

What I have always loved about Lucy Diamonds books is her writing style, she always manages to make her story lines flow so effortlessly through out the entire book that you cant help devour her books in one sitting. The author has created a storyline which is believable and interesting so it held my interest from start to finish.

I maybe being very hopeful here but I do feel as though there could be a possibility of a sequel to this book and I for one would be first in line to pick up my copy and re-visit these characters to see how all there lives have changed.

This is a delightful, warm read that centers around family and relationships making an ideal summer read with a perfect setting in the beautiful Lyme Regis.
