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Newly widowed at barely thirty, Abi Carter is desperate to escape the Stepford Wives lifestyle that Luke, her late husband, had been so keen for her to live.

Abi decides to fulfil a lifelong dream. As a child on holiday in a Cornwall she fell in love with a cottage – the prophetically named Abbey's House. Now she is going to see if she can find the place again, relive the happy memories ... maybe even buy a place of her own nearby?

On impulse Abi sets off to Cornwall, where a chance meeting in a village pub brings new friends Beth and Max into her life. Beth, like Abi, has a life-changing decision to make. Max, Beth's best mate, soon helps Abi track down the house of her dreams ... but things aren't quite that simple. There's the complicated life Abi left behind, including her late husband's brother, Simon – a man with more than friendship on his mind ...

Will Abi's house remain a dream, or will the bricks and mortar become a reality?

Abi's House Details

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Lorna says

I'm sure I have already given my views on this book but seemingly it was not registered. I chose it because it was set in Cornwall and we absolutely loved it there. Bad choice.

As I have limited my reading to Kindle books for some time now I am reliant upon the ratings given any book by previous readers. Over 70 people gave this book four stars (I'm not joking)!!! So here's a thing - I suggest that all readers give themselves a 'Mills and Boon' rating with 1 being 'Read Mills and Boon ALL THE TIME' and 10 being 'haven't read a Mills and Boon since early adolescence. Perhaps reviewers should also mention the century they were born in.

What a heap of unrealistic trash Abi's House was. Just to give you an idea - the main protagonist almost had a nervous breakdown because the holiday house of her youth (when she was six) was run-down when she finally traced it!!! Oh no - imagine THAT? And ALL the main characters fell in love at first sight and managed to develop their relationships into full blown love affairs within a few days. What are the chances? But don't expect any hot sex scenes - closest it got to that was mentioning clothing strewn all over the room.

Simply perfect for the modern era - cram the whole of life into a 30 minute soapy. Horrid book, worse characterization and very little about Cornwall. That's a few reading hours of my life I'm never getting back again. Ugh.

Kate Hopkins says

Irritating. DNF. Too many spelling mistakes. Found the main character, Abi, got on my nerves a bit too much. Not my kind of girl.

Debi Hursh says

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What a great book! It is nice to take a break from my usual reads to read a love story. Abi's House is a book that everyone should read. Abi has been through a lot and what she needs is love from a real good man. She thought she had it made but it wasn't what it seemed to be. The best thing for her to do is leave the life she has now behind and move on to something better. If only the past would let her go that is. There is one person that will help her but will she be able to open up her heart and let him in? Such a moving story in some parts and yes I did tear up a little. Definitely take time to read this story and you will fall in love with Jenny Kane. I received this book as a gift from the author in return for an honest review.

Tracey says

Read this book on holiday. Absolutely loved it! Interesting characters, you love and hate! Makes you want to go to Cornwall! Enjoyed it so much I ordered the sequel as soon as I got home. A great read.

Luise says

Well, the story itself is pretty good. It's about Abi moving to Cornwall, starting a new life with new friends and the house of her dreams.

There are a lot of events happening, sometimes even too many. It felt a little cramped with different stuff going on. Also, there was too much being-modest and fawning on the last 100 pages.

And while it was still lovely in general, it was also somehow a bit clumsily written at times. (And whoever's-responsible-for-this forgot to run the auto-correction on the final version.)

Jessica T-O says

The story is quite predictable. But there is something nice and comforting about stories which develop 'as they should'. I chose the book because I love stories which take place the sea, favourable including some walks at the beach etc.. so even when I am not able to travel to the sea, sometimes books give me a "beach /at the sea feeling". This book did not succeed in this area. Probably it was not the topic/aim of the author. But that's why it does not get 5 stars. And because I fell not quite into the characters like in other books (e.g. the comfort food cafe). but the story is nice. "spoiler" no one is dying (not even a dog) which I quite liked. So you do not have to shed tears. It is quite nice with good people and nice characters. Good relaxing reading.

Rachel Gilbey says

Sumptuous summery story, would be a great summer holiday read, while picturing yourself in Cornwall alongside Abi, having cream teas and generally making the most of the slower pace of life.

I absolutely loved how Abi remembers a house in Cornwall from when she was a child, remembers it was called Abbey's House but not much more, and now that she is widowed and determined to make a fresh start, she feels drawn to not only Cornwall, but to Sennen, to try and ideally locate this house, and then find somewhere to live.

Not long after Abi arrives in Cornwall she meets Max who is a decorator, and all around nice guy, and he introduces her to Beth, his best friend. Beth is a school teacher who is also on the verge of a life changing decision, and a friendship is soon struck up between the three of them.

I was really hooked in by the decisions the characters had to make, the new friendships being formed, my shock at how outrageous Abi's brother in law Simon behaves, and the way new opportunities are presented to the main trio. The incredibly sexy potter that appears also ramps up the appeal too!

I love books set in Cornwall, and this one really gives a good feel for the area, while providing some fascinating storylines, that I just don't want to even hint at, but rest assured they are worth reading.

This is the first book I have read by Jenny Kane, and I found myself really enjoying her writing style, which is easy to follow, and the story flowed really well. I loved her characters, and even the Cornish burr for Stan I could really hear in my head. In fact Stan was one of my favourite characters, although in theory he could be seen as a naive old man, he really is a gentleman, and he adds a lot of local colour to the story.

I am already eagerly awaiting the sequel to this charming book.

Suzie Grogan says

Pure escapism. I enjoyed my three days in the company of Abi and her new friends, even though no part of it is at all likely to happen to anyone in real life. Jenny Kane knows her audience and all the necessary ingredients are here - Cornwall, summer, artists, good looking men and dreams come true. The publishers need to get some proper proofreading done though - some really obvious typos jar more than a little...

Tracey Norman says

If you are looking for something to take your mind off the cold weather and endless grey skies, I can highly recommend this fantastic read by the extremely talented Jenny Kane.

Almost as soon as I picked up Abi's House, I found myself unable to put it down. Well-written, beautifully observed and with fully-formed, complex characters you immediately warm to, this is a real page-turner. The end of each chapter left me asking, "What will she do?" "What is X up to?" and is the reason that I finished the book around 3.30 am - I had to know what happened next.

Jenny's writing style is very easy to read and the story flowed so naturally that, having intended to read the first chapter whilst having a cup of tea, I found I'd read the first six chapters without realising how far through the book I was! I'm very much looking forward to reading Abi's Neighbour to see how Abi's story develops - it will be like checking up on an old friend. Jenny Kane

Anja says

The story follows Abi, whose husband died just six months ago. Their marriage was not the happiest, what with Abi having to act as her husband's trophy wife and do nothing more than look pretty next to him. To escape her miserable life and make a fresh start, Abi heads off to Cornwall. There, she wants to find the dream house from her childhood holidays - Abbey's House.

With the help of her newly found friends Beth and Max she begins the search and finds much more than just a house...

'Abi's House' was a really nice story, but not worth a full five star rating for me. I don't know, but there was a lack of... something? I cannot really put my finger on it.

That may sound quite negative, but the story as a whole was wonderful, I can assure you. I liked Abi and her

new friends, I loved the setting of course, I loved the house. Lovely, but not lovely enough, the icing on the cake was missing, I guess.

I don't quite understand the publisher, or whoever is to blame, though. The cover has absolutely nothing to do with the story. Don't get me wrong, the cover is totally adorable and pretty, but why are there so many teacups? Abi isn't one of the thousands of main characters who wants to open a café or something. So that might be a bit misleading.

Also, did no one ever read the book before they published it? There are so many spelling mistakes in it, or words completey missing. It's not even my job and I detected quite a lot of them.

It didn't ruin the story for me or something, not at all, but it was still sticking out quite regularly.

All in all, I do recommend the book, even if I sounded so negative! ♥

Emily says

Abi's House is definitely one to persevere with. At the beginning, I was worried that I wouldn't enjoy it, because all of the characters you meet bothered me slightly, and I was struggling to enjoy the read.

Thankfully for me, Abi doesn't like them either, so once you accept that the book is about her leaving those people behind it becomes a much different read!

It was a lovely, lighthearted book to read on holiday.

TSena_gl says

Bu kitap hakk?nda hiçbir fikrim yoktu. Agapi Yay?nlar?n?n kazand???m y?lba?? çekili?inden hediye gelen kitaplar?ndan biriydi ve daha önce hiçbir yerde de görmemi?tim. Ama art?k bu yazar? takibe ald?m -o kadar ki güzel- ve ?u anl?k ç?km?? olan tek kitab? bu.

Dedi?im gibi kitap çok güzeldi. Harika diye ?nstasnap'ten birçok defa bahsetti?im gibi. Konusu, yazar?n anlat?m? ikisinin a??r? güzelli?i ve ortaya ç?kan mükemmel bir kitap.

Kendi ayaklar? üzerinde durmak, geçmi?te bir an?ya ait bir dü?ünü gerçekte?tirmek isteyen, art?k bir erke?in boyunduru?unda ya?amak istemeyen bir kad?n ve ald??? büyük kararlar... Yine bir di?er kad?n karakterimizin de bir konuda bir karar almas? gerekmektedir. Bu iki kad?n?n yollar?n?n bir ?ekilde kesi?mesi ve ikisininde a?ka yakalan??.

Güçlü duran kad?nlar? okumay? seviyorum, gerçi kim sevmez ki? Bu kitap bunu çok güzel konu alm??.

Kitab?n hiçbir yerinde abart? bir durum veya bizi s?kabilecek herhangi bir kli?e yoktu. Erkek ba? karakterler de oldukça iyidi.

Kitap ak?p gidiyor ve kitapla birlikte sizde bu maceraya at?lmak istiyorsunuz.

Bence bu kitab? herkes okumal?! ?iddetle tavsiye ediyorum.

Kitab?n konusu: Kocas?n?n ölümü üzerine dul kalm?? ve gösteri?li i? adam? e?i hayat?ndan kaçan, Abi Canter; bir dü?ü olan, çocukken ailesiyle tatile gittiklerinde kald?klar?, â??k oldu?u k?r evini -ad? Abi'ye benzeyen: Abbey'in Evi'ne- bulmak için yollara dü?mü?tür.

Abi, uzun bir zamandan sonra gittiği yerde Beth ve Max adında arkadaşı kazanır. Ve Beth'in de alması gereken bazı kararları vardır.

Abi'nin ölen eşi'nin kardeşi Simon, Abi'ye karışık bir şeyler beslemekte ve ona sorun yaratmaktadır.

Abi ve Beth'in büyük kararlar alıp, uygulması ve sorunları tek tek halletmeleri gerekmektedir.

Alison says

When Abi is suddenly widowed at 30 years old she realises that she has become a shell – modelled into the wife her dead husband wanted her to be and not the person she wants to be.

Feeling suffocated in Surrey by the 'lifestyle' and her In Laws Abi up sticks and heads to Cornwall to find Abbey House – a place her family found years before whilst on holiday. Once in Sennan Abi quickly makes new friends and soon realises she has found the one place she wants to call home.

Jenny's style of writing is wonderful. You can feel the sand in your toes, the gentle waves lapping at your feet, the sun and the wind and smell the Fish and Chips! It was whilst reading this book that I realised I really missed a good old fashioned pub garden – we just don't have them where I live. Jenny's stories always draw me in, I get so engrossed in and involved with the characters. It's like you are there. I want to live in a Jenny Kane book!

I was lucky enough to be able to read an ARC of this book. It is over a month since I read the book and as I told Jenny I feel like I have lost some friends since I finished reading it.

Janet East says

loved it. truly romantic book. really took me away from harsh reality and stresses.

Karen S says

Reading a Jenny Kane book is like opening a journal by a much loved friend. I'm spirited away into a world of warm, friendly and interesting people. To places that I not only want to visit but actually live in. Shops, cafés and pubs that I want to be my locals and life that I want to experience and be a part of. Abi's House gives you all of these feelings and left me with a huge smile on my face and a glowing in my heart. More of this wonderfulness please!!

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