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Lizzie Howard's life is close to perfect, until her father's death brings her world crashing down around her. With her reputation and heart in tatters, she reluctantly agrees to temporarily take over her best friend's practice in scenic Jewell Cove, Maine—a position that's a world away from the high pressure career she once loved.

Josh Collins is no stranger to pain. After losing his wife, he moved home looking to start over. One of two doctors at the town clinic, his sleepy coastal practice is just what he needed. Until Lizzie Howard arrives. Lizzie is everything Josh wanted to get away from: brash, ambitious and not interested in a quiet life in a quiet town. But as the sparks fly between these two doctors, they realize that sometimes opposites really do attract.

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Jo (Mixed Book Bag) says

Summer on Lovers' Island is book three in the series. I have not read the first two. This can stand alone but I think it would have been more enjoyable if I had read book one and two first.

I liked the fact that Lizzie and Josh are so very different on the outside but so very alike on the inside. It was fun to watch the play between the two. What I missed was knowing some of the side characters. It was plain that they had a history from the first two books and the fact that I did not know that history did detract from the story.

The romance between the Lizzie and Josh did not go smoothly. Both characters had a very well developed history that kept getting in the way of their HEA. Alward did a great job of keeping the suspense and tension between the two at just the right level. I also loved the description of the small town of Jewell Cove. I felt like I could find my way around with no trouble at all.

Great characters, wonderful romance and a interesting small town all added to the appeal of Summer on Lovers' Island. I look forward to visiting again in the future.

Connie N. says

#3 in the Jewell Cove romance series

Thanks to NetGalley for a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

This was a nice revisit to Jewell Cove, Maine, a small town that I would definitely love to visit. Alward has a way of creating characters with strong personalities, but also having some flaws that make them much more approachable. Lizzie is a burnt-out ER doctor who comes to stay with her best friend Charlie while Charlie is taking maternity leave. So Lizzie fills in at the medical practice. There she meets Josh, technically her boss, and their instant chemistry is unmistakable. But both are dealing with their own issues and make mistakes as they discover more about themselves and their developing relationship. Nice, feel-good story. And it was nice to reconnect with characters we met in previous books in this series.

Katie(babs) says

Summer on Lovers' Island (Jewell Cove #3) by Donna Alward is a combination of many genres from women's fiction to small town contemporary romance. Donna writes a very character driven book. There's not many grand gestures or over the top emotional actions from the main couple, but it really hits the spot. It's a perfect type of summer read for the beach or at the lake while sunning away your stress.

Lizzie knows all about stress. She loves her job as an ER doctor, but so many things happened at once to

push her off center. Her beloved physician father dies, her mother is has Alzheimer's, and she's guilty over a deadly mistake she made regarding a patient. Her boss, and ex-lover makes her take a leave of absence because she's in need of a break. She heads off to Jewell Cove to lick her wounds. Her best friend, also a doctor is there, and about to have her first baby. Since she's going on maternity leave, she asks Lizzie to take over at the clinic for the summer. Lizzie agrees but thinks she'll be bored out of her mind. Josh is the other doctor at the clinic, and in the beginning he and Lizzie rub each other the wrong way. He thinks Lizzie is too buttoned up and remote. But eventually she thaws and they begin to respect one another. The town wants Josh to date and find another woman to build a life with. Josh was burned by love before. His wife always loved another man, Josh's cousin. She lied to Josh, especially about starting a family, but before he could confront her, she died in combat in another country. He's still bitter, but he's slowly getting over his wife's emotional deceit and lies. As he bonds with Lizzie, he sees she's something special. Lizzie is attracted to Josh, but she's not sticking around, so she can only offer a friends with benefits type of relationship with a deadline because as soon as she can, she going back home, and to the job she hopes she still has at the fast-paced hospital.

Jewel Cove is a very special place, and Josh wants to show how special it is so Lizzie will stay and help him heal from the past that broke his heart in two.

Summer on Lovers' Island is a nice contemporary romance and a great main couple with Josh and Lizzie. Josh appeared in the first book in the series, and was very angry and harsh to those around him. He's mellow out now and exactly what Lizzie needs. He takes her out on his boat, and they go treasure hunting on an island. They also make sweet, slowing burning love that steams up the pages. Donna writes some great love scenes, and the secondary cast is very engaging. Well worth the read.

Lis Carey says

Lizzie Howard is an ER doctor and loves what she does, but her father's death, her mother's Alzheimer's, and living up to the high standard of being Russ Howard's daughter has brought her to the edge of burnout, and a mistake in the ER. She's taken a leave of absence from the Springfield hospital, and has come to Jewell Cove to cover her friend Charlie's maternity leave.

Josh Collins is still recovering from the death of his wife Erin, and the broken state of their marriage at the time of her death. He's feeling not just unloved but unlovable, burying himself in his work as Jewell Cove's doctor, and the last thing he wants is to get involved with the doctor who's filling in for Charlie.

Both Josh and Lizzie are clear on just one thing: The last thing they want to do is get involved with each other.

This is the third Jewell Cove novel, and we're revisiting old friends Josh and his family and friends are back, and Charlie was the focus of the first one. Each of these is independent, but if you read them in sequence, the characters have a chance to grow and develop, and to be revealed slowly, as we discover people in real life. Jewell Cove is a warm and close-knit community, and the Maine, and New England, it exists in feel quite real.

A very nice light read. Recommended.

I received a free electronic galley of this book from the publisher via NetGalley.

Katherine P says

It felt lovely to be back in Jewell Cove! It's just as beautiful and welcoming as I remember from my last trip in The House on Blackberry Hill. The Collins family is center stage in this one and they are wonderfully meddling without being over the top or too perfect.

One of my favorite story lines involve people who have had a rough time of it being able to emotionally start over and find happiness and both Lizzie and Josh definitely qualify for this one. I loved them both though I think I identified more with Lizzie's perfectionism and high standards for herself. It was just nice watching her start to breathe and relax a bit and come to terms with some of the trauma that has surrounded her lately. I did get impatient with them both a little but it was mostly because they were so obviously perfect for each other and they really should just realize it and be happy! Watching them both break out of their shells and come to terms with what they actually want is lovely, even though I wanted to reach into the book and shake them at times ,and made for an incredibly satisfying ending. While this isn't heavy reading the issues that Josh and Lizzie are dealing with are weighty and I found Lizzie's struggle with her mother who is dealing with Alzheimer's particularly poignant.

While I hadn't read the 2nd book or the novella I am glad I read Blackberry Hill before this as it explained a lot of Josh's back story particularly in regards to Tom. So while this isn't a series that necessarily needs to be read in order I do recommend reading the Blackberry Hill before picking this one up. Plus, that one has another of my favorite story lines - family secrets and restoring old houses.

If you're looking for a contemporary romance series that has a fantastic setting and a wonderful group of side characters, you can't go wrong with Donna Alward's Jewell Cove series and Summer on Lover's Island is a fantastic addition to the series.

Full Review: <http://iwishilivedinalibrary.blogspot...>

Cynthia says

Two totally different people whose hearts have been broken in different ways meet to find they have an attraction. They are pulled together the chemistry between these two is powerful both afraid to reach out for many different reasons. It takes a lot to reach out and let someone new in even to give your heart on a good day. When your heart has already been broken it is even hard to give in to desire for another when you don't know how the other feels. I thought this was a great read at times it moves at a slow pace. I did enjoy it and feel lots of people with love this new book by Donna. This is a sweet touch your heart read that warms your heart by putting your faith back in love and people.

Josh is just a wonderfully sweet man who is so caring and giving. His heart along with his world was broken in the worse way. He is just getting by wearing a smile hiding so much from so many. This character really touched my heart I could feel his pain and wanted him to find happiness. It has been a while since I have last adored and felt such pain for a character as I have with him. When you just putting in time waiting for something you have no idea what it hurts. Putting on a face to make others around you happy is painful. He is truly and outstanding doctor, person, brother, son and friend.

Lizzie has given so much of herself to everyone around trying to keep up to the explanations that are expected of a well known father who was a doctor. She is burned out and makes a mistake that she takes hard. She forgets we are all human and make mistakes, when her boss puts her on leave until the board decides what to do she takes it hard. She runs to her best friend who asks her to help run her practice until after she has her baby. This just might be what the doctor ordered, a little slow pace to really work out what is important to her and where she needs to go from here. Something to keep her busy until she can go back to her old job. She is upset, hurt and feels betrayed along with making a mistake that hurt another she is just burnout trying to keep up. I could relate to her she is a wonderful character who has let life take over and doesn't know she needs a break. Sometimes you can give too much of yourself and there is nothing left for you. She has a few things to learn not only about herself but about the type of life she wants to live.

There is chemistry between these two from the start, I didn't feel it was really powerful but it is there. I expect more sparks to fly for this to be a more up and down at each other's throats kind of read. They do have a few spats but nothing like I would have thought from two different personalities. There is a pull a little tug of war along with a big blow up which makes them see things as they truly are. It was not a story that reached out and grabbed me but it was a story that I totally enjoyed and was glad to have read. There are some wonderful characters which made me wish I had read more of this series. I do find it to be an outstanding series that I will be checking into. The author gives you a really sweet read that touches your heart.

Nancy Knox says

What a great story. You can feel the small town coziness and friends and families love. I didn't know it was a third book in the series but you can read it as a stand alone with no problem but I do plan on reading the first two. The story of two doctors falling in love with each of them having issues and looking for that happily ever after. I couldn't put the book down and every break I had I read a few chapters. Will recommend to my reading buddies and look forward to more books by Donna Alward.

I did receive this copy of the book free to read and review.

Kathy says

I received this from the publisher through NetGalley to read and review. This book is a solid romance, but not much of anything else. Lizzie and Josh, doctors, are both running from demons. Lizzie has recently lost her beloved father, also a doctor, and her mother's dementia condition is worsening, so Lizzie has found an in-care home for her, where she resides. Josh was once in a loveless marriage, but his wife died. Josh mourns the failures of his marriage and questions whether he can ever love again. In fact, Lizzie also has recently left a failed relationship with her boss and wonders the same. Lizzie also is wondering whether she is a good doctor or should even remain one, after ill-made decisions on the job that showed her problems with her medical judgement. Both end up in the same small town family practice when Lizzie agrees to fill in for her best friend, who is on maternity leave, and Josh returns to his hometown, Jewel Cove, to run the practice. From the start, the chemistry between the two is evident. However, can these two put their pasts behind them? Can they ever free themselves to love again? How all this happens is the story. I enjoyed the romance between the two doctors and how each, in his/her own way, fought back the demons from their respective pasts. The small town setting was ideal for this story. However, there was little else besides their romance to

hold my interest and attention, and I knew almost from the first pages that Lizzie and Josh would end up together. The book would have been better had the author included one or more interesting, exciting sub-plot(s) or had made their romance a sub-plot, with another major plot. As it is, the book dragged a lot, as both doctors worked through their issues. This is a good, solid romance that anyone looking for one will enjoy. However, keep in mind that there is little else besides this romance in the book. I personally enjoyed Christmas at Seashell Cottage more, as I think it had more of a story line. I have not read the others in the Jewel Cove series.

Bette Hansen says

Loved it!! Wonderful sexy romance set in a quaint little coastal town. Superb writing as usual from this author. This one will make for a wonderful beach read!

Big city doctor, Lizzie Howard, needs a break from her rapidly imploding life. On a forced sabbatical from her ER job, Lizzie has agreed to cover for her friend at a small town clinic while her friend is off on maternity leave. The clinic is owned and operated by Josh Collins who is perfectly happy in his small town, living a very quiet life. After the death of his wife, quiet is exactly what he wants and needs. While Lizzie is expecting Josh to be older and settled, she quickly learns he is anything but that! Sparks start to fly almost immediately but nothing can ever happen. Right??

This is one you definitely want on your must read list. I highly recommend it!

Christa says

I thoroughly enjoyed this contemporary romance about Lizzie Howard, a doctor who comes to Jewel Cove when her life implodes. A weekend visit leads into covering her best friend's medical practice while she is off on maternity leave. The other doctor in the practice, Josh Collins, has a poor opinion of Lizzie in the beginning, but that soon transforms into a strong attraction between the two.

I loved Lizzie and Josh and watching their relationship develop. The Jewel Cove setting and secondary characters were wonderful. The storyline kept my interest from start to finish. This was a wonderful addition to the Jewel Cove Series.

Becky Condit says

Lizzie is a stressed out ER doctor who made a mistake that still haunts her. Actually two mistakes, and one of them caused her boss to send her away. Lizzie flees to Jewell Cove, where her friend, also a doctor, lives. Lizzie's friend is about to have a baby and she asks Lizzie to fill in for her at the clinic where she works. At first reluctant, Lizzie eventually agrees.

Josh is the other doctor at the clinic. He is a widower, recently retired from the military and is nursing his own broken heart. At first Josh and Lizzie are as incompatible as two people can be but soon they become coworkers, then friends, and ultimately much more. Josh's broken heart is not from the loss of his wife. It is much deeper than that.

Everyone in Jewell Cove is either family or close friends. Unable to find the space and anonymity to recover

and obtain the peace both Lizzie and Josh need in such a small town a decision must be made whether to remain in Jewell Cove or move away.

I am a huge fan of Donna Alward. This book fits right in the niche carved into my bookshelf for favorite stories by favorite authors. Well written and enjoyable.

Ionia says

I am always amazed when I start reading a Donna Alward story at just how good she is at capturing the special moments and conflicts in ordinary life--and yet making them feel extraordinary.

Feasibly, I think you could read this book as a standalone and it would still make sense and be enjoyable--but I would recommend you read the rest of the series first. Not because you have to--just because you can. When was the last time you turned down an amazing opportunity to relax and just have a good time?

Character growth and development is important to me as a fan of series books, and you get that here. Characters from the original book are caught up with in this story, and some that we only met in supporting roles now take the floor.

I like romance that has depth--the kind of relationship between two characters that makes you want to see them succeed regardless of the odds against them. This author knows how to create the perfect mix of tension and longing to make her couples stand out from the crowd and feel realistic. They have families and problems just like the rest of us and have to try hard to blend their lives together as real people do. The forethought that goes into these books must be immense, as the results are fantastic.

Donna Alward has brought her readers another reason to love Jewell Cove and its residents. If you are a fan of Debbie Macomber or RaeAnne Thayne, you will certainly want to check out the work of Donna Alward. Small town setting, big writing talent.

Recommended.

This review is based on a complimentary copy from the publisher and provided through Netgalley. All opinions are my own.

Cocktails and Books says

This review was originally posted on Cocktails and Books.

Summer on Lover's Island is part of the Jewell Cove series, but is great as a stand-alone novel. I have not read the previous works in the series and felt right at home with the book. Having read this one, I am curious to back and check out the others.

In Summer on Lover's Island we meet Josh and Lizzie. He is a hometown doctor who has returned after time in the Army and after being widowed. He definitely has some baggage that he is carrying around with him. She is a burned out ER doctor in town to cover for and be near her friend during maternity leave. Lizzie has

her fair share of issues too.

Josh and Lizzie's romance is definitely a key to the story, but the personal growth they both experience is just as important to things working out. Some of my favorite scenes in the book are where they are having in depth conversations and showing each other the "real" person inside. The emotional scenes actually flow more smoothly for me than the more physically intimate moments. I really liked Josh and Lizzie together and wish we had gotten to see a little more of them together as a couple. They seem to balance each other in ways that make both more likeable.

Overall, a sweet summer book perfect for the beach. This book was reviewed by a member of the review staff at Cocktails and Books. The name of the reviewer can be found under the post categories.

Danielle says

Adored Lizzie and Josh. Although I felt the plot was just okay I think it could have been better. I did like the chemistry and the fact they both got a chance of real love. They both found something in each other they both needed.

Marie says

A sweet touching romance that will warm your heart
