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Dr. Jeff Martin has spent five years as a rural general practitioner on the Isle of Wight hiding the fact he's gay. He travels in secret to see his partner, Tris, but when he discovers Tris has been cheating on him, he ends their relationship. Then Jeff meets island native Cameron Gillard. Cameron is down to earth, lively, and treats Jeff like he's the most important person in Cameron's life. Jeff blooms under Cameron's attention, and he decides to come out to his colleagues and friends.

Just when things are going well, Tris reappears out of the blue. Jeff is no longer interested in Tris, but it seems he has two men to convince. Tris, who can't believe Jeff is serious about wanting to end their relationship, and Cameron, who can't hide his jealousy of Tris. Jeff is certain about one thing—the only man he wants in his life is Cameron. Now he just needs to prove it to Cameron.

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Gigi says

Friend reviews have been poor. I'm going to officially pass.

Veronica of V's Reads says

This review was written for Joyfully Jay Reviews and can be found here:

<http://joyfullyjay.com/2016/01/review...>

Dr. Jeff Martin is a closeted gay physician on the Isle of Wight. He's been in a committed relationship with his college romance, Tris, for the past ten years, though they live hundreds of kilometers apart. It is always Jeff—on his rare weekends off—who drives for a visit. Never Tris, not once in the past five years. And though he resents this one-sidedness in their relationship, Jeff's resisted all efforts and cajoling on Tris' part to move to Manchester. Jeff has a strong suspicion that giving up his country practice to co-habitate with Tris will only frustrate him more. Because he doesn't believe that Tris really respects him, and he secretly suspects—very, very strongly—that Tris is not (and will never be) faithful. Still, Tris flaunting his indiscretions is the final straw, and Dr. Jeff returns to his lonely Isle not quite alone.

No, Jeff encounters the beautiful and lovely Cameron Gillard on the ferry back to Wight. Cameron is the great-grandson to one of Jeff's more beloved patients and having her in common they strike up a conversation. And arrange a date. Cameron is a younger man, twenty-eight, and a car mechanic on Wight. He loves his family dearly, and especially his Gran, who he minds tirelessly. I loved the way Cam and his friends swallowed Jeff whole into their well of love. Jeff had isolated himself, even in his own space on Wight, and needed friends.

Being seen in the company of "known gays" pretty much outs Jeff to the local populace, it seems, but he takes the second step to confront his partners in practice, and the support staff, who are almost totally supportive. And his attraction to Cameron is certainly ramping up. It was a bit heartbreaking, honestly, to realize the depths of isolation in which Jeff lived. He'd had a home for five years and never one guest. Cameron was soon installed all over his cottage. But Cameron was so cagey about his own history, and situation. Jeff was suspicious—and I think having Tris so fresh in his mind was problematic because Jeff was a man who wanted clear answers, and Cameron's reluctance to reveal more caused Jeff to wonder and suspect issues that were never there.

Cameron got serious fast. I liked his self-assurance, and the assurances he made Jeff, but Jeff and I shared reservations, especially as Cameron had a bit of a chip on his shoulder regarding being less educated, or wealthy, than Jeff. I really liked how Jeff handled those issues.

I'm used to reading stories where a couple splits at the beginning and we never hear from the other as the story follows the new love story. Not the case here. Tris becomes more than "the former boyfriend" and bothers to drive out to visit Jeff—more than once. The first time as an attempt to win Jeff back. Upon learning that Jeff and Cameron are together, Tris tries to insert himself into their equation, and that does cause problems. Cameron's an impulsive, heart-on-his-sleeve guy—which Jeff admires to some degree—but his reactions to Tris' baiting were far more extreme than I think either of them could take. Expect an

interlude of solitude, and some deep soul-searching.

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Debra says

Review originally posted at Sinfully.

This was a light, easy romance with minimal angst, a bit of stubbornness and some sweet sexy times as Jeff and Cameron fall into an unexpected romance.

Although the start of a new series set on the Isle of Wight, this series also incorporates the characters from Sue Brown's Isle of Wight series. Fans of Sam and Liam (The Isle of... Where?) and Paul and Olaf (Isle of Wishes) will definitely want to pick this one up as those couples and their continuing stories are featured as secondary characters. If you haven't read those books, you'll have no problem with this one as enough information is given about these characters and Jeff and Cameron have not appeared before.

When Jeff, a general doctor on the Isle of Wight, breaks off his 10 year relationship after having confirmed his suspicions that Tristan was cheating, he just wants to return home and lick his wounds. When he runs into Cameron on the ride back, he reluctantly takes the man up on an offer to go out for a drink the next day. Jeff had only briefly met Cameron before, but knows him as the great-grandson and carer for a patient of his. When their drink turns into a day out with the Owens', Jeff begins reevaluating the choices he's made in the past five years. The chemistry between him and Cameron is strong, and socializing for the first time with other gay men on the island, it becomes clear that his days in the closet are going to have to end.

Although their relationship moves rather quickly it's not completely insta-love, but Cameron does stake his claim early on. Cameron is a force of nature basically moving into every aspect of Jeff's life and turning it upside down. He is sweet, fun, a little possessive and very stubborn. He also has moments where the disparity between his job as a mechanic and Jeff being a doctor makes him question why Jeff would want him and suspect Jeff's true intentions towards him. While Jeff is a bit wary of things moving so quickly and of whether he is repeating the same behaviors that led to the demise of his relationship with Tristan, he clearly wants Cameron in his life for the long term.

The book is very relationship focused without too much outside interference. Jeff does have to deal with Tristan (the ex you'll love to hate from the moment you meet him) and Cameron has his family matters, but none of that outweighs the romance. When Cameron ultimately makes a stupid, impulsive move, I liked that Jeff didn't let him get away with it too easy, opting to "forgive but not forget".

As far as the secondary characters go we're introduced to the manager and the doctors at Jeff's practice, therapist Logan (who I hope will be getting a book in the series) and Cameron's family, but those featured most prominently are the men of the Isle series. As I've read all of those stories I was happy to see them

again since there were threads that were not finished that carryover here. I'm not sure if new readers will find their stories confusing or distracting, but I think enough background is given when Cameron introduces Jeff to the men early on.

If you like a relationship focused story with walks on the beach, a coming out, and sexy times between two men who deserve some happiness, you'll enjoy this story. It had a realistic feel and a lovely setting and I'll be looking forward to the next book to see how everyone is getting along.

Federica Lemme says

Jeff is a doctor that lives and works on the Isle of Wight. He is still in the closet at work and pretends to have a girlfriend, though in reality, he has a long distance relationship with Tris, who lives and works in Manchester. The relationship is very one sided, it's Jeff that does the travelling between the Isle of Wight and Manchester, until that is, he discovers Tris's betrayal!

Then he meets Cameron, the great grandson of one of his patients.

Cameron is full of life and combined with his big heart, Jeff cannot resist and falls in love with him. But Jeff hasn't learnt from his past and starts to rely on Cameron – maybe too much? and he realises that he has to change, this relationship is too important to him not too.

On the outside, it would seem that Cameron is very confident, but he has successfully managed to hide some of his own insecurities, till a certain point. Jeff on the other hand, still feels a little unbalanced, after a 10 year relationship failing – and I could understand that, but they needed to learn to trust each other and find a happy balance.

I really like Sue Brown's books and I was very sad when she decided to stop writing, so when I saw this book's release, I was a very happy reader.

The book is connected with her Isle Series, so for anyone that has read them, you will be happy to be reunited with Sam and Liam and also, Paul and Olaf. You will see what they have been up to and also some of the MCs from the Lyon Road Vets Series. It appeals to me when authors link their series and mix previous characters with new ones. But please don't worry if you haven't read any of these books, this can be read very easily as a stand alone, but be warned and prepared, you will want to read those previous books!

And last but not least by any means, you get to meet a much loved author, but to find out who she is? you will have to read the book!

I really want to read more (hint, hint author).

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Chris Kottner-Kirschner says

Jeff Martin liebt das Leben als Arzt auf der Insel Wight. Es gibt auch viel zu tun und die Patienten mögen und schätzen ihn. Das ist auch der Grund, dass er seine Homosexualität lieber verschweigt. Zu groß ist die Angst auf Widerstand zu treffen. Doch dann trennt er sich von seinem untreuen Freund Tris, den er jedes Wochenende in Manchester besucht hat.

Der Urenkel einer lieben Patienten nimmt sich seiner an, als er niedergeschlagen auf der Fähre zurück auf die Insel Wight fährt. Cameron Gillard ist ein Inselgewächs, Automechaniker und lebt offen schwul. Mit Anfeindungen kann er umgehen, doch er hat einen großen Freundeskreis von Gleichgesinnten. Schon länger hat Cameron ein Auge auf den zugeknöpften Arzt geworfen. Doch jetzt erst kommt die Gelegenheit und die will Cameron ergreifen.

Cameron zeigt Jeff ein ganz neues Leben; holt ihn aus der Deckung heraus und stellt ihm seine Freunde vor. Jedoch ist nicht alles eitel Sonnenschein. Denn Cameron hält Jeff aus einem Teil seines Lebens heraus und schämt sich auch irgendwie für seinen gesellschaftlichen Status. Wobei Jeff immer klar macht, dass ihm das völlig egal ist und kontert mit seiner eigenen, bescheidenen Kindheit.

Der Inselarzt ist eine typische Sue Brown Geschichte. Man kriegt was man sich erwartet. Simpel, witzig, manchmal ein wenig haarsträubend und sexy. Die Geschichte ist sehr einfach erzählt und es gibt nur wenige Überraschungen. Als jedoch Tris, der Ex, wieder auftaucht, kommt es zu Konflikten, Mißverständnissen und Herzeleid. Ja, das war okay. Aber das hätte man auch ein wenig anders lösen können. Da war Cameron dann doch ein wenig zu forsch und zu kopflos. Aber gut, das war der einzige Makel in dieser Geschichte.

Corina Ponta says

Ein schöner Auftakt einer neuen Insel-Reihe, vor allem da wir alte Bekannte wiedersehen und auch mitbekommen wie es ihnen ergeht.

Jeff und Cameron sind eigentlich relativ sympathisch, nur ging mir Cameron teilweise mit seinen Aktionen und Entscheidungen auf die Nerven. Da hätte ich ihn oft am liebsten auf die nächste Wand geklatscht. Nachdem man herausfindet, was er selbst erlebt hat, konnte ich zwar zum Teil verstehen, warum er manchmal so reagiert hat wie er es nun mal hat, aber so richtig nachvollziehen wollte bzw. konnte ich es dann doch nicht. *g*

Aber alles in allem eine schöne Geschichte - typisch Sue Brown halt. :)

Helena Stone says

4.5 stars. I received my copy from the author.

Island Doctor is a wonderful romance. It is mainly the story of two men coming together and building each other up. Jeff needs support and care after the man who'd been his partner for ten years not only cheats on him but also admits to a history of betraying him. Jeff is strictly a one-man guy and can neither understand nor accept the way in which Tristan has betrayed him. What Jeff needs is a man who only sees and loves

him; a man for whom he is not only enough but the whole world.

Enter Cameron. Cameron is a force to be reckoned with. Cameron doesn't take no for an answer once he's decided what he wants, and Cameron wants Jeff. Cameron needs to be the sole focus of his partner. To say he sweeps Jeff off his feet would be an understatement, and he is exactly what Jeff needs.

They get to know each other as Cameron eases Jeff out of his shell and shows him that while acceptance may not be universal, it is certainly widespread. But Cameron has a few chips on his shoulder and one or two insecurities to overcome himself. When Tristan decides to push for Jeff, Cameron overreacts and....well, you'll have to discover what happens next for yourself.

There was so much to love about this book. The story flows with admirable ease, the characters were intriguing and the story mostly light-hearted while not afraid to look at life as it really is. Watching Jeff come out of his shell was adorable and heart-warming. The two men together were beautiful and very...very sexy. And I loved the mention K.C. Wells and her books got in *Island Doctor*, but that may be because, like Sam, I'm a huge fan of her stories. J

I did have one reservation though and I'm going to mention it although I realise that what pulled me up is probably very attractive to a majority of romance readers. Cameron was, for me, too overbearing on one or two occasions. I'm pretty sure it wasn't the author's intention, but he scared me once or twice. Other than that, *Island Doctor* was a pure joy to read and I'm looking forward to upcoming stories in this series.

Joyfully Jay says

A Joyfully Jay review.

4.25 stars

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Read Veronica's review in its entirety [here](#).

Cat says

3 Stars for the Start of a New Series

This is a very low-angst story, and since I'm an angst adorer, it made this fall a little flat for me. Jeff has a schmuck of an ex who has never put forth any real effort in the relationship, yet Jeff stayed with him for a ridiculous amount of time. When he finally realizes the man is regularly cheating on him, he walks - right into the arms of his favorite patient's great grandson, Cameron. Cam is a quiet, unassuming type who adores the matriarch of the clan and is willing to bend over backward to make her happy. His new mission? Making Jeff happy, too.

The plot is very straightforward and mostly drama-less, almost to the point of boring. The pacing is a bit slow, but both are made up for with the peripheral cast of characters, which are full bodied and really enrich what would otherwise be a fairly bland story. The main characters fall for each other in a New York minute, which bothered me somewhat, but in the end, I have to admit that I was happy that they got their happy.

Lisa says

I enjoyed this book.

Jeff is a doctor on the Isle of Wight. He is in a long distance relationship with Tris. One weekend he arrives at Tris's to find he has been unfaithful. He breaks up with him.

On the ferry back to the Isle of Wight he meets Cameron.

This book was a quick, easy read. Low on angst with some great family values.

BWT (Belen) says

2.5 Stars

I'm a Sue Brown newbie; I've not read any of her other series, but I found no trouble keeping up with the characters and situations in the story, which does reference friendships and situations between characters from Sue's The Isle series and even a cameo appearance by two more characters from her Lyon Road Vets series.

Jeff Martin has been in a ten year relationship with Tristan Smithers. For the last five years Jeff's commuted every chance he's had to Manchester from his home and practice on the Isle of Wight to see Tris. When he discovers Tris has cheated on him Jeff dumps Tris and goes home. On the ride home Jeff bumps into Cameron Gillard, the gorgeous great-grandson of one of Jeff's patients.

Cameron quickly stakes his claim, and the two begin a new relationship.

He could hear Cameron muttering something, and he raised his head. "What did you say?"

Cameron looked him in the eyes. "He's not having you back. You're mine now."
Still lost in the haze of his orgasm, Jeff stared at him. It was too soon for such a declaration. God, he'd just split from Tris. This was a hookup, rebound sex. Wasn't it? "I don't want him back."
Cameron nodded. "I know what you're thinking, but I promise you I'll look after you. I won't hurt you." He tucked Jeff's hair behind his ear. "You don't need to be scared."
"I'm not scared of you," Jeff protested. That much was true. He wasn't scared of Cameron, but he was scared of falling again so quickly. He'd never been a player. Tris had been his third relationship ever. "You seem so sure."
"I've known you were it from the moment I met you."

I think fans of Sue Brown's will be very happy with the new series and eager to see where it goes.

Personally, there were some situations that had me shaking my head. (Examples: Because Tris has never once in five years bothered to come to visit Jeff on the Isle, and Jeff always commuted to see Tris he tells everyone that he's going to see his girlfriend "Trisha". But Jeff can never remember the name of his fictitious girlfriend...even though he's apparently been lying about it for FIVE years. Also, Brown writes that Jeff's suspected, then that he's been aware, of Tris' infidelity for years, but writes later about how Jeff didn't know and was gutted.)

Regardless, it's a sweet, romantic story that covers the relationship growth between Jeff and Cameron, some hot smexy times, and has only minimal angst and some light miscommunication and hard-headedness.

I wish it weren't so, but I didn't really get that invested in the story and didn't really connect to the characters. Bottom line: For me, it wasn't a hardship to read, but it didn't thrill me either.

Advanced Review Galley copy of Island Doctor (Island Medics #1) provided by Dreamspinner Press in exchange of an honest review.

This review has been cross-posted at Gay Book Reviews.

El says

I received a copy of this novel from the publisher in exchange for a fair and honest review.

A very sweet novel, but there's not a lot beneath the surface.

Jeff is in the closet, a doctor in a small town, and has been in a long distance relationship for the last ten years. Somehow, everyone but him knew that his boyfriend, Tris, was a cheating jerk. Jeff finds out, is heartbroken and shocked, and breaks things off.

Enter Cameron, the sexy grandson of one of Jeff's elderly patients. Within hours of the awful breakup, Jeff and Cameron are already connecting emotionally. Jeff questions how fast they're moving for about two-point-five seconds, then they fall in love.

And that's it. That's the novel. I mean, there's some minor drama about Tris trying to get Jeff back, and at one point Cameron throws an unrealistic temper tantrum and everyone gets moody and angsty, but it's a very

even-keel novel.

Jaime says

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Reviewed by Jaime from Alpha Book Club

Kristy Maitz says

I needed two whole days to finish that story plot, but my God how boring it was.

Mathilda Grace says

Sue Brown schreibt eine neuen Insel-Reihe? Da musste ich doch reinschauen und ich wurde nicht enttäuscht, denn wir treffen alte Bekannte wieder und erfahren auch, wie es ihnen in letzter Zeit ergangen ist. Gerade bei Liam & Sam hat mich das Wiedersehen sehr gefreut.

Hauptsächlich dreht sich die Geschichte aber um Cameron und Jeff, der sich gerade von seinem betrügerischen Freund getrennt hat und eigentlich bislang dachte, er wäre ungeoutet. Aber da unterliegt er einem Irrtum, vor allem als es mit Cameron ernster wird, erkennt er sehr schnell, dass im Grunde alle längst darüber Bescheid wissen, dass er Männer lieber mag. Und vor allem, dass er Cameron mag, auch wenn der teilweise ein Verhalten an den Tag legt, über das ich nur den Kopf schütteln konnte. Wie ein unreifer Teenager, sag ich nur. Man erfährt zwar später die Gründe dafür, aber wirklich nachvollziehen konnte ich seine Entscheidungen oft nicht. Ein bisschen erwachsenes Verhalten hätte Cameron da echt gut getan.

Dennoch ist es eine schöne Wohlfühlgeschichte mit dem verdienten Happy End für die beiden. Ich vergebe zufriedene 4* und bedanke mich beim Dreamspinner Verlag für das Rezensionsexemplar.
