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"From New York Times" "and USA Today bestselling author Nan Rossiter comes a tender, moving story of rekindled passion, set amidst the timeless beauty of Nantucket." Over twenty-five years ago, Liam Tate and Acadia McCormick Knox fell in love. It was summer on Nantucket, and seventeen-year-old Liam knew that wealthy, college-bound Cadie was way out of league for a local boy who restored boats for a living. Yet the two became inseparable, seizing every chance to slip away in Liam's runabout to secluded spots, far from the world that was trying to keep them apart. "After Cadie returned home to New York and discovered she was pregnant, her parents crushed any hope of communicating with the boy she'd left behind. Unanswered letters and calls couldn't change Liam's heart, but over the years he's settled into a simple, solitary life in his rambling beachfront house. Now he's learned that Cadie is returning to Nantucket for the opening of her son's art show. Over a weekend of revelations and poignant memories, Cadie and Liam have an opportunity to confront the difference time can make, the truths that never alter, and the bittersweet second chances that arrive just in time to steer a heart back home "

Nantucket Details

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Wanda says

The story that unfolded from this second chance romance wasn't like any I'd read before. Even with sorrow touching the rediscovered love it was still uplifting in a bittersweet sort of way. This was clearly faith based with NIV Bible verses and professions of belief interwoven with characters and life situations that were realistically down to earth. To me, reading it was like comfort food for the heart.

I received this book for free through Goodreads Giveaways.

Debbie says

Yup--I cried!! (more than once) Great story!

Parreads says

Silly and unbelievable- it started well and then when Liam meets the son he never knew he had it becomes incredulous. Glad this was a sale book on Kindle. Skip it!

Dawn says

Loved getting lost in this magical story.

kathi says

I didn't finish this book

Mary says

Nantucket is the story of Liam and Cadie. We learn about their history in chapters that alternate between 1989 and the present. Usually when this technique is used in a novel I prefer one time period over the other but Nan Rossiter did it flawlessly and I was engrossed in both.

I loved Liam's willingness to open himself to Cadie and her family when it would have been so much easier to keep living his closed-off life. Cadie risked a lot by coming back to Nantucket but she knew she had to do it. I was also charmed by the children in the novel. They added so much to the emotional tone of many scenes.

Of course, I loved the Nantucket setting. The passages describing Liam's job of building and repairing boats were interesting and, at the same time, helpful in the understanding of Liam himself.

Nantucket is an emotional and romantic story of love, forgiveness, trust and second chances. I really liked it and recommend it to fans of Nan Rossiter and women's fiction. *I received a review copy in exchange for my honest opinion.

Judy Collins says

A special thank you to Kensington Books and NetGalley for an ARC in exchange for an honest review.

Nan Rossiter returns with **NANTUCKET**, an end of summer heart-warming and moving love story of *love, loss, and second chances*.

Liam Tate's home was on Nantucket. However when his parents were killed in an accident, as a child, he was sent to live with his uncle, Coop. Liam has lost so much, living a simple life restoring boats. They lived in Nantucket year round, unlike the wealthy seasonal residents.

One summer, Cadie and her family vacation on the island. She is from a wealthy family, and of course, her parents want no part of this poor shipyard boy, she is interested in.

The couple develop an intense love relationship. His job was to restore boats, while she was from a wealthy family with plans for college. Their love was strong; however, from the wrong side of the tracks, her parents keeps them apart. They had to steal time away at their own private spots away from those prying eyes, before her father sends her back to New York away from Liam.

After discovering she is pregnant, her parents keep her from the boy she loves. However, Liam would not give up, always thinking of the life they could have had - living alone on his beachfront home. She stole his heart and he waits patiently for a letter or phone call, which does not come.

Now, he learns Cadie is returning to Nantucket for the opening of her son's art show, they may have an opportunity to once again connect for a second chance.

An emotional bittersweet story, of loss, joy, courage, and some summer romance. Set in the idyllic Nantucket, there is timeless elegance with not only the setting, but in the restoration of boats, and metaphors with deeper meaning.

As usual, Nan reminds me of *Nicholas Sparks* bringing an array of emotions of laughter along with sadness and tears; with twists and turns for a heartwarming and engaging read. *(Always a takeaway message, some soul searching, a life lesson, with words of inspiration and wisdom).*

Characters (especially Liam) which will remain with you, long after the book ends. Liam reminds me strongly of (Noah) in *The Notebook* with his fierce love for (Allie) the girl from a wealthy family. *Rossiter and Sparks' fans will enjoy this one.* Keep the Kleenex handy.

JDCMustReadBooks

Judy Churchill says

This is the perfect book to take on vacation or to the beach. It's a fast read with characters you will embrace. It's a love story and yet it has a message about character. I chose this book mainly because of the title. I have read several stories set on Nantucket and was curious to read more about this magical isle. I was not disappointed.

Teri says

Loved it!

Karen says

Don't usually finish books I won't give even 3 stars to, but finished this one since it was an easy read. This was a beach book that was just not that well written, and not terribly believable.

Kim says

Such a bittersweet story about young love set in such an idyllic spot. I'd love to have a house on a remote island and be able to sail! I do love a good American story.

Liam and Cadie met as youngsters whilst Cadie was on a summer break. Her father wouldn't allow them to have a relationship and Liam has held a part of his heart for Cadie over the ensuing years.

I really felt for both Liam and Cadie and loved the way the whole story unfolded. A very emotional book that demands that you keep reading and find out what happens to them.

With many thanks to Net Galley for a copy of this book- I will definately look for more books by Nan Rossiter. I loved this one.

Susan Kietzman says

Sweet summer story

Latarsha says

What I liked about Nantucket was the author had enough respect for her readers to introduce key plot points

early and move the story along both swiftly and appropriately. So many books, in particular those with romance at its core, take a madcap/hijinks/comedy of errors approach to storytelling versus pacing a story like those of us in real life do. That, I liked.

Nan Rossiter is a beautiful writer and her knowledge of Nantucket comes through. The description of the landscape and the pace on the island feels pretty real, as does her knowledge of wooden boats. The story is two-fold, in which a local teenager Liam Tate meets wealthy visitor Acadia Knox who is summering on the island with her parents. The connection and attraction is instant and a summer romance is soon born. Liam lives with his uncle, Cooper, his guardian after his parents died when he was a young boy. Acadia is a girl from the right side of the tracks with a father who wants her to have no part of local-yokel Liam which does not bode well for this romance.

The second part of the story is about Liam the local boat repairer who after Cooper has died, continues his business, still lives in his house and leads a quiet but lonely life with nothing but his dog Tucket and cat Moby to keep him company. All of that changes when he happens to read an announcement in the paper about a local gallery in which the featured artist has the same last name of Acadia and he wonders if they are related. It's through attending this showing that he reconnects with Acadia and the real story of family, love, sorrow and second chances comes through.

I only had two complaints about this book and I feel a little silly mentioning them. One is the dog. Now I like dogs as much as the next person but Tuck gets an awful lot of ink. It got to the point where I hated to get to a part where Liam returns home because there's going to be at least two pages on petting Tuck, rubbing his ears, his golden coat, him begging for food, him nuzzling someone's hand, his paws, and so on. Honestly, this book would be about 25 pages shorter if all the Tuck interactions were cut out. Number two, nicknames. It started to drive me up a wall that everybody's already short names were shortened even more. Who calls a Liam "Li?" Everybody got this treatment too: Levi = Le, Sally = Sal, Adian = Aid, Emily = Em, Lisa = Lis. The Lisa one was really irksome because who calls someone "lease?" It's only one more vowel!

CD {Boulder Blvd} says

3.5 Stars ...life comes full circle...

Impressions

My first impressions are that this book is a slow journey on the important times in Liam's life that led him to live a solitary life and then to events of six weeks that change his life and bring him unexpected gifts. Ms. Rossiter has created a memorable character in Liam and his story stays with you long after you finish the last page...I enjoyed his story.

Review

The setting takes place in Nantucket, where the main character Liam, is a wooden boat restorer. With flashbacks the reader is provided with a little of Liam's life story which allows you to see how he became the man he is. I don't always like flashbacks, but they work well in this book. The book's main arc is how major life events have shaped Liam's life and the book focuses on six weeks when his past comes full circles and we see how the past can come back and change a life for a second time.

I really enjoyed the setting of the book and the setting really contributed to the development of Liam's character.

[This is: The International Yacht Restoration School shop
in Newport, Rhode Island. By Onne va der Wal.]

The story contained a nice mix of interesting characters that moved in and out of Liam's life with a good mix of peripheral, support and main characters. I believe his character is worthy of a story and it's not hard for a reader to fall a little bit in love with him.

I feel the author "paints her story" with a broad brush moving from scene to scene and although details are provided I'm not sure if it's always the details that bring the image to life. There were times when the details provided didn't add to the story or plot and there were other times when I felt a scene felt rushed and vague and should have been expanded. While I enjoyed the story and the characters, it lacked a certain depth to raise the writing up a notch.

Ms. Rossiter writes Christian based books. This book does contain religious overtones which may not be the preference of some readers. I found the references and discussions of religion to fit the scene and the characters and was well done and not preachy. I think this book is a good choice even for those who are "nominally religious".

And although the sex isn't explicit, in some scenes there was a casual attitude about sex that someone looking for a more Christian based book may not appreciate. The inclusions or references to sex were not explicit or offensive; IMO I don't think many readers would be offended by how it's included in this novel.

Conclusion:

In some ways I feel that this book just touched the surface of the story with a broad brush and there were times where a more finely bristled brush would have added additional depth to both the characters and the story arc itself. As you read Liam's story you fall a little bit in love with him and his story stays with you even after the last page.

Did I fall a little bit in love with him? Oh yeah, I did. I think you will too.

Thanks to Net Galley, Kensington publishers and Ms Rossiter for the ARC in exchange for an honest review.

Aoife says

received a digital copy of this book from the publishers via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

Liam Tate was a teenager when he fell in love with Cadie Knox. But Cadie's father disapproved of the relationship and broke up the couple, keeping them apart. 19 years later, Cadie enters Liam's life again but this time revealing a secret - they had a son.

I thought this was going to be a sweet, romantic story but unfortunately it fell flat. There were way too many elements from other well known books in this one for it to feel original and it ended up stale and boring. Cadie and Liam's teenage relationship was totally *The Notebook*. I also feel we got very little of any actual substance in the relationship besides a bit of attraction. Ten same happened when they were older. They didn't seem to have a lot of proper conversation and I also couldn't understand how Liam could be okay with Cadie keeping a son secret for 20 years. Cadie's parents treatment of Aidan and their response to Cadie's sickness and death was also a bit far fetched for me.

I skim read a lot of this and found very little of it actually any good.
