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Christmas At The Grand Hotel: White Pine Island Novellas #1 And #2



Synopsis

Welcome to White Pine Island! Just a few miles off the coast of Georgia, this island is accessible only by boat, plane, and your imagination. Many residents call the island home year-round, but day visitors and tourists bring plenty of excitement with them. Like other resort islands, there are quaint shops, cool restaurants, and friendly bars. There are several resorts on the island, but the queen of them all is the elegant Grand Hotel on a bluff with an ocean view. Owned by the extensive, multi-generational Phillips family, the Grand Hotel offers elegant service, five course dinners, and plenty of romance.

White Pine Island Novella #1: Ned & Bethany Sometimes the heart hits a hole in one. Bethany Hinkle arrives at White Pine Island's Grand Hotel for her sister's wedding and to do a little environmental snooping. She snaps pictures of the hotel's pristine golf course to ensure its compliance with EPA standards. Soon, she realizes that the course's manager is as attractive as the course he so carefully protects. Ned Phillips feels the weight of family expectations squarely on his broad shoulders. The Phillips Family has owned and operated the Grand Hotel for three generations. For now, he manages the hotel's golf course and makes plans for its future—plans that could be destroyed by Bethany's spying. He gets close to the lovely environmentalist to watch for her next move until he gets too close to let her go.

White Pine Island Novella #2: Ellen & Pete What happens when you fall in love with your best friend just when it's too late? All her life, Ellen Phillips has loved working for her family's Grand Hotel on White Pine Island. Flying the hotel's airplane and piloting the island ferryboat while knowing someday she will inherit the luxurious resort is a fairy tale existence she has no desire to change. She's always loved Pete McCormack, too. After all, he's her best friend, confidante, and playmate. Until she suddenly sees him in a different light just before Christmas. Pete McCormack has made sacrifices for his family's golf cart rental business on the island, choosing to stay home and run it instead of pursuing his dream of his own career on the mainland. When his parents announce their plans to sell the business so Pete can leave the island, he has to choose between the future he thought he always wanted and his newfound love for the woman he would be leaving behind.

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Customer Reviews

This was my first experience with this author. Truly enjoyed both novellas. I will read the rest of the novellas in this series. I don't think the author was aiming for a "clean" read, but for those who care there was no sex in print.

I really enjoy a series of stories where there are multiple people all joined by a central setting or relationship. The Phillips Family in the White Pine Island novellas captured my interest quickly and I had a great time getting to know Ned and Ellen Phillips and watch them fall in love with Bethany and Pete in and around the Grand Hotel. I especially like how each of the Phillips siblings and cousins work together to ensure the future of the hotel by using their talents and 'owning' the areas that are of most interest to them. I'm looking forward to seeing how the rest of the Phillips clan make their way in life and love.

I enjoyed reading these stories of family values and caring....putting the holidays in perspective by reminding us what is really important....each other. Glad to have love scenes without totally graphic descriptions...we get the picture more in more subtle ways. More focus on the area, activities, decorations and traditions...I really enjoyed it. Thank you. Looking forward to future stories by this author.

These are two complete stories, no cliffhangers and no sex scenes. It is implied but nothing stronger than kissing!~ Any age group would be comfortable reading these two stories. The first is Ned and Bethany's story. Ned is the oldest of his generation to work the family Hotel. He loves his life on the island and his job as the head guy at the golf course. Bethany's family has been coming to the resort island for years and they are there now for the oldest daughter's wedding. Bethany is a member of a radical group that wants to clean up the environment but they have some very unorthodox methods to get their point across. They set out to sabotage Ned's golf course. Ned falls for her but feels betrayed by her actions or maybe what he thought she did. It is a very good story and sets the scene for more stories of these cousins and kin. Ellen and Pete get the second story. Ellen is the pilot and the ferry boat captain for the island. She loves the island and never wants to leave. Pete has been her friend since kindergarten and works his family business. But, he wants to go to the mainland and open his own business. All this comes about when Ellen realizes she is in romantic love with him and doesn't want him to go. Since he has always loved her, this is his heart's desire. Their story has a bit of drama to go through but they get their HEA. Good read and very entertaining. Ellen is certainly a woman's woman!! Smart, gorgeous, and in charge! I definitely recommend this boxed set. I was not paid for this review. I am not an author nor do I know one. I am not kin to this author. I am a reader and this is my opinion, nothing more, nothing less.

Very good book. Liked the storyline and good character development. Especially liked the novella about Pete and Ellen. Good read for all audiences.

Very good story line in both books which kept wondering what was going to happen in the future and how it was going to end

I loved these two books. I love a good mystery and romance which each book had. Enjoyed the books very much. Good clean reading.

Another good love story Love the characters. I can just feel right there with them.

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