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‘One of my top books of 2017... side-splittingly hilarious’ The Writing Garnet

‘The day I turned 28, I bought a lighthouse and met the love of my life’

Bobbie Hannigan’s life in a cottage by the sea with her dog and her twin sister is perfectly fine ... until she decides the logical thing is to buy a lighthouse and open a music venue with Ross Mason, the first boy she ever kissed.

Bobbie tries to be professional with Ross, but the happily-ever-after they’re working toward is too good to resist. That is until someone from his past crawls back to cause trouble. Can Bobbie look past the secrets Ross has been keeping from her? Or will the boy, the lighthouse and the dream all slip away?

Escape to the Yorkshire coast this summer with this laugh-out-loud romantic comedy from Mary Jayne Baker!

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Jo says

Meet Me at the Lighthouse was an absolute joy to read. It is one of those heartwarming, cosy and utterly romantic books that make you feel good about the world. I read this book in a day, as I just couldn't put it down.

From the moment that I read the opening lines, I just knew that I would fall in love with this book. It really is something special. I loved the idea of meeting the boy that you first kissed at school, now a man, and then finding out what the future would bring. Now in their late twenties, both Bobbie and Ross have previous relationships behind them, and it is only their pasts that can really influence their future happiness.

Bobbie and Ross make a refreshing romantic couple. She is feisty, strong willed and is no pushover. He is sensitive, caring (and of course ruggedly handsome), but together they both have their strengths that they use to support each other. Bobbie is no shrinking violet, and I loved her for this. From the moment I met Ross on the page I fell for him, just as Bobbie did, who wouldn't? What I really loved about this book was the sense of the Yorkshire community. That community spirit that rallies around in times of need. The community certainly has its share of memorable characters. Most of them made laugh out loud!

This book is a beautiful romantic story with lots of heart, and everything that you would expect from a romantic read. It also has a lot of laughs throughout, mainly from the dialogue between Bobbie and Ross, who are naturally funny together.

Meet Me at the Lighthouse is one of those feel good books that make you smile, and help you forget about the worries in the world, while you sit and read it. If you want a book to take on holiday, or simply to enjoy while sitting in your garden, then I can wholeheartedly recommend this book. It really is a delicious treat of a read.

With thanks to the publisher and NetGalley for an Advanced Reader Copy

Julia says

I liked it. Liked the characters and the banter. Liked that the MCs got together in the first part of the story.

Rachel Gilbey says

Well its not often that you start a book with an impulse purchase of a lighthouse! And its the small act of marginal madness that not only sets off a chain of events for Bobbie and old friend Ross, but also sets the tone perfectly for the rest of the book.

For this is lovely light hearted story, with a lighthouse and some interlinked love stories at the heart of it. The

lighthouse itself is the focal point, and Bobbie and Ross do have a master plan for it, which involves fundraising initially and then music.

There is just a fun and pleasant story that made me smile throughout it. It's the first book I have read by the author, and I loved her writing style, and general sense of humour. It is just such a quirky story and I loved everything to do with the Lighthouse itself.

The book is easy to follow and there are a few small surprises along the way. What really helped make the book so great were some of the characters. There is Bobbie's mother who gives potential new boyfriends a Spanish Inquisition style grilling, there is an old thespian who is just OTT, there is a bar owner who does a great line in bad chat up lines, and bizarre dress sense, there is an ex wife that seemingly has her own agenda, and an ex boyfriend who I really didn't like at all, for reasons that will become apparent as you read the book.

Meet Me at the Lighthouse is a lovely story to read on a relaxed and sunny weekend, or at any other time really, and was a great introduction for me to a new author who I definitely will be interested in reading more from.

Thank you to Harper Impulse and Netgalley for this copy which I have reviewed honestly and voluntarily.

Ali Bookworm says

I love the cover on this book and it looked like a light fun read..which it was. I only gave it four stars as although I enjoyed it, it was total fantasy, so unreal and clearly men like Ross Mason do not exist! I like my heroes and heroines to be believable. To a degree Bobbie was but sometimes I didn't like her attitude and the way she spoke (maybe an old fashioned) but there were some funny moments and laugh out louds. Always fancied living in a lighthouse myself so that's what I would have done with it, not have it as a bands venue, but it was a light airy tale all the same.

Christie Barlow says

OH MY! Meet me at the Lighthouse by Mary Jayne Baker is a serious contender for my favourite book of 2017. Without a doubt, Harper Impulse are not only fabulous at designing their covers but have the unique talent to search out books with a difference.

I loved this book from the outset, Bobbie Hannigan is as mad as me and immediately I warmed to the character. It was her birthday and not only did she impulsively buy a lighthouse for one pound (which would be something I would do), but she met the love of her life once more, her childhood sweetheart, Ross Mason, the gorgeous musician, the first boy she ever kissed. After a drunken reunion Ross puts up half the money, 50p and becomes a joint owner of the once glorious Cragport Victorian Lighthouse, their plan to turn it into a music venue, but it's safe to say everything wasn't always plain sailing.

For me, this book was impossible to put down, I read it in a couple of days with a silly grin etched on my face. It was an uplifting story, moved at great pace, all the characters were charming and I simply adored the setting.

The story had the right amount of giggles, romance and learning curves of life. This book by Mary Jayne Baker is definitely one for your summer holiday!

A story that is just perfection and full of fun!

Love says

The cover is very pretty, vibrant and memorable. It compliments the story perfectly. The book was incredibly refreshing. There are 1000's of romance novels on sale and often they can become mundane, repetitive and bland. Not in the case of Meet Me At The Lighthouse, Baker manages to keep her story refreshing and on point. With intricate side stories threaded through the main event. There was never a dull moment or a need to skim.

Bobbie is a unique and loveable character, I have to be honest and reveal that every time they said Miss Hannigan, I was immediately blasted back to the 1980's movie Annie and I giggled each time. Bobbie is a modern women, strong, independent and someone I would like to know.

Baker has done a very good job of keeping the book modern without any cliché long drawn out scenes of lovey dovey nonsense. The book is witty, engaging and sentimental.

I recommend the book to lovers of love and to those who like to remember those gone before us and how important it is for us to keep shining a light for them.

Karen Mace says

Where to begin with this book?! Other than I am now considering buying my own Lighthouse in the hope that it comes with a Ross of its' own!! All the love for this book that has kept me so entertained while reading it, and I even kept the neighbours entertained with my giggling as I sat in the sunshine chortling along with the exploits and thoughts of Bobbie, her twin sister Jess and the lovely Ross!

Everything seems to happen at once for Bobbi and none of it planned too - who else ends up buying a Lighthouse on their 28th birthday for £1 and meeting up with an old flame from school! But this sets her on a path slightly different from her life as a teacher and it just feels right! The chance to go into business with Ross to restore the once glorious Cragport Victorian Lighthouse, proves too good a chance to turn down - although in the cold light of day their doubts do start to sink in!! When are drunken decisions ever the right ones?!

But they both have an inner drive brought on my previous experiences and that helps them focus, along with the help of the community and it is a blast to see everyone come together to try and see their dreams through, although the road isn't always a smooth one!

The characters in this book were all so charming and they were also hilarious! The collective noun for a group of seagulls is now forever ingrained in my brain.....and it will be in yours too when you read it!!

It isn't all fun and games as there are many times they are left to deal with jealousy and trust issues due to

things that have happened in their pasts and this adds an intriguing element to the story.

I adored the setting, the various plot lines played along so nicely and at a great pace, and it was just a total delight of a read and I'm just hoping that there might be more to come from the Lighthouse in future!!

Thank you to Harper Impulse for an ARC of this book in return for a fair and honest review.

Jessica says

A spectacular book packed with laughter and romance that had me gripped from the very first page.

I loved the characters in this book Bobbie and Ross. It is clear from the moment they meet after years apart that they are destined to be together.

Zoe says

Charming, witty, sweet and romantic!

This is a heartwarming story about small-town living, first loves, family, friendship, community, dreams, goals, music and of course the passion and tiresome commitment involved in refurbishing a derelict lighthouse.

The writing is amusing and fluid. The plot is a highly entertaining journey filled with laughs, drama, chemistry, and second-chance love. And the characterization is spot on with a whole gang of fun, quirky, spirited, and endearing characters.

This is the second novel I've read by Baker and once again she's proven she can write clever, lighthearted, laugh-out-loud funny stories with characters you won't forget.

Thank you to Mary Jayne Baker and HarperImpulse for providing me with a copy in an exchange for an honest review.

All my reviews can be found on my blog at <http://whatsbetterthanbooks.com>

Laura says

ARC received in exchange for an honest review.

I loved Mary's debut book so I was excited to read another book from her. Meet Me at the Lighthouse is a totally different book to The Honey Trap but Mary's talent for storytelling is ever present. I laughed so much while reading, cried actual tears and full body sighed with the romance of it all. I just loved it.

First time love is my favourite love but if delivered well I do like a second chance romance between characters with a shared history. Bobbie and Ross have history for sure. They've known each other since

school. Life and circumstances drifted them apart and it's also brought them back together.

Once again hidden behind the sweet cover are some scorching hot sex scenes, more angst than I can usually handle but in this instance only aided me to turn the pages quicker and some super surprising plot twists and curveballs.

Mary's debut book shocked and surprised me in the best possible way and this one was no different. I think of Mary's books as being driven to somewhere you love in a car but blindfolded. You don't know anything about the journey but you can rest assured the destination will be wonderful!

Lucie Wheeler says

I really enjoyed reading this book. It was the first book from this author that I had read and I can safely say, it will not be the last.

I really liked that the book started with the impulse purchase of the lighthouse and right from the word go, you are wondering how she is going to pull off such an 'off the wall' act. It was really nice to follow the characters throughout the book and each one was well drawn and had characteristics which were realistic and easy to read.

I loved the relationship between Bobbie and Ross and found myself rooting for them all the way through. On a personal level, I pulled out of the story very slightly during the more intimate scenes because they went a little further than I usually like to read - but this was pure personal preference and it didn't spoil or affect my enjoyment of the book at all and is the only reason I dropped from 5 to 4 stars (I technically give it 4.5).

The plot is strong, giving some enjoyable twists and turns along the way to keep me turning the pages and I was pleased with the outcome of the story as a whole.

Great writing, vibrant characters and an enjoyable story. I'm looking forward to this authors next book already!

Dash fan says

5? Fun, Sexy, feel good, laugh out loud read!

Meet me at the lighthouse is by far one of my favourite reads.

It has everything, A Lighthouse, Romance, Humour, Passion, Alcohol, Elvis, Plenty of Music, Jealous Ex's, Crazy Parents, Family Dramas, Community Spirit...

When Bobbie and Ross cross paths outside Cragport's Victorian Lighthouse... who knew their lives would literally change forever!

Bobbie and Ross grew up together, shared their first kiss together at the school disco to Robbie Williams - Angels.

But then they grew up and parted.

10 years later and they stumble across each other when Ross is putting up a for sale sign on the Lighthouse... '£1' is literally what he's uncle was asking for.

Bobbie decides that she wants the Lighthouse and tells Ross that she wants to buy it.

That evening she meets her twin sister Jess in the local pub to celebrate their birthday.
But who should happen to be in the pub....Ross!! He is performing on stage.

It's from this point the night ends up with ALOT of alcohol being consumed
Oh and..... a partnership is formed

Ross and Bobbie decide to pay 50p each for the lighthouse and their plan is to set up a music charity for kids inside the lighthouse.

The next morning after waking up together and one major hangover the two set out to put the plans in motion. First stop contracts to sign over the ownership.

Bobbie and Ross find trouble at every hurdle.

No one said transforming the lighthouse would be easy. But they are both so determined to make it happen, and with the community on board what could possibly go wrong!!

I absolutely adore Bobbie and Ross.

I loved watching their friendship blossom and their sizzling passion between them was electric! In and out of the bedroom!!

However their relationship is far from plain sailing.

Bobbie was previously in a relationship, well that was until she caught her scum bag Ex Alex cheating on her.

Bobbie doesn't find it easy to trust, she appears to be strong but has a vulnerable side.... oh and definitely a green eyed monster side... which to be honest If I was in her shoes I would of acted exactly the same way!

Ross is still married to Claire.... well technically they are separated!

So when Claire shows up to throw a spanner in the works... will Ross behave? And what is he hiding?

I could go on for ages writing about the story it's so good, but it will give everything away.....

I urge you to pick it up and discover for yourselves whether the lighthouse is a success.... or if Bobbie and Ross make it.... or will everything just sink around them!

All of the characters are fun, entertaining, relatable, even when you want to hate Claire for instance... she redeems herself and opens up a whole other side to her, which you can't help warming too.

I loved the charm of Cragport, how everyone knew each other and everyone was willing to help.

The story line is captivating and had me hooked from the very first page.

I was rooting for Bobbie and Ross from the outset... I mean how cool is it to transform a lighthouse into a music venue for kids!!

I adore lighthouses there is something very endearing about them, so when I see this book and the cover I knew I just had to read it. (My cousin even got married in a lighthouse, so magical)

I am really hoping there will be a book 2 as I think there is so much more to come from The Lighthouse!

Meet me at the Lighthouse really is a fun, light hearted read, which melted my heart and held me captive right till the very end!

I urge you to pick up this book and delve into *The Lighthouse* and become swept away with its endearing charm and loveable characters.

Perfect read for lovers of Chick Lit, Rom Com, Romance, Cosy feel good reads, Music references.

I received this book from the Publisher for free via Netgalley, in which I voluntarily reviewed.

Suze Lavender says

After a difficult breakup Bobbie is now living with her twin sister Jess. She's having a peaceful and quiet life until she meets Ross. Bobbie used to like Ross a lot, but they lost contact. Now Ross is offering her his uncle's lighthouse for a symbolic amount. It's her birthday and Bobbie is ready for a challenge, so she decides to buy it. She has an even better idea though, they should purchase it together instead and open a music venue, which is something Ross has been dreaming of for years. Will they be able to pull it off?

Ross gave Bobbie her first kiss and the butterflies in her stomach that were there back then are still present. However, Ross isn't as unattached as Bobbie would have liked him to be. He's a man with a lot of baggage and Bobbie has to decide if she can handle taking this. Will getting involved with him jeopardize their lighthouse project or can they remain professional? What will happen when secrets of the past are coming to the surface, will Bobbie and Ross be strong enough to survive whatever comes their way?

Meet Me at the Lighthouse is a wonderful story. Bobbie is a fantastic person. She's smart, knows how to get things done and she's sweet. She used to like Ross a lot and sparks keep flying between them. Ross is kindhearted and easy going and he's a talented musician. They get along fabulously, but they also have a project to take care of and being involved personally and professionally can be a challenge. It was fascinating to see what would happen between them. I loved their playful banter, great chemistry and close friendship, but things aren't as uncomplicated as they seem, which gives the story a nice layer of depth. There are things Ross can't share and finding out more about his secrets kept me glued to the pages.

Mary Jayne Baker has a fabulous easy flowing writing style that mesmerized me from the very beginning, I just had to keep reading. I loved the way she describes the lighthouse and everything that has to be done to turn it into a music venue. It was fun to read about the ups and downs of that process and the amazing community spirit put a big smile on my face. I love heartwarming stories and *Meet Me at the Lighthouse* has the exact right feelgood factor. I really liked this book and highly recommend it.

Sarah says

Usually most romance novels has the story building up to the two main characters falling hopelessly in love with each and not getting together right until the end. This one has them doing it right at the beginning. I have to say this made for a really refreshing change. As soon as Bobbi and Ross meet again after years of not seeing each other, it's love at first sight. Not only does Bobbi walk away from that first meeting with a new chap in her life, but also half ownership of a lighthouse.

I couldn't help having visions of the show *Grand Designs* in my head. The Lighthouse needs a lot of work doing on it and I had so many things running through my head about how it was looking the more work they

did on it. What a fabulous opportunity and I think I would have rushed into buying it as quickly as Bobbi did if I was her.

I really liked Bobbi. She's very down to earth and even though she is very much loved up with Ross, the fact that he has a past does slightly concern her. I mean she wouldn't be human if she didn't. Obviously a new relationship as well as a new partnership is never going to run smoothly, certainly not in the real world never mind in fiction.

Meet Me At The Lighthouse is a wonderfully light hearted read. Being from Yorkshire myself, I loved the whole setting though it has left me wanting to now go off and buy a lighthouse! Couldn't think of a better book to read this summer, or anytime of the year for that matter. Will have you laughing, smiling and feeling all warm and lovely inside.

My thanks to HarperImpulse for an advanced copy of this book. All opinions are my own and not biased in anyway.

Rachel says

This is my last book review of 2017 and what a gorgeous book to finish the year with. I loved the down to earth feel of this story with the characters feeling so realistic, it was such a joy to see Bobbie and Ross bring the lighthouse back to life. The characters act on impulse along with the help of alcohol and come up with a brilliant plan to open a music venue in a lighthouse. I was rooting for them all the way even with the obstacles that end up in their way. The question is will there be a happy ending?

There's something so charming about the premise of the lighthouse that easily pulled me into the story. Along with some fun minor characters that gave the story an extra lovely touch, a special mention has to go to Bobbie's twin their conversations were always lots of fun. With some fab one liners that I will have to borrow. There were some brilliant laugh out loud moments, plenty of giggles and I was pretty much smiling all the way through. The story has some deeper issues for example a lack of trust that gave the story a more balanced feel. If you are in need of a pick me up I can definitely recommend this story. I ended up reading Meet Me at the Lighthouse over two nights, I really wished I could have finished it in one evening as I didn't want to put it down!

Fun, flirty and wonderful!

Five stars from me!

With thanks to Harper Impulse and Netgalley for my copy. This is my honest and unbiased opinion.
