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A sparkingly brilliant short story from the wonderfully warm and wise Fern Britton – the Nation’s favourite TV presenter.

Fern Britton weaves a warm and witty short story set in Cornwall, full of mischief and fun!

Best friends Penny Leighton and Helen Merrifield have swapped their hectic London lives for the leisurely pace of life in the pretty Cornish village of Pendruggan.

Penny is in constant demand and juggling her life as a vicar’s wife alongside her day job as a hotshot TV producer is exhausting.

Helen is at the end of her tether. Cornwall has been battered by the worst storms in living memory and the roof of her little cottage is in a terrible state. Her other half, the brooding Piran, isn’t being much help.

The two women cook up a scheme to leave their Pendruggan men behind and get back to London for a weekend of blissful indulgence. But you know what they say about the best laid plans... Will Penny and Helen’s stolen weekend be everything they’ve dreamed of, or something else entirely?

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From Reader Review The Stolen Weekend: A Short Story for online ebook

Sarah says

Really nothing to write home about! There's not even a storyline, just nice people going around their everyday lives. Warning: this is very short.

Heather Honey says

A lovely short story. I enjoyed reading this.

Jo says

Too short - but I'm now straight onto A Seaside Affair :-)

Ria says

A charming little vignette of a slice of life in Trevay in Cornwall featuring some of the characters Britton has used in other novels like A seaside affair.

In this sweet novella Helen and Penny feel the need to get away, Helen from all the wind and rain pouring in through the roof of her house while she waits for the terminally slow Piran to get around to fixing it and Penny is swamped by a vicar's wifely duties so in desperation she pleads time off as she has a little bit of business in London anyway and invites Helen to go along too for a girls weekend.

But the trouble is since the last time they were in London a lot of things have changed and moved on, places and things are not how they remember them so all in all the weekend didn't turn out as they expected but will they have any fun along the way or will they be glad to get back to sleepy Trevay away from the hustle and bustle of the "Big smoke?"

A great read and a lovely little mini episode in the life of some of the main characters in Fern's other novels.

Kim says

I've won a copy of Fern's new book through Good Reads and this was a lovely short story to refamiliarise myself with the previous book and look forward to the new one.

Although they now both love living in Cornwall- the two friends escape to the city for the weekend on the pretext of checking on the new tv series. They attend a showbiz drinks do which reminds them how glad they are that they escaped this lifestyle.

It was a lovely little read and now can't wait for the book to drop through the letter box.

Alison Winter says

It was lovely reading about Helen and Penny again and their lives in Cornwall.

Lynn Brown says

Nice entertaining short read..

Beth Gosser says

good read anticipating the "big" book on 4-24-14 love the characters!

Ali Bookworm says

A pleasant little read. Some laugh out loud moments. Very hand for those inbetween not sure what to read next moments or for a quick fix. I enjoyed it

Liz says

A short read, less than an hour!

Tracey says

loved catching up with some "old friends" roll on 9 days time when i can get mt gnashers into A Seaside Affair..

mrsljibbs says

I love Fern Britton's books and her style of writing is wonderful. Most of her books are set in Trevay, Pendruggan and feature the same set of characters - with new additions here and there. This book is a short story and features Penny and Helen as the main characters. Both women are best friends and moved from London to Cornwall together. They are both having a few problems with Cornish life lately and decide on a whim to go on a weekend trip to London, so that they can try to get a taste of their old life again. I loved the contrast of how life is like in London compared to the beach life in Trevay.

It also has a warm, wonderful, satisfying ending!!

Cath Stannard says

This is a short sequel to Hidden Treasures which i read recently and enjoyed. This was mediocre. Nothing remotely interesting happened and there was far too much 'poshness' and name dropping for my liking. I hope the next installment A seaside affair is better although i'm unsure whether i actually want to read it.

Oonagh says

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A short and uninspiring book. Lacks a storyline!

Paula Jayne says

Fern, fab as always xxx
