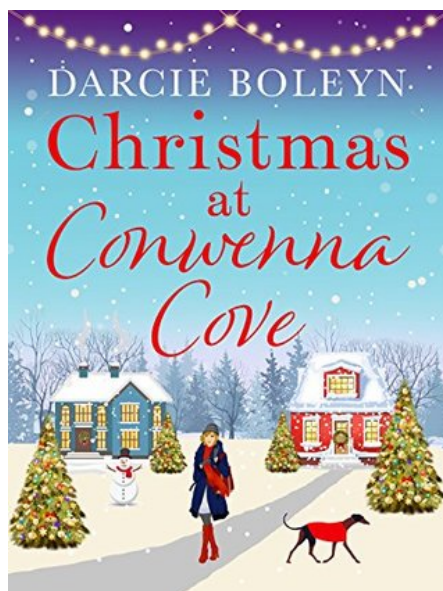




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A heartwarming, romantic and Christmassy novel set in the gorgeous Cornish village of Conwenna Cove.

When Grace Phillips travels to Conwenna Cove to help her parents move there 30 years after their honeymoon in the village, she sees why they fell in love with the place. The festive decorations, carols in the air and constant supply of delicious mince pies certainly make it hard to leave. Grace soon meets local vet Oli Davenport and initially finds him rude, but learning about his passion for animals and how much he cares for his two kids helps Grace to see a softer side to Oli.

It's been two years since Oli lost his wife to cancer. Though he loves eleven-year-old Amy and five-year-old Tom more than anything it's hard to be mum and dad. He has no interest in romance until he crosses paths with beautiful and kind-hearted Grace. The sparks fly but both Oli and Grace are holding onto fear about letting someone into their heart.

As the snow falls and Christmas wishes come true can Conwenna Cove work its magic and help Grace and Oli find the happiness they both deserve?

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Julie says

This is such a lovely book to put you in a Christmassy mood with just the right amount of poignancy too. One bit did make me cry but overall it's really uplifting with some great characters. I warmed to both Oli and Grace even though they are each coping with grief in their own way. Lovely supporting cast from Grace's parents too and I loved to see what her father would whip up in the kitchen next. This book really made me want to spend Christmas in Cornwall, or rather in Conwenna Cove.

Elaine says

I have a confession to make . . . I usually love books by this talented author, so I'm always on the look out for anything new by her. This time, however, she has surpassed herself. This is such a moving story with great characters, set in delightful community and written with such feeling it had me in tears at times (especially the beach scene saying bye to Sam - that isn't a spoiler, you'll need to read it yourself to discover just why it is so poignant).

Grace Phillips is a successful author who usually lives in her flat in Cardiff but she's planned to stay in Conwenna Cove over Christmas to help her parents as they move and settle into a cottage there. The community is so friendly and welcoming Grace is going to find it hard to leave. There are some lovely animals in the story, too, including a cat and her three kittens and a greyhound Grace names Hope. All have their roles to play in this story which has some really emotional moments and some cuddle up cosy ones, too.

Her first encounter with the local vet, Oli Davenport, is anything but friendly - he's downright rude! He's also a widower, has two delightful children and really cares about animals, too, so maybe he isn't quite so bad, after all! He's reticent to start anything as he doesn't want to pain of loving and losing again after his wife died almost two years ago from cancer. As the snow starts to fall over this community, can the Cove work its magic and help these two with tragedies in their past find romance together? The chemistry is certainly there but will they be willing to risk their hearts again?

This is a fantastic festive read I have no hesitation whatsoever in highly recommending. I've loved other books by this author in the past but I think this is my favourite title from her so far!

I requested and received a copy of this novel, via NetGalley, with no obligation. This is my honest review after choosing to read it.

Kim says

This is the second in the Conwenna Cove series and I loved the first one. Conwenna Cove sounds so delightful and a return at Christmas was particularly welcome.

It has everything- Christmas magic in abundance, families, cute animals and children, romance and the most

beautiful setting.

Grace falls in love with the charm of the Cornish cove when she helps her parents move in. Oli, the local vet has 2 children. They are both dealing with personal tragedies and not looking for love- but there is a definite spark in the air between the two. I loved the way they got to know each other and that happiness is just around the corner.

Liina says

Grace goes to Conwenna to help her parents move there. She planned on staying there for a short period of time, but not all things go according to plan. Her path crosses with a local vet Oli, who is a widower with two children. They are both cautious about love and going into a new relationship, but if the feelings are real it's worth the risk nevertheless.

It's the second book in Conwenna Cove series, but can be read as a standalone. There were a few moments with the main characters from the first book, but it won't confuse readers, who haven't read the first book yet. I absolutely loved this book-it's well written and sucks you into the story right away. I liked how it dealt with serious topics that pull on your heartstrings as well as what's the meaning of love and a family and pets had a great part in the book as well. I very much enjoyed reading it and I hope there will be more books in the series.

Stacey says

All reviews can be found on my blog: thecosiestcorner.blogspot.com

When I got asked if I wanted to be part of the blog tour for Christmas at Conwenna Cove, I jumped at the chance - who wouldn't? I absolutely loved the first one so I knew I would love the second - plus it was set at Christmas, which is already a winner in my books. Then I saw the cover reveal and instantly fell in love with it.

When I read the book, I can't believe how much I actually did enjoy it. I managed to read it in under a day and in that time I fell in love with Oli and Grace's story. Grace has come to Conwenna Cove to help her parents settle in to Rosehip Cottage (what a cute name) but doesn't realise she'll fall in love with the village herself. Oli, who is the vet in the village, hasn't wanted a relationship since his wife died, but the pair come together and the Christmas magic has something in store for them.

The book was incredibly romantic and Christmassy. The use of the Christmas markets, gingerbread spiced drinks and Oli's children decorating a tree made me feel all warm and fuzzy inside and I found myself really looking forward to Christmas. The snow and the friendly villagers made me wish that I lived in Conwenna Cove myself!

The characters in Christmas at Conwenna Cove are all absolutely lovely and I really loved Oli's children Amy and Tom. They were so cute and really set the Christmas novel off nicely. Both Oli and Grace had been through a lot in their life and have both suffered a terrible loss so it was nice to see them coming together and

relating to each other. One other thing I adored is the amount of greyhounds in the story - something I feel really passionate about because it's my dream to adopt a couple too!

Overall, I couldn't get enough of this book. There was a beautiful romance, a bit of humour and lots of Christmas spirit. Thank you to publisher for a chance to read this novel, which I have reviewed honestly.

Rachel Gilbey says

Cornwall, Christmas, Conwenna Cove, Children, Cute animals, Kind hearted humans are all the key ingredients that make up this fabulous book. At times I felt really emotional reading this due to what Oli and Grace have suffered in their pasts, and the rest of the time I was smiling and wishing I was part of the families in the book!

This is a second book set in Conwenna Cove, but it definitely works as a standalone. In fact we don't see a whole deal of Jack and Eve in this story, so if you haven't read the first book it won't affect your enjoyment of this one. That being said fans of Summer at Conwenna Cove will be delighted to see some familiar faces, in and around the town.

To me it isn't Christmas without children, and thus this book wouldn't have been anywhere near as good had it not been for Tom and Amy, who are local vet Oli's kids, and about to have their second Christmas since Linda died.

Grace is only in Conwenna Cove to settle her parents into Rosehip Cottage, and then intends on going back to Cardiff. Yet as she spends longer in Cornwall, she finds herself drawn to Oli and his family, despite not really wanting to let anyone in.

Grace's parents are fabulous, I loved the way Simon (her dad) is a great cook, and between them make Oli and his family feel a lot happier. There are great people who aren't without their own heartache, which makes them really relatable too, and I would have loved them as my parents.

There are some adorable animals in this book, I especially loved Hope, and the family of cats. This really is just a great heart warming book from Darcie Boleyn, and I am hoping that we will see more from Conwenna Cove in the future.

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

Dash fan says

5? The Perfect Christmas Romance, Heart Warming, feel good, didn't want it to end!

Christmas at Conwenna Cove is the second book in the Conwenna Cove Series.
This most definitely can be read as a standalone.

I was absolutely thrilled to be back at Conwenna Cove for Christmas. It was like I had never left!

This time round we meet Grace and her parents Louise and Simon who have just moved into Rosehip Cottage.

We also meet the very sexy local Vet Oliver (Oli) and his adorable children Tom and Amy.

Oliver has had a really tough few years when his lovely wife Linda passes away 2years ago. Oliver has never even looked at another women since. Well that is until he meets Grace.

Something between them instantly spark and the chemistry between them is buzzing!

Grace too is grieving, she too lost someone very close to her. Her brother Sam. Grace has not been able to let her guard down since. But that is until she meets Oli and his children.

All of the gorgeous animals that Oil helps and the important messages being portrayed within the book about neutering etc..

My sister is a Vet Nurse so I really related to all the amazing work Oli does at the vets.

Now I have to mention Hope! The gorgeous and gentle greyhound. If you are a dog lover like me, be prepared to shed a tear as she fills your heart with love!

I adored Grace and Oli, their tortured souls learning to trust and love again. It was so beautiful to see. It was like watching a flower blossom. They melted my heart.

Tom and Amy, Oli's children, wow such amazing children! By far my favourite characters!!

After everything they have gone through, all they wanted was to see their Dad happy.

I adored watching Grace and their relationship grow. I just know you are going to fall in love with them just like I did!!

Christmas at Conwenna Cove is such a heartwarming read it melted my heart and I shed a tear or two.

Darcie has this way of making you fall in love with Conwenna Cove and the residents that live there.

The whole way through i was falling deeper and deeper into the story, and before I knew it I was at the end!

I was so disappointed I didn't want it to end! I really really hope there is more from Grace and Oil as by far they are my favourite characters!!

I loved Darcie's first book Summer at Conwenna Cove and I have to say Christmas at Conwenna Cove is even better!!

This is a Compelling yet feel good story about, family, learning to love again, relationships, new beginnings, grief, gorgeous animals, I laughed alot, smiled, shed a tear, and fell in love with Conwenna Cove and all the fantastic Characters within.

I urge you all to pick up Christmas at Conwenna Cove and read it as I know you won't be disappointed!!!

So the big question is.... would i recommend this book..... without a doubt...100000% YES!!!!

A perfect Holiday Read for those who love Chick Lit and Romance, Humour, Heartwarming, Poignant reads, Animals, Christmas.

I received this book from the Publisher in exchange for a honest and fair review in which I voluntarily reviewed.

My Review is also on my blog website:

<https://dashfan81.blogspot.com/2017/1...>

Deanne Patterson says

This is one totally delightful Christmas romance. Set in the gorgeous Cornish village of Conwenna Cove. Grace helps her parents move there to a delightful cottage after having honeymooned there 30 years ago. Once there she is in no hurry to return to her flat in another town as she makes friends there in Conwenna and the people are friendly and welcoming. How about going to the pub with us, having a cuppa or stopping at the cafe they ask. After meeting town's veterinarian, Oli they try not to let the other know of their interest in each other. It just may not be the right time. Oli is a widower who lost his wife to breast cancer and it not only stole his wife from him but his children's mother and his happiness. Go on he must though he has a thriving vet practice and an 11 year old daughter and 5 year old son. As Oli and his children start spending more time together Oli is concerned his children will get too attached for her and she will move back to her flat leaving the children and him heartbroken again. Out shopping one day his son asks Santa for something and we can guess what it is, a Mommy for Christmas :) This has to be one of the sweetest, clean Christmas books I've read. It has left me with such a warm fuzzy feeling as I read it sipping my tea and eating biscuits! Pub Date 09 Oct 2017

Thank you to NetGalley and Canelo for a review copy in exchange for my honest review.

Alison says

Ok, so it's probably a well known fact by now that I am a huge fan of Darcie Boleyn's books, add in Cornwall (I'm a little biased!) and Christmas what more could I want!

Christmas at Conwenna Cove takes us back to the idyllic place where we spent summer but don't fret if you haven't read that one this works well as a stand alone.

I adore the laid back easy style of story telling that is so gentle but tackles some serious subjects along the way. Grace is helping her parent's settle into Conwenna with the intention of returning to Cardiff afterwards. However Grace bumps into Oli the Vet, as much as he is a bit gruff there does seem to be a hint of interest between them. Oli is nursing a broken heart though after losing his wife to cancer and he has his hands full being mum and dad to his two kids.

Grace is such a likeable lady, she has her own grief to contend with. Her parents are wonderful, truly loving and caring and still worry about her regardless of her being an adult.

In Summer at Conwenna Cove my heart was stolen by Gabe the greyhound .. there is another one in this book whose situation will have you in bits. It is abundantly clear the author loves her dogs ? animal lovers are well catered for with some cute kittens, while Oli's son Tom adds the cuteness factor for Christmas.

Cosy up by the fire with a mug of steaming hot chocolate and drift off to Conwenna Bay you won't regret it. Another superb book from Darcie who seems to keep getting better and better. All my expectations were surpassed this is a bundle of love, hope and Christmas joy.

Thanks to the author, publisher and Netgalley for my copy which I read and reviewed voluntarily.

Carla Johnson-Hicks says

4.5 Stars, rounded up. This was on my list for Christmas reads, but I got behind. Better late than never they say, and I am glad I got to it. I enjoyed meeting Grace and her parents as she was helping them to relocate to the beautiful Cornish village of Conwenna Cove. She is staying with them until New Year's then heading home to Cardiff Wales, at least that is the plan. Everyone keeps talking about the magic of Conwenna Cove and encouraging her to stay. She is an author, so can work anywhere. As she meets people from the village she becomes more and more enchanted. When she meets the handsome veterinarian, Oli, who is a widower with two adorable children, she considers it even more. Dealing with loss is tough and people may grieve for years. Grace has vowed never to get married or have children of her own due to her brother having Cystic Fibrosis and dying 9 years earlier. Can she get over this and open herself to possibilities? A great romance whether it is Christmas or not. The characters are lovely. They are caring, friendly and loyal to one another. The animals are a wonderful addition to the story. There is a greyhound sanctuary close by and several of the villagers own rescued greyhounds. An abandoned cat and three kittens found in the playground end up at the vet hospital and need to find homes. All this is woven into the story of this wonderful little village. There is a bit of talk about cruelty to animals, but it is done in discussions of saving them and how can humans be so cruel. This is a very clean romance that will melt your heart. I recommend this story to any romance lover. Grab a warm blanket of glass of whatever you want to drink (wine did it for me) and take a visit to Conwenna Cove. The publisher generously provided me with a copy of this book via Netgalley.

Clair says

Christmas at Conwenna Cove is my first festive read of the season and what a brilliant start it is! I adored Summer at Conwenna Cove so I was absolutely thrilled to see that Darcie Boleyn was taking us back to Conwenna Cove for a Christmas visit!

This is a sequel of sorts, we are back in Conwenna Cove which was first introduced to us by Eve and Jack. In this book, we are introduced to Louise, Simon and Grace Phillips. Louise and Simon have moved to Conwenna Cove and their daughter, Grace, is staying with them to help decorate the house and unpack. Grace has every intention to head back to Cardiff once she has got her parents settled into their new home.

Oli Davenport is the local vet who sadly lost his wife nearly 2 years ago so is raising their 11 year old daughter Amy and 5 year old son Tom on his own. Oli was absolutely devastated by the loss of Linda so he has shut himself down emotionally. His life revolves around his children and the animals he looks after in the surgery.

Oli and Grace meet in the local café and its clear from the start that there is an attraction on both sides (even if Oli is a bit standoffish!) which is beautiful to watch pan out. Christmas at Conwenna Cove isn't just a fabulous romantic read, it also explores grief and its effects on those both young and old.

I absolutely adored everyone in this book, both sets of parents are lovely – they are nurturing and supportive whilst protective of their children...even when the children are in their thirties! Oli and Grace are both great characters, you can really relate to them as they come alive off the pages through the wonderful, friendly and warm writing style that the author has.

Also, I was thrilled to find the greyhounds are back!! In Summer at Conwenna Cove we are introduced to Gabe who was a central part to the story and I was pleased to say that we are introduced to another gorgeous

greyhound in this one.

I really liked the references to Eve and Jack so we get an update as to where their lives have taken them, Conwenna Cove is a small place so it'd be weird if they didn't pop up but I loved that this was about Grace and Oli. Whilst the storylines are similar in terms of outsiders falling in love with the small town, this is very much it's own book and storyline. The reasons for the relocation to Conwenna Cove and the history of the characters is completely different.

Christmas at Conwenna Cove is the perfect festive read; you can almost hear the carols and Christmas movies, feel the festive spirit, see the twinkling lights and smell the mulled wine!

Nessa says

Oh what a truly wonderful and delightful read, which had lots of Christmas cosy moments throughout the story. I thoroughly enjoyed reading this whilst curled up on my sofa.

The author draws you right in to the story pretty quickly with meeting and getting to know all of the characters and experiencing the illidicit setting and location, was so very easy to lose myself in this story.

As for the storyline, it was brilliant, lots going on from one character to another. It was so very well written, plus a few emotional moments thrown in that I wasn't expecting, just so heartfelt.

Oh and this review wouldn't be complete unless the animals got a mention as they do play a very important role within the story and I loved them all, so wanted to take them all home with me.

Suze Lavender says

Grace's parents have bought a cottage in Conwenna Cove, a beautiful Cornish village. Grace accompanies them and is planning on staying for a while before returning to her flat in Cardiff. Grace is a writer, so she can work wherever she wants. When she's only just arrived Grace meets Oli, the local vet. Initially he isn't very kind to her, but he soon makes up for his rude behavior. Oli is a widower and he has two children, Amy and Tom. Will spending time with him and his family convince Grace she should stay in Conwenna Cove?

Oli doesn't want to fall in love after having his heart broken, it hurts too much. He lost his wife two years previously and still misses her badly. When he meets Grace something changes inside him and he's able to feel something he thought he'd never feel again. However, he has two children to think of and is scared to risk being shattered by grief once more. He immediately likes Grace and isn't able to stay away from her. Will he be able to give her a chance or is he hurting too much to make things work between them?

Christmas at Conwenna Cove is a wonderful Christmas story. Grace is kindhearted and generous. She loves with all her heart and is giving and sweet. She's exactly what Oli and his children need. Oli is a gentle man and a caring father. His children's happiness is incredibly important to him. It's clear from the start that Oli and Grace have a special connection. There are plenty of sparks and they also form an easy friendship. Oli has Amy and Tom to think of and Grace is amazing with them. The kids were the best part of the book for me. Amy is wise for her age, but she's also vulnerable and endearing. Tom is disarming and totally adorable. Darcie Boleyn knows how children behave and she makes them come to life really well. Romance and

cuteness are a fantastic combination for a story and she knows exactly how to make it work.

Darcie Boleyn has a lovely warm writing style. Christmas at Conwenna Cove is festive and filled with hope. There's also room for sadness and loved ones are being remembered in a fabulous emphatic way that I liked a lot. Darcie Boleyn's dialogue always makes me smile. She has a great sense of humor and her conversations feel realistic. Christmas At Conwenna Cove is a charming and captivating feelgood story. I highly recommend this heartwarming Christmas read.

Laura says

Today I'm delighted to be kicking off the blog tour run by Canelo for the latest festive instalment from Darcie Boleyn - Christmas at Conwenna Cove. Although this is the second book in the Conwenna Cove series, it can be read as a total standalone novel, that said, if you read Summer at Conwenna Cove then there will be a few familiar faces making small cameo's.

Christmas at Conwenna Cove is a great, sweet read and perfect to curl up with this winter if you are after a delightfully romantic festive read.

We return to Conwenna Cove with Grace and Oli's story, Grace being in the area to help her parents settle in to their new home to see out their retirement years, and Oli is the local vet.

Grace and Oli meet quite early on into the story and although the attraction is obvious, both are wary and for good reasons too, I won't go into details too much as I don't want to ruin the bulk of the plot lines for you so let's just say they both have fragile hearts and over the course of the festive period, we see Grace not only grow closer to Oli but to his two young children, Amy and Tom, too.

Darcie Boleyn has perfectly captured the essence of Christmas - not only does she write giving a great description of Conwenna Cove in Winter, she has also managed to capture the emotions of the characters - I often felt my heart breaking and eyes watering at the same time as chuckling away at the optimism and enthusiasm of 5 year old Tom, who for me was my favourite sub character bringing light relief to the heavier story lines and, let's face it - a child's excitement is what makes Christmas, right?!

Christmas at Conwenna Cove left me feeling warm and fuzzy with its wonderful characters, beautiful settings and in depth story lines - a brilliant festive story.

Joanne Robertson says

Darcie Boleyn is now one of my go to authors, one I know will never disappoint me and that I can pick up one of her books and be transported immediately to another world. I have to say that world normally causes me to put on a few pounds though as there are always the most delicious and lavishly described foods in her books and Christmas at Conwenna Cove is no different! From the cafe's to the Christmas markets, there were goodies galore on the menu for the characters here so if you aren't hungry before you start, you soon will be!

I loved being back in Conwenna Cove and as soon as I saw the author's signature greyhound on the front cover, I knew I was back amongst friends. Grace has come to Conwenna Cove with her parents to help them settle into their new home. They have had a family tragedy that has made them all much closer to each other and, although Grace plans to go back to Cardiff eventually, she is lucky that she can work from home. But

then she meets Oli and his adorable young family and suddenly those plans don't seem so desirable, unlike the captivating veterinary surgeon! My heart ached for both our main protagonists here. Oli had lost his wife and was trying to be the best parent to his kids but love second time around seems to be filled with guilt even though his children would love to see him happy again. Grace was facing her own demons, and from a personal point of view her story really did touch me deeply. Her lifestyle choice was a very difficult one to make and as one who has to make a similar decision (all be it in a different direction) I felt her situation was handled very positively but realistically. In fact, I don't know how Darcie does it but she always seems to write very emotional scenarios that speak to me in a very personal level. Which means I am forever reading her books with a permanent lump in my throat which leads to plenty of snotty tears by the end!

The setting of Conwenna Cove lends itself just as well to the cold and darkness of the festive season as it does the summer sunshine -it actually made me want the snow and frosty mornings to arrive even though I'm much more of a summer girl myself! This gorgeously written and perfectly pitched love story is filled with such sensitivity and understanding of the issues raised that I just couldn't put it down. It's a heartwarming tale that comes across with a genuine interest in the characters and the stories they have to tell and that is why I love this authors books so much! She makes me laugh and she makes me cry and every single time I finish one of her books I feel like I am leaving behind real people. Make sure you have tissues at the ready, a hot chocolate with all the works (marshmallows, squirty cream, a flake....) and then snuggle down into the cosiest, squishiest chair you can find because you're off to celebrate a Conwenna Christmas and you aren't going to want to leave!

Highly recommended by me!
