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The islanders of Chappaquiddick have a saying: "Some come here to heal; others come to hide." Above a crumbling sea wall at the isolated northern tip of Chappaquiddick Island sits a weathered cottage that gives shelter to Mae Keaney, who returns to the island at the beginning of World War II determined to distance herself from a past filled with pain and regret. Fiercely independent, she defies both the societal conventions of the island and its unforgiving natural world until a catastrophic fire threatens her livelihood, the Boat House Cafe. After reluctantly accepting help from a Wampanoag tribal member, she forms an uneasy alliance that leads her to an understanding of the wisdom of the "People of the First Light" and restores her faith in herself."

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Bethe Moulton says

The Boat House Café is a delicious read, which I devoured in a single sitting. Linda Cardillo's writing is sensuous and full of feeling without being sentimental. The beautiful prose carried me to the island community of Martha's Vineyard and into the lives of Mae Keaney and Tobias Monroe. The principal characters evoke compassion with their flaws and inspire with their strength. The supporting cast adds the rich texture of conflicting cultures. Although set in the 1940's, the challenges of identity, loyalty and authenticity make this story more than relevant for today's reader. If you have been to Martha's Vineyard, this is a must read. If you have not set foot on Chappaquiddick, The Boat House Café will bind you with the spell of "First Light". Cardillo's sense of place mixed with genuine emotion is a recipe that truly does "nurture the soul." I am hungry for the sequel.

Ann DeFee says

The Boat House Café is set in a time and place where even though the world is at war there are places where tranquility reigns. It's a story of redemption and love, of culture clashes, of relationships that are difficult but not insurmountable. Mae's journey to carve out a new life will make you laugh and cry, but you'll always be her advocate. Tobias is a man of the sea who's torn between love and his responsibilities. The Boat House Café is a "must" for your reading list.

Melissa B says

I received this book through GoodReads First Reads.

A timeless story even though the setting was in the WWII era.

A story of strength of character, steadfast relationships, allegiance to one's own people and to family.

"Some come to heal, some come to hide" is a very good synopsis of this book. Hard to put down!

Gina Smith says

A well written book with an interesting story. Mae returns to the area of Chappy which she fondly remembers from her childhood. She goes with the intention of buying an old fishing camp property that is for sale and living a protected life. She decides that the property fits her needs and she can even open a cafe for the locals to earn a living. After she is there a while she meets Tobias and even though the last thing that interests her is a relationship with a man they hit it off. It isn't too long until their love is tested through a series of events. Can they find a way to make it work?

* I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Francine Dague says

Excellent

Carolyn Russett says

Especially interesting since it takes place in the area of Martha Vineyard. Good read

Jean Barish says

I very much enjoyed this latest book by Linda Cardillo. The development of the characters, the capturing of the history and personality of the island, the progression of life, all come through to stay the your reader (at least with me!) long after finishing the book.

Carol Perreault says

Wonderful story

Christine says

I really liked this book all the way up to the last 50 pages or so when the author introduced the cancer issue. I wish there was another way for her to continue the storyline. I almost gave it three stars because of that but liked it so much until that point and the way it ended.

Terri says

Love this book.

Barbara cardana says

this book was excellent! I loved it from the first page to the last. looking forward to more books by this author. this was a goodreads giveaway that i won and im glad that i did.
