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Love At The Italian Lake



Synopsis

On the shores of Lake Garda, a beautiful romance unfolds. But is it only for summer? Don't miss this gorgeous, heart-warming novel from Darcie Boleyn, bestselling author of 2017 smash-hit *Summer at Conwenna Cove*. Sophia Bertoni discovers her boyfriend in bed with another woman, and realizes her life is going nowhere. Leaving her high-pressure job, she travels to Italy to stay with her grandmother while she figures out her next move. When Sophia quite literally bumps into devastatingly handsome Joe Lancaster her plans are turned upside down. As the two realize they're both spending the summer in the same town, a love affair seems on the cards. But Sophia and Joe are both burdened by family secrets. Despite their attraction, will the sun set on Sophia and Joe's romance or will they find love at the Italian lake? Praise for Darcie Boleyn: "There were tears and smiles and out-loud giggles all the way through. A wonderful holiday read!" *Jenny Hale* "I just loved this book, every single page of it!" *My Chestnut Reading Tree* "A truly spectacular read and I loved every minute of it." *Whispering Stories* "Another enchanting book from the talented Darcie Boleyn." *Rachel's Random Reads* "It's always a treat to read a book written by Darcie Boleyn." *Utterly brilliant.* *The Quiet Knitter* "Filled my heart with joy." Darcie Boleyn has a wonderful way with words. With Love For Books

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Customer Reviews

After discovering her boyfriend in their bed with another woman, Sophia decides that she needs a break, but her work won't give her the time off, so she goes the whole hog and jacks that in too. She sets off to stay with her Nonna (Grandmother), who lives in Italy, but doesn't get the welcome she was hoping when she lands at the airport. She is bumped into and sent flying over her suitcase, splitting her lip and leaving her with an egg on her head. Joe Lancaster seems to have an issue with Sophia, as he literally keeps on bumping into her. He is staying with his uncle, helping out in his hotel by Lake Garda for the summer. The two find comfort in one another, but neither are looking for love, but maybe love is looking for them? *Love at the Italian Lake*, is a beautiful chick lit novel. It is as gorgeous on the inside, as it is on the out. Sophia is a lovely young woman who worked all the hours she could to do well for herself, but that all came crashing down in a matter of minutes when she arrived home early. Just when she is down on her luck, she finds herself in a scenic little village by Lake Garda, Italy, with her Nonna, and the gorgeous Joe just down the road. However, not everything is that simple. A hidden family secret is revealed, leaving Sophia not knowing what to do to for the best. Does she let the people concerned know? Joe also has a lot of personal issues going on in his life too, especially with his parents. His dad has dementia and his mum is sticking her head in the sand about it, and won't take an offer of help. Lake Garda is a place of beauty. The sparkling water glimmering in the sun, the scent of the Italian baked goods at the market, and the friendly locals. It is a definite, wish you were there novel. This is a charming story with a lot of heart. It was a joy to read, and I found myself transported to Italy every time I picked the book up, taking me away from the miserable rainy city I was actually in. There are plenty of warm, inviting characters to get to know, and a flawless plot to lose yourself in. Ms. Boleyn always manages to put a smile on my face with her entertaining, warm novels and this one is her best yet. Reviewed on Whispering Stories Book Blog* I received a free copy of this book, which I voluntarily reviewed

Sophia and her boyfriend Lee don't have an equal relationship. Sophia earns the money and has a

high-end job while Lee likes spending what she makes. Lee doesn't mind living an easy and carefree life and Sophia keeps enabling it. When she finds him in bed with another woman Sophia knows it's time to make some drastic changes. Her sole purpose in life is doing her work as well as she can and she used to be prepared to give up everything for it, what if being a successful businesswoman isn't enough any longer? To give herself time to think Sophia quits her job and travels to Italy to stay with her grandmother for a while. In Italy she meets Joe. Joe is at a crossroads in his life as well. They like each other, but they are both in Italy for a short time, however they have the summer. Will they have a chance to find some happiness, even if it's just for a short while, or will family secrets and problems at home make it difficult for them to enjoy their time together? Love at the Italian Lake is a wonderful story. Sophia is driven, but insecure. She doesn't know how beautiful she is, both inside and out. Her stay in Italy makes her discover a lot about herself and her family, which was really fascinating. It was fabulous to see her grow and find herself. Joe is a good friend and he has a trustworthy personality and natural charm that make him accessible. He's a kind and talented man, but he's also troubled. Sophia and Joe are great together, but they both have baggage. I was curious to find out their family secrets and couldn't turn the pages quickly enough to discover if Sophia and Joe would have a chance together. I liked their easy and sparkling friendship. They're perfect main characters for a feelgood romantic story. Darcie Boleyn has a heartwarming writing style. Her way with words is clever and her stories are laced with humor. Love at the Italian Lake is about people who have to deal with change and I loved the complete way she explores the many emotional layers of this recognizable theme. She combines this with a stunning setting that kept mesmerizing me. I enjoyed reading about Italy and the abundance of deliciousness and beauty it has to offer. I liked this gorgeous captivating story very much and thinking about it keeps putting a big smile on my face.

I always love losing myself in a book written by Darcie Boleyn because you know in advance it is going to be such a pleasant experience. She writes with a unique charm that is incredibly gentle, you get a sense that she sees the best in all her characters no matter what they have done. This time we travel to Italy .. Love at the Italian Lake is set near the wonderful Lake Garda. Sophia goes to stay with her Nonna after discovering her cheating boyfriend in a compromising position. Maybe it was the nudge she needed though to have a drastic change in lifestyle. Arriving at the airport, stepping out into the sudden heat (gosh I felt that) Sophia is literally knocked off her feet by a hunky man. As soon as they meet it becomes apparent that her and Joe will have some kind of chemistry but that's the beauty of a romance book, you know what you are likely to

get. Sophia and Joe are both nice believable characters, both harbouring secrets and difficulties with a distinct lack of trust but they become friends. There are some very cute humorous moments .. I really felt for Sophia in the boat and sun-cream incident but also giggled, it was so expertly portrayed. I was urging this couple to just give each other a chance. They are in a stunning setting, it's summer, romance should be in the air. I adored Nonna, we could all do with a sprightly Grandma like her who could just wrap us up in a hug and make everything ok. This book is just perfect for a leisurely read, preferably on a sunbed somewhere but if that fails it will whisk you away to the balmy destination in your dreams anyway. Another winner from Darcie .. thanks to Netgalley and the publisher for my copy which I read and reviewed voluntarily.

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