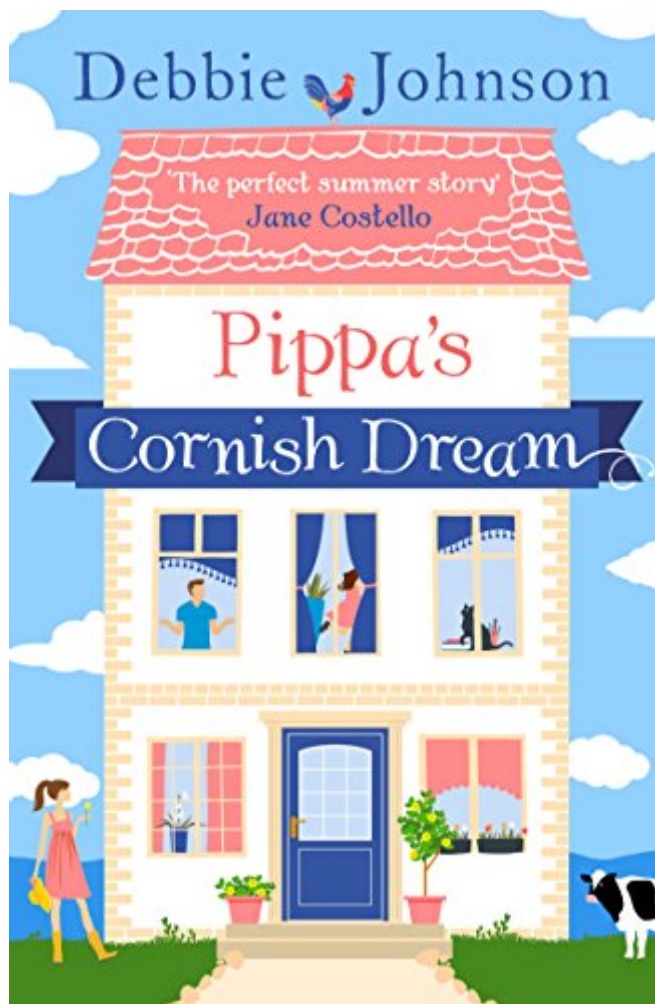


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Pippa's Cornish Dream



Synopsis

“The perfect summer story” a funny and moving read set in glorious modern-day Poldark country.™ “Bestselling author Jane Costello Every summer has a story. Since Pippa Harte was forced to take over her parents’ farm, she’s barely had time to shave her legs let alone make time for a date. Now she’s more likely to be getting down and dirty mucking out the pigs “ and avoiding those of the human male variety. When Ben Retallick walks out of her childhood and back into her present it seems that perhaps Pippa has more time than she thought. All Poldark smoulders and easy-going charm, Ben’s definitely worth whipping her wellies off for! But Ben is a man with his own past and his own issues “ and as much as she’s enjoying having him around, she’s got to get a grip. After all life isn’t always a beach | Then again, this is Cornwall. Set on the gorgeous Cornish coast at the height of summer, this is the perfect romance to take on your hols! Debbie is the author of Cold Feet at Christmas, the #1 Christmas bestseller!

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Customer Reviews

When her parents died in a horrible car accident, Pippa Harte was suddenly left to her own devices and had to set aside her plans for going to Oxford University and instead stay at home to take care of her younger siblings and the family farm. These days, the farm is a holiday rental place run by

Pippa while she also looks out for her younger siblings. One day, Ben Retallick, an acquaintance from Pippa's past, hires one of the cottages and immediately there's a connection between him and Pippa; a connection that's difficult to ignore. However, Ben has a dark secret and he has come to Cornwall to hide away from the world. Pippa knows she needs to focus and can't use any distractions, but what happens when a distraction is as hard to ignore as handsome Ben...? I'm happy to say the story inside *Pippa's Cornish Dream* is just as fabulous as its stunning cover; Debbie Johnson definitely has treated us to a wonderful romance story, perfect for a long and lazy summer day! The first chapter of the novel already paints a clear picture of main character Pippa's life and I straight away warmed to her. Pippa is young and already has a lot of responsibility to shoulder; she takes care of her 4 younger brothers and sisters and the family holiday rental farm business. She's independent and brave but at the same time she's at an age where you try to find yourself and what it is you want in life. Mysterious, dark and handsome Ben Retallick comes into Pippa's life at the right time, ready to shake things up a bit. I even developed a little crush on Ben; he's the perfect hero for a romance story like this one and the chemistry between him and Pippa was definitely there.

Pippa Harte was meant for more glamorous chores than clearing a blocked loo, but life takes unexpected turns and all that can be done is to *keep calm and carry on*. And, with the loss of her parents, the raising of her younger siblings and the management of the family farm and guest cottages fell squarely on her shoulders. She should have been studying at Oxford, and I expected a touch of anger over the loss of that opportunity, but Pippa is engaging and so very real in dealing with the daily surprises that life brings. These are exacerbated by her teenaged brother playing fast and loose with the rules, the usual maintenance and husbandry surprises that come with her family business and the daily challenges of raising children. But, an unexpected guest arrives, dragging the onus of his bad past behind him. Ben is all that Pippa likes: handsome, charming and quite intriguing. He's not interested in a *relationship* and with Pippa's responsibilities she can't wool-gather all day waiting for him to make a move beyond the friendship they are developing, so she's almost resigned herself to *no Ben*. The characters in this story are layered and nuanced: the kids all have distinct traits and most feel very appropriate and real for their age. Additionally, they name the animals with some cutesy but wholly believable names from popular culture, tying the story and the children again to the present. As the relationship between Pippa and Ben develops, there is a solid trajectory and series of reveals that make this rather *tried and true* premise take on a very modern feel. Narration is in third person, solidly

presenting people, emotions, and setting in ways that are easily accessible and instantly bring visual references to readers.

Pippa has a busy life. She has to take care of three young children and a teenager who's a handful. Besides that she also has a farm to run. She has turned it into holiday homes and because money is tight she's become quite handy. Because she's so busy she doesn't have time for a personal life. Her days aren't always easy, but when her parents passed away she couldn't let her siblings go into foster care while she could keep them together. She manages, but it's a tough job to do on her own. Ben is one of Pippa's guests. He's booked the cottage to get away and write in peace. He's just out of prison and has a book deal. He's the country's most celebrated criminal as he spent time in jail for something heroic. In his opinion it was stupid, but he couldn't control himself. His whole life changed in a few minutes and he isn't ready to start living again. There's a strict rule against love for example. He doesn't do that anymore, he doesn't want his heart to be broken a second time. Only then he meets Pippa and they discover they have a brief and very funny history which immediately breaks the ice. Pippa and Ben are both adults who are both looking for some good sex and they find comfort with each other, but is that all there is? Pippa's Cornish Dream is a book about two people who don't have an easy past. They instantly like each other and there's a lot of lust involved as well. Gradually their relationship evolves. It was great to watch that and I think Debbie Johnson has done such an amazing job with both the chemistry and the consistency of the love scenes. Each one means a little bit more than the one before. Pippa's family life is chaotic, but her siblings are really sweet. Her brother keeps getting into trouble and even though he messes up he's endearing.

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