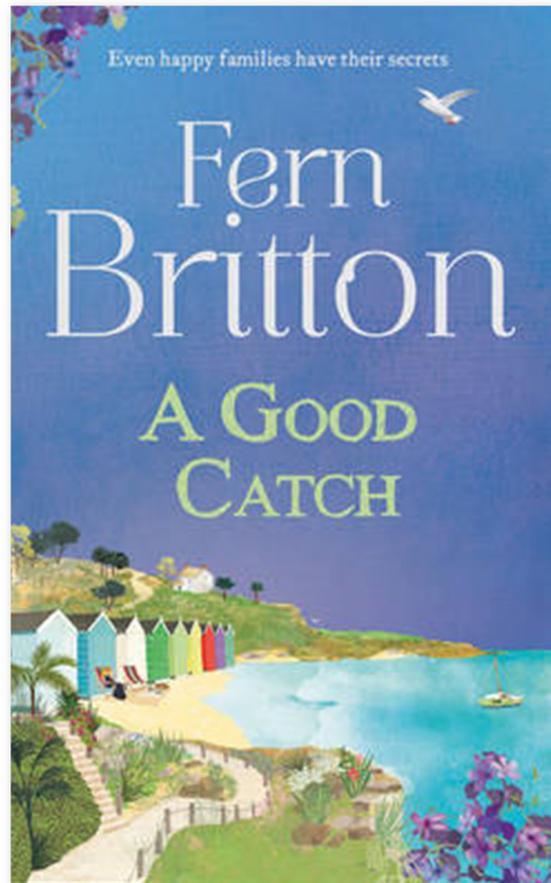


Lovereadng Reader reviews of A Good Catch by Fern Britton

Below are the complete reviews, written by Lovereadng members.

Caroline Harvey

A great book from start to finish. I was a bit apprehensive as not read anything my Fern Britton before, never even knew she was an author but I was definitely surprised. It will be a good book to take on holiday this summer even more so if you are travelling down to the lovely area of Cornwall where the book is set. Very easy to read but kept me riveted right until the end as I so wanted to know what happened and if the secret came out or not. Brilliant characters which I think we can all relate to and quite funny in places. ***Thoroughly recommended and will definitely be reading more from Fern in the near future.***



Cathy Burman

Greer loves Jesse, Jesse loves Loveday, Mickey loves Loveday, Loveday loves Jesse. Jesse and Mickey are best friends and Loveday and Greers are best friends. They have all grown up together and they are all good friends but two of them are going to get hurt regardless of who gets together with who. Which two will it be or will they all get hurt and what will be the consequences?

This is not so much a love triangle as a love quadrangle. Just to add to the complications there are both emotional and financial implications to the potential pairings not to mention the possible danger of permanent damage to

their much valued friendships.

*I hope that you will buy this book not only to discover the answers to these questions but to enjoy the sights, challenges and smells of life in a Cornish fishing village and experience the rivalries, jealousies, loyalties, passions, dangers and conflicts within this chaotic love quadrangle. **A very well written book which keeps the readers interest throughout and is not at all predictable.***

A definite page turner and a must read. You will not be disappointed, and you will warm to the characters. I loved it and found myself totally immersed in the characters joining them on their roller coaster of emotions, their ups and their downs, their joys and the tragedies, their desires and their guilt, their warmth and their protectiveness. I highly recommend it as a very entertaining, excellent read.

Clair Chaytors

A wonderful read...

A delightful read with a secret at the heart of its core which threatens to overflow and ruin the lives of all of those involved in every chapter. This book was a joy to read. Having never read any of Fern's books before I was slightly apprehensive believing them to be a bit weak (that whole celebrity writing idea) but 'A Good Catch' has some substance and I was actually taken by surprise at how captivating and strong the story was.

Jesse, although just a young boy, makes a choice which haunts him for the rest of his life. Believing he can simply erase the past he concentrates on making sure his and his family's lives are comfortable and that his family business continues to survive. But, that one decision made so many years ago is never truly far from the surface and Jesse finds himself doubting the life he has come to lead. The sometimes very complicated relationship between the group of the four friends Jessie, Greer, Loveday and Mickey is interestingly interwoven but it is Loveday and Mickey's characters which stand out as one of the most warmest and realistic characters of the story.

*With some beautiful descriptive scenes of Cornwall depicted in the story, **this book is a treat and an encouragement to try one of Fern's other books.***

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Victoria Whish

You'll fall hook, line and sinker for 'A Good Catch'. Fern's done it again with a feel good read focusing on four friends in the small fictional fishing village of Trevay.

This story of a love triangle of sorts set in a small Cornish fishing village has enough light and shade to make it a good all round, satisfying read. In fact, I read it in an evening once the kids were in bed and thoroughly enjoyed it.

The four main characters; Greer, Jesse, Loveday and Mickey are well-drawn and Fern's easy-going style sweeps us along in their trials and tribulations. It's the story of friendship, family, loyalty and secret love and I was intrigued to see how the relationships between Greer, Jesse and Loveday in particular worked out.

This is one of a series of books that Fern has set in the fictional world of Trevay and I could certainly see them being made into a TV series before too long. Perhaps that would be enough to lure me away from my books!

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Sarah Jones

Interesting and surprising, this love triangle wasn't what I expected. Well written and thought provoking, showing just how important a small decision can be when it leads to larger consequences.

In a Cornish fishing village the teenage Greer is in love with Jesse, a match that would be perfect for their parents and family businesses. Jesse however, is in love with Greer's best friend, Loveday, as is his best friend Mickey. Who does Loveday love though and who will end up with who? The decisions they all make have long lasting consequences, not only for these four friends but for their children.

I was expecting this to be a light 'chick-lit' type read but was pleasantly surprised by the depths and serious subject matters. This isn't just your standard love triangle, decisions made by all four, but especially Jesse, follow them all through their lives. It was nice to follow the characters through their lives from 1975 to the present day and this made me engage with them all individually as well as with the plot. I enjoyed the changes in focus between each character's perspectives and liked that the supporting characters were also

well written and believable as well. Overall a good read with not too predictable an ending, just what I like!

Cathy Small

A book about two happy families that live and stay in Cornwall to run their businesses and raise their families. But it is not always happiness but about the interest and the requirements of the family. This story is about the entwined lives of Jesse and Greer and Mickey and Loveday.

*Greer has always been in love with Jesse since the start of school, Jesse has always been in love with Loveday since the start of school. Jesse marries Greer to support his family's wishes to bring their business together whilst Loveday marries Mickey because it is the right option for her. But their lives are entwined as the work and play together with no chance to hide from the past. Whilst on the surface things seems normal, all families have their secrets and the truth will out. **There are twists & turns in the book that will endear you to the characters but will also shock you with some of the outcomes.***

Pauline Braisher

A pleasure to read.

I was looking forward to reading this book as I thought it would be an easy to read chick-lit story with no particular depth to it. I was wrong on two counts - it isn't chick-lit and it does have depth to it: I soon realised that I cared what happened to the characters and wanted to know what happened. I really resented having to break off reading the book, and stayed awake late a couple of nights because I was so engrossed in the story. I would recommend this book and would definitely read more books by Fern Britton

Lynda DeFreitas

A good holiday read.

The story tells the intertwined fortunes and misfortunes of 4 people who've been best friends since they started primary school at age five, and they've now grown up and live in the same Cornish fishing village of Trevay.

The tale centres around the main character of Jesse, who seems to have most of what he wants, but he is manipulated by others, and wants what he cannot have. His dream was to travel and marry the girl he loves but because of family loyalties and circumstances beyond his control this doesn't happen.

I enjoyed reading this book and look forward to taking another by the same author on holiday with me.

Maz Tucker

Great book, with a really good story.

I love this book, it painted some great pictures of Cornwall. The characters are really well described and you learn to love them all. This is a really good Feel good book with some twists and turns that you won't expect.

Jayne Burton

A really good holiday read

Lovely story with some unexpected twists and turns. Perfect feel good book.

Lesley Hart

This new story from Fern Britton had me intrigued from the prologue onwards and in no way prepares the reader for the climatic ending to this 'will they/won't they' story of lifelong friendships.

Fern Britton is clearly well-placed to write stories based in Cornwall and this, combined with her character development, hooks the reader from the start.

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this page turner of a book and found the unpredictability of the plot turns kept me reading and made it really difficult to put down.

Fern has a good understanding of human character, that people change and their ability to submerge feelings and emotions and this is well illustrated throughout. Her characters are very different from each other, in terms of background and expectations, and yet the common threads that bind them to each other are believable and support the choices each makes.

I think this book will appeal to a variety of age groups and the psychological elements will make it a good choice for book clubs.

Verity Langley

*Having not read any Fern Britton books before I was curious to how I would get on with 'A Good Catch'. I need not have worried. **This is a lovely, unpredictable book written with a clear warmth for Cornwall where the story is set and with believable and richly constructed characters.***

The story centres around four childhood friends growing up in the fishing village of Trevay. Greer Clovelly seems to have it all. Slim and beautiful and used to getting her own way, she is the daughter of a successful fishing family. Jesse Behanna is the object of her affections and the son of another successful fishing legacy. However Jesse has a deep affection for Loveday Carter, Greer's best friend, who Greer sees as plump and unfashionable, who is turned worshipped by their friend Mickey. All four friends embark on a path that will lead to two marriages and a secret that could destroy the lives of four people and their families.

The storyline was well thought-out and kept my attention and the pages turning, the consistency apparent over the decades. The characters are each quite complex but very believable and I felt a real need to know what was going to happen, and Fern's description of the settings of the story give a vivid and bright picture. Thoroughly recommend the book and will be reading more of hers in the future.

Alison Bisping

This story is set amongst the Cornish coastline and it is so beautifully brought to life I really could imagine it.

It's a story about friendships - Greer Clovelly, the beautiful blonde who has it all - looks, wealthy parents, lovely house; Loveday Carter, a plump larger than life redhead, who lives with her Mum, and the male friends of the girls - Jesse Behanna, again, has it all and Mickey, who lives with his Mum. The story travels back to when the four first meet and explores their complicated relationships, pressures from family and their lives.

We have fishing trips, lifeboat rescues, snow at Christmas - all beautifully described. So what happens - well, you should read the book for yourself and

find out.

*It's the first novel of Fern Britton's that I have read, and it won't be the last.
Thanks Fern - keep writing!*

Jane MacLeod

Set in modern day Cornwall this story bounces along with pace for the reader. The 4 central characters – Jesse, Greer, Mickey and Loveday are linked from the day they start school together. Long established families' in the fishing community young Jesse has his life mapped out for him by his father. At the heart of the story is the turmoil Jesse faces but it is done in a light way with touches of teenage angst.

*The storyline hooked me – will Jesse declare his true feelings or will he put up with married life to have a higher standard of living? **The characterisation is perfect as you really do want things to come good in the end and you feel for each of the characters individually.***