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'A fantastic story... laugh-out-loud... I literally flew through the pages. I loved every minute.' *The Cosiest Corner*

A holiday can solve everything... can't it? A hilarious, hot new summer escape about kissing your past goodbye and learning to love again...

Carefree, **thirty-something Mandy** thought she'd be married to first-love **Danny** forever.

So when she discovers her heart-throb husband has had a fling, she realises it's time to make some **BIG** changes. But what will Mandy do now she's single for the first time in her adult life?

Determined to find her spark again, Mandy hops on a plane, ready for adventure and a second chance at happiness. Escaping to a sun-drenched Greek island, the glittering blue seas, golden beaches and delicious cocktails are exactly what she needs.

Over one spontaneous summer, Mandy has the time of her life making new friends in a pretty little Mediterranean village by the sea. And she finds herself unexpectedly falling for a tall, dark, handsome stranger. But Mandy soon realises that even paradise has its problems...

Can a holiday romance really heal her broken heart? Or will someone in Mandy's old life call her home again?

A hilarious feel-good story of laughter, sunshine and living life to the full, perfect for fans of Kat French, Jenny Oliver and Carole Matthews.

Why readers are falling in love with *My Big Greek Summer*:

'**Fabulous!** Stayed up late to finish it. **Great summer read.**' Consumer Review, 5 stars

'**A fun read... I loved it!**' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars

'**A fun, feel-good** read, with wonderful characters... **Will have you smiling and laughing all the way through.**' Goodreads Reviewer

'I found myself reading this with a **huge smile on my face** and **wasn't able to put it down... everything you could want from a summer read.**' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars

'**A wonderful read I devoured.**' *Mum Reinvented*, 5 stars

'**A wonderful** debut novel about growing up, moving on, and finding yourself. **Definitely recommend... A great beach read!**' *Owl You Need Are Books*

'**Simply brilliant...** has you **hooked** from the first page... **Amazing read.**' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars

'**One of the best beach reads I have read.**' Consumer Review, 5 stars

'A lovely, cheerful book!... **Recommended!**' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars

My Big Greek Summer Details

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Steph Lawrence says

To be honest I felt disappointed with this. It didn't feel like a Bookouture author.

The blurb sounded good. I was expecting something exciting like a Tilly Tennant, Holly Martin or Mandy Baggot. I love a romance set in the sun but I didn't get hooked at all. It felt overly padded out and the story wasn't very exciting.

This was a review copy in which I give my honest opinion. I won't be featuring on my blog.

Nicola Clough says

This book was my first by this author and simply brilliant from the first page full of romance and finding happiness again and going away to Greece. Its well written with great characters and excellent story lines and has you hooked from the first page. Also about friendship and starting over again.

Mandy has been married to Danny and they met at school and she thought she was in love with him but they hardly have time together due to jobs and he starts coming home late but she doesn't suspect anything. He asks to talk with her and she learns he's been having an affair so he leaves and she can't cope at all so hope on a plane to Greece where she remembers it being beautiful when she went as a child. She gets very friendly with the owners of the hotel but it's not all she thought it was to start with. Her best friend comes out as a surprise as well and they have fun. While she is there she has an idea to bring the lovely village alive again and to hold a concert. She comes home from her break and after speaking with her dad and then Danny she gets back with him but can it last or will he cheat again. She keeps going back to Greece to sort this concert out and she has a friend who has come back in her life helping her. While she's in Greece can she find happiness again and learn to love again. Well worth reading and great to curl up and think of summer days. Amazing read.

Shalini says

Anything Greek in the title with a beautiful cover - I am in

Anything by Sue Roberts - I am in

I loved the way author has described Greece in the book, it made me feel I am right there with the characters of this book.

A cheating husband causes Mandy to flee to Greece. And as in every room-Com, she meets a handsome man but all her other relationships also blossom. She has friends, bonds and new people in her life. And it was fun to see her finding her way back to life and mending her broken heart.

A warm read to escape reality and jump into Greece

Jennifer ~ TarHeelReader says

4 I Love Greece stars to My Big Greek Summer! ? ? ? ?

Just when I needed cheering up most, Mandy jumps into a plane to a Greek island, and I was along for the

adventure, which was the perfect enjoyable distraction and then some! I have traveled to Greece, and Sue Roberts captures the idyllic setting in a realistic and amusing fashion.

When Mandy finds out her husband has cheated on her, she leaves. Of course she meets a handsome man in Greece, but things are not always as they appear to be. Will Mandy ever heal her broken heart?

In true rom/com style, I smiled, I laughed, and I swooned, all over this escape of a read. Sue Roberts has written an incredibly enjoyable romp, and I hope she'll take us back to Greece in her next book!

Thank you to Sue Roberts, Bookouture, and Netgalley for the ARC. My Big Greek Summer is available now!

My reviews can also be found on my shiny new blog: www.jennifertarheelreader.com

Obsidian says

Please note that I received this via NetGalley. This did not affect my rating or review.

I could have given this four stars if we had leaped more into the Greece side of things right off. The book had a big flow problem and I found myself bored until we had the main character, Mandy, go to Greece to get away from her cheating husband, Danny.

I definitely felt for the character of Mandy. We find out she has been with Danny since they were kids. When she finds out about his affair, she throws him out and tries to decide what she wants from her life. She starts to wonder if she settled with Danny (she did) and then eventually gets going to Greece.

Though I liked the character of Mandy, I was fairly bored by the love interests we get in this one which are Mandy's husband Danny and a man she meets in Greece, Costas.

We also have Mandy's best friend Hayley that I shrugged about too. The fact I had to go back and re-look up this person's name let's you know how much of an impression she made on me.

I love Greece. After spending two weeks there two years back on a catamaran, I dream of going back soon. The Greece I got to see is much different than the one depicted in Roberts book. Roberts takes a look at a small town in Greece, called Thakos, that seems fairly broken even though there is a nearby resort that is for the wealthy. I thought Mandy's idea was fairly absurd, I won't get into it, spoilers and all, but I maybe went why is anyone listening to Mandy and why is this even a thing? Why can't I just read about hot Greek men?

I thought the ending was rushed considering the first half of the book. I also unfortunately called a lot of things that occurred which made the book not that exciting to finish. I think Roberts wanted to wrap things up with a Happily Ever After, it just didn't feel quite real with her deciding to rush things forward four years.

Eve beinguniquebooks says

When bar manager Mandy finds out her husband Danny has been having a fling she up's and leaves for exotic Greece inspired by watching A Place In The Sun, for adventure, sun and sea. A welcome break from the pub as her boss wanted her to take a break after the shock break down of her marriage after they'd been

together since they were teenagers.

Her best friend Hayley also suddenly arrives in Greece to stay with her and also falls in love with Matt. Meanwhile kindly hotel worker Costas takes a liking to Mandy especially after Mandy helps him and his father begin hotel renovations and she helps them set up a music festival, even when she returns home she carries on helping. Danny also sees sense and splits up with Slimming World Sarah, an old school acquaintance of Hayley and Mandy's but Mandy knows Greece is calling once again.

The chemistry between Danny and Mandy was dwindling from the start as the serial cheat got on with his own life without Mandy yet when she met Costas you can't help but root for the pair to get together for sure! A fun read with great maturity in Mandy dealing with a rubbish situation and I'm glad she got so much from her trip to Greece with helping out a festival beginning which is a first in any chick lit book I've picked up and oh I loved it the story line was perfect for this book!

Many thanks to the publishers for allowing me to review this book for them!

Rachel Gilbey says

I was excited the second I heard that this book existed, I was even more excited when the absolutely gorgeous and summery cover was revealed, and I was incredibly eager to start reading the second this book hit my kindle.

In fact my level of anticipation seemed possibly too high for a book by a debut author, but I could just tell this would be something I would enjoy....

... and I'm delighted to say I was absolutely right. From around the 25% mark onwards I found myself reading this with a huge smile on my face and wasn't able to put it down. And yet you may think you are getting a Shirley Valentine-esque book especially when Mandy meets a Costas for herself, or a typical beach read about a girl going on holiday, but there is far more story there and the book lasts longer than the initial holiday to Thakos, Rhodes.

In fact for a romantic comedy the romance element for the main character was barely present, you were sort of aware of a potential new romance, but it wasn't really in your face for the majority of the book. There certainly was comedy though, and generally plenty of smiles and laughs to be had.

From the moment that Mandy arrives at Liverpool airport for the flight to Greece, I found myself regretting not being on holiday myself as this is easily a fabulous poolside read.

With lashings of sun, greek men, delicious greek food, and an idea of an event that would bring much needed income to the villagers in Thakos, My Big Greek Summer has everything you could want from a summer read and I am already looking forward to seeing what this author writes next.

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

Berit??? says

4 Big Greek Stars ????

Now I want to book myself a trip to this little village Thakos in Greece... I usually am not pulled in by the setting of a book... but I think the author does such a magnificent job of describing this tiny village, she just made it come alive.... I also think she made Liverpool seem quite interesting, really all I know about Liverpool is the Beatles... yes, I vacation vicariously through the characters in my books!

Mandy was a fabulously relatable character.... blindsided by her husband's infidelity, a man she had been with since she was a teen ... Mandy decides she needs to take a vacation and major props to her for going by herself.... she finds herself in this little village in Greece that isn't quite what she remembers from her childhood.... but as she spends more time there she is taken with the charm of the place and the people.... and decides she wants to breathe new life into this village....

Looking back on this book there sure was a lot going on.... but really what I found most lovely was Mandy's relationships with the females in her life.... she had a fabulous BFF in Haley and developed a wonderful relationship with Janet a girl she knew from high school who ran with a different crowd.... Mandy also had a strong relationship with her mother... and an interesting but important encounter with a woman on an airplane....

So... will Mandy learn to love again? Will she breathe life into the little village of Thakos? You will need to read this book to find out... it is really Mandy's story to tell....

Recommend as a perfect beach read, when you're in the mood for a lovely getaway...

*** thank you so much too Bookouture and Net Galley for a copy of this lovely book ***

Elle's Book Blog says

Release Date: May 3, 2018

Genre: Chick Lit

Actual Rating: 5 stars

My Big Greek Summer was a pleasant surprise for me! I thought this would be a breezy novel for some mindless reading but it was everything but! This book, while mainstreamed as a romantic comedy, deals with real life issues like broken marriages and overcoming life obstacles. There are tender moments, laugh out loud moments, and quite a few powerful messages in the book. I truly enjoyed it! If you are looking for a realistic chick lit novel with delightful characters who are easy to connect with then I certainly recommend this book for you. I love everything about it from the plot, the issues the characters are facing (and it's not just the heroine who is facing life challenges), the scenery (I would love to visit Greece after this book), and the delicious descriptions of the cuisine! My Big Greek Summer is a total winner and a must have for all chick lit fans!

In this book, you will meet Mandy- a 30 year old woman who is comfortable in life and in her marriage. But things get bumpy and Mandy makes the decision to take some time off from the relentless problems she's

facing in her life (like her cheating husband) so she sets off to Greece for a little "Me Time". Not to long into her trip she starts to relax and fall in love with the little village she is staying at. She even meets some new friends. Will this trip of a lifetime, one that brings her so much joy, change the entire path to her life? Or is it just a dream. One that will only last until she boards her plane out of there? Well, to find out you will have to read it!

Once again, this book is a total hit! I loved it to pieces and am looking forward to jet-setting in more of Sue Roberts books in the near future. So take a chance, read this lovely novel, and enjoy!

Book Addict Shaun says

Cyprus is my favourite place in the world but sadly there aren't many women's fiction stories set there. And so Greece is my next favourite place for a story like this to take place. My Big Greek Summer was an enjoyable read that encapsulated most things Greek that I love, however there were a few niggling issues that prevented me from loving the story as much as I would have liked. I am however excited to read more from Sue Roberts.

I feel like this story would suit an older woman as opposed to somebody looking for a pure escapist read. I don't know whether that's insulting but Mandy, her friendship group and the stage that she is at in her life was just hard for me to relate to. We don't actually get to Rhodes until around about the 25% mark because all of that time is spent introducing Mandy's character, and giving us her backstory and showing the dire situation that her marriage is in. In books like this I just want to read about our main character in the airport, and then them stepping off the plane into the glorious sunshine and being swept up by the Greek setting. For me too much time was spent in the UK and not enough in Rhodes (and sadly what time was spent in Rhodes bored me a little because I wasn't interested in the musical aspect and much prefer reading about quaint little businesses or the renovation of boutique hotels). I suppose Sue Roberts has written something a little different here rather than going down that cliched path most other authors go down in this genre so I can award marks for that, even if I personally didn't enjoy it.

Reading about Mandy stepping off the plane in Rhodes is exactly what I wanted from this story and was exactly the same feeling I feel when I arrive in Cyprus. That heat smacking you in the face when you step out of the plane, the smell of a foreign country and just the huge excitement at being on holiday in one of your favourite places. I enjoyed reading about Mandy's experiences there as a child, and I liked the fact that Sue created this small village that was in need of some TLC, something that Mandy was only too happy to provide. It contains all of the hospitality you would expect from the Greeks, however parts of it have fell by the wayside, due in part to the all-inclusive hotels which I personally detest. To go on holiday to a Greek island or Cyprus and eat hotel buffet food is sacrilegious when the local restaurants are so amazing. I enjoyed witnessing the revival of this village and ended up wanting to go there myself. I felt that certain opportunities were missed and I didn't fully embrace the Greek setting because of the back and forth nature of the story, and because I felt that whilst Sue did a good job of adding in plenty of Greek elements to the story, there were plenty more that could have been added had more time been spent on the island rather than faffing about back in the UK on bit part characters who had no relevant role in the story.

What ultimately saved the story for me and left a smile on my face was the ending. There aren't many women's fiction novels that take place in Liverpool (where Mandy is originally from and I loved the Liverpool scenes throughout) and without giving too much away I felt a little envious at the closing scenes to the story and would love an ending like that to my own life! My Big Greek Summer is not a girly chick lit read, and the passion throughout is as cold as a holiday cocktail and there's zero sex scenes but instead it deals with some serious topics which, depending on which stage you are at in life, will mean that you could

take something different from this story than I did. It is about Mandy rediscovering herself, and finding out what she truly wants from life. It's about taking chances and not just accepting the life you have ended up living, but about taking the one you want to live. As is usually the case in fiction, things fall into place far too neatly for Mandy, however I was satisfied with the ending and I will definitely be reading whatever Sue Roberts writes next.

Els says

Sometimes you read a book and you think 'What a beautiful story' and you are aware that it is fiction. But here I felt like I was reading a diary. It seemed like Mandy was real and if I would live in Liverpool I could actually meet her there.

The descriptions in the book were so realistic that I saw everything in my mind. I was in Liverpool, I was in Greece. It was as if I was an invisible friend going through all the emotions and facts with Mandy.

Sometimes it seems that a good friend is better for your heart than a lover but when friendship turns into something more, it's wonderful to enjoy it with your best friend.

I loved that everything came together and what a beautiful fairytale ending. I dare to hope for a sequel, because closing this book feels a bit like losing a friend. I am not ready to say goodbye to Mandy. So, pretty please?

Thank you, Netgalley and Bookouture for giving me the chance to read this wonderful story.

Melissa Rose says

Attracted to the cover like a moth to a flame, I took on "My Big Greek Summer" in my search for more light-hearted reading for the Summer months.

"My Big Greek Summer" is a second chance novel featuring Mandy, who, after discovering that her husband is having an affair, is looking for an escape; landing her on the Greek village of Thakos. During her time in Greece, Mandy makes friends with all sorts of locals (including the hunky, Costas); even attempting to help restore the village's economy.

You know, despite a slow start to the novel, I believe that I found myself enjoying my time with the characters in "My Big Greek Summer."

Of course, the story had a few flaws, for instance, I felt that the author had taken too long to explain Mandy's background, and introduce the main plot points. I have to admit; I did find myself losing attention a couple of times

(view spoiler)

In terms of the narrator, Katie Villa did a reasonable job; it took me awhile to warm up to her voice, though. To me, it sounded like the sound equipment being used to record wasn't the best quality.

However, despite these few irks, I'll be damned if I am not a sucker for a fluffy ending and a pretty cover ... and this book delivered in that respect. I loved reading about Mandy's time in Thakos (and Costas; the descriptions of the tiny village were gorgeous and made me want to pack my bags and head to Greece.

Overall, while “My Big Greek Summer” wasn’t my favourite book, but I definitely didn’t hate it either. I did have a good enough time reading it. I would probably recommend this novel to my fellow chick-lit fans.

Anita says

Advanced Reader Copy (ARC) provided by the Author and Publisher via NetGalley in exchange for an fair and honest review.

I really like this coming to terms with life story. As a lot of couples have found, the HEA they expected on their wedding day sometimes just doesn't exist. And, sometimes it takes a lot of work and compromise. We get to follow Mandy as she comes to terms with the end of her relationship, after being together almost 15 years, with Danny. Heart wrenching, softly humorous and totally believable.

At almost 30, Mandy thought she would be married to Danny forever. Then he comes home after an all nighter and it is obvious that he has been with another woman. She kicks him out of the house and begins to try and face her life without him. Her boss tells her to take a holiday and she heads for Thakos Greece, a holiday destination she remembers fondly from her childhood.

The village of Thakos is not exactly how she remembers it, but the people are warm and welcoming and just what Mandy needs to heal her heart and find the adventure spark that has been lacking in her life of late. Throughout the summer Mandy finds a new purpose and lets the peace of the tranquil blue ocean and the peaceful village mend her in ways she didn't even know were broken. As Mandy begins to open her heart again she finds that falling for a tall, dark and handsome stranger could bring a whole new set of problems to her life. **3 1/2-Stars**

Kirstie Ibrahim says

My first book by this author. I liked the storyline and the main characters. It was an easy read but I felt like it was missing a bit of oomph.

Sherri Thacker says

Being set in Greece, I was anxious to read this book since I have never been to Greece. This author did a great job describing how it felt to be in Greece that I felt like I was there with Mandy as she went along the streets in Thakos. Since her husband just decided to one day and up and leave her, she deserved this solo trip!! I enjoyed this book and it was a quick read. I received this ARC from the publisher through NetGalley for an honest review of this book.
