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The Island

Welcome to the island.

This is no fantasy.

You'll face fears.

You'll face travesty.

You'll face yourself.

One deserted island.

Two heinous crimes.

Two convicted hearts.

When decent people do bad things,
there's only one place for forgiveness:
Redemption Island.

The island knows what you've done.

Redemption Island Details

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Lina's Reviews ♡????????♡??Book Blog?? ♡????????♡ says

Title: Redemption Island
Author: L.B. Dunbar
Category: Romance, Dark
Series or Standalone: Part of a duet, Book #1
POV: Dual
Plot: 3
Characters: 3
HEA: Not telling

Not what I expected. Review to come at a later date...

?Julia ~ The Romance Rebels ? says

-Currently Reading.-

**From reading the blurb and looking at the gorgeous cover, I just had to sign up*

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"Repentant for sin or not, this tropical haven was the religious revival she needed. She'd atone in the sun, bask in freedom, and hold no regret for the evil she'd done."

Redemption Island is a story that will stay with you. A novel that will grip your heart like a vice, and tears will be shed. I don't want to spoil anything, but I will say this is a must read for all romance lovers! I have read quite a few of L.B. Dunbar's novels and I must say Redemption Island is my favorite. One night will forever change Juliet and Tack's life forever. Will they be able to forgive themselves for their past sins..... and find love in the darkness?

Read to find out!

Anne Milne says

The synopsis of this book really intrigued me and to be honest I wasn't really sure what I was going to get but the story gripped me right from the start. I can't say too much about the story, Juliet and Tack's lives collide one night with devastating effect and set up they're visit to the island for their 'redemption'.

What a fantastic premise for a story, two good people who have done terrible things thrown unwittingly together. I couldn't put it down I wanted to find out how they were connected, would they meet up what would they say to each other.

I have so many unanswered questions and theories that I need answered. I can't help feeling that someone we have yet to meet is pulling the strings. Now I have an anxious wait for book two.

reviewed by Sweet Spot Sisterhood

Ashley Hampton says

Before today, I could count the books that made a profound difference on the way I viewed the world on two fingers. Today, I added Redemption Island part 1, making the third.

The plot of the relationship between Tack and Juliet was not what impacted me the most, although I very much enjoyed their story. I was instantly drawn to each character despite their past choices, and I am looking forward to the continuation of their story in part 2. (I'm intentionally being vague because everything I start to write is telling of the plot in some way or other, and I believe this story will be best experienced with no preconceived notions and an open mind.)

Instead of reacting to the plot as I usually do in stories, it was the themes that permeated this book that were the most insightful for me. Forgiveness. How your actions impact others directly and indirectly. Love and belonging and how humans crave them both. Self-reflection. Anger. Desire. Payment or penance for wrongs. Redemption. The ways the characters handled themselves and each other...when this part of the story was complete, I wondered if I could do as they did. I believe in redemption for most every wrong, and this story challenged me and my beliefs in a way that I feel has made a deep impression for me to work harder in believing in others and seeing their ability to change, be better, love more, forgive, and do what's right.

For the past four hours, I've been wandering aimlessly around my house trying to complete chores while in my head I was processing this story and what I wanted to say. I suspect I'll continue to think about this story for days, and I'll continue to have revelations about what it means for me in my life. I cannot wait for the second part of the duet, as I want to know what happens with these characters - individually, together, in their world, with their actions, and with their redemption. I predict Juliet and Tack will linger in my memory much longer than it takes to simply read two books. Hands down, I recommend reading this book and looking at the story for what it is and what it could be to you.

KAT ? Kitty Kats Crazy About Books ? says

Wanting a unique read then look no further than this book, get transported onto a magical island where all inhibitions and outside influences are left at the door. Redemption Island is a story that will speak to you, capture you, embrace you. It's about forgiveness, love, and atonement.

I solely requested an arc copy of this due to the cover, then the synopsis pulled me in even further, and I knew going into this and sneaking peeks at reviews that it was going to offer me one unputdownable unique filled read and that is exactly what I got. I can't even compare this to anything I've previously read before.

REDEMPTION ISLAND: is the first book within the Island duet trio by L.B. Dunbar. And is spoken in 'Dual Perspectives'

He's used to living a life of opulence, everything he wants he takes, she's the girl from the wrong side of the tracks, who knows what it's like to live in a trailer park. Both know how to survive.

Twenty-seven year old Tack Corbin and twenty-five year old Juliet Montmore have been whisked to 'Redemption Island' for various reasons, Tack was found guilty of a heinous crime, a good decent man who made one wrong decision, but instead of serving time in jail he's been offered a reprieve of some sorts, to save face and his family's good reputation he's to be banished to Redemption Island to partake in a social experiment, where he must live in solitary confinement for one year, a time to reflect on the crime he committed.

Juliet never asked to be a victim, she was abused without her consent, a crime committed against her, afterwards she was just a shell of herself, without thought she took matters into her own hands which resulted in taking a mans life, so she has also been banished to the island to repent on her sin for one year.

Both thought a year on the island would be heavenly.

Neither knows the other is there.

When paths are crossed and recognising the other from that fateful night neither know what to make of it. She hates him with every fibre, he's sorry for his part he played that night.

She was a little mouse and I was a lion ready to pounce.

Even though she hated him she couldn't deny his good looks *He was gorgeous, cut from clay and moulded to perfection.*

REDEMPTION ISLAND fights against it's two inhabitants and now more than ever they have to lean on each other.

Mou says

Disgusting.
Peehu's Review

Dri ☆ says

★ 4 stars! ★

“Without anger, we cannot know peace. Without hatred, we do not know love. It’s about recognizing one and controlling the other.”

Melanie (mells_view) says

If Naked & Afraid had a baby with Scared Straight

This was pretty good. It wasn't dark per say, but there were dark moments. It honestly felt like a stranded by choice story, where two people who do not want to be around each other end up leaning on one another. I feel like the story was interesting, but something was missing for me. Or maybe a piece of the story just didn't work and allow me to appreciate it as much.

I think if you are a super forgiving person, or can accept disliking a hero/heroine greatly then you will be able to enjoy this book at a five star. My dislike for one of the characters poor choices stopped from fully loving this one. That being said I will definitely read book two, because I did enjoy the read. ??????. This is a long winded review, but whatever it's mine.

Olga therebelreader says

Redemption Island P1 was a really unique, heartwarming, dark story. It had a unique premise, great main characters, a nice romance, and a great message. There were just so many things I loved about this; a survival story, a twisted romance, action, suspense, heartbreak.

The summary? It peaked my interest a little. Juliet and Tack have committed a crime. Seeking salvation and redemption, they decide to isolate themselves on an island away from the people of the world. The one isn't aware of the presence of the other until they accidentally discover each other.

The author did an excellent job of showing how tough life would be when thrown to the elements. Neither of them could foresee what the days ahead promised: an odyssey into the fiery heart of passion, trust, need for submission, love and sometimes hate. Juliet and Tack were a wonderful couple. I enjoyed their banter and their eventual chemistry.

Giving this one: 4 solid stars.

In short:

Hero 4/5 | **Heroine** 4/5 | **Plot (Point, Originality)** 4/5 | **Writing Style** 4/5 | **Steam** 4/5 | **Romance** 4/5 | **Angst-Suspense** 3/5 | **Darkness** 3/5 | **Humor** 0/5 | **Secondary Characters** 3/5 | **Drama-Conflict** 4/5 | **Mystery** 1/5 | **Twists** 3/5 | **Pacing** Steady | **Action** 4/5

Rosemary says

When I first heard about Redemption Island, I was instantly intrigued by the premise. Tack and Juliet could not be more different. They have led completely different lives. Tack comes from a life of opulence and wealth, being used to getting or taking anything he wants. Juliet has always struggled for everything in her life. Bad has been forced to be a victim one time too many. Both commit a crime that demands justice and are given the option of engaging in a social experiment. Instead of jail time, they can agree to a year of solitude on Redemption Island. Once there, they will use the solitude of the island to atone for their sins and seek redemption - even if they feel little or no guilt for the crimes committed. They both jump at the chance, thinking they will be able to get away and relax for a year. Neither knows yet other will be there and when their paths inevitably cross a year or isolation takes a turn neither expected. This book was such a gripping and emotional read. It has a mystery in it I wasn't initially expecting that kept me glued to my kindle. I was completely engulfed in Tack and Juliet's struggles and I find myself anxious to read the second story in this duet. This was a unique and refreshingly different read I cannot recommend highly enough.

Hanna's Book Obsession says

3.5 Stars!

{I received this as an ARC in exchange for an Honest Review }

If you are looking for a different unique love story then look no further this book is for you. This book is really good. The reason I gave it a 3.5 stars was because the first part was so hard for me to read. I'm not saying it was bad it was just the context of what was going on was really hard for me personally to read. Once I got past the 20% mark it was really good. The first 20% was good as well. The whole book theme is so intriguing. They are in trouble with the law and instead of going to jail they get to stay on an "abandoned" Island for a year of solitude and reflection. The relationship between Juliet and Tack is very unique. They are both on Redemption Island for crimes that interconnect. They were supposed to be alone but ended up with each other. What started out as a victim and perpetrator relationship turns into friendship and even love. Seeing them start off as enemies and turn into lovers was really amazing. Juliet wants control of her life. Tack is tired of just taking whatever he wants, he wants permission.

"This is what he wanted. He wanted permission. This is what I needed. I needed to feel in control."

Being the only two on the island they gravitate to each other. Juliet may hate Tack but she doesn't want to hurt him. Tack has hurt Juliet before and all he wants now is to protect her. He never wants to hurt her again. Tack wants Juliet to forgive him, he needs her to. Juliet doesn't want to be hurt ever again and it's hard for her to trust and to forgive Tack. The whole book is about seeking forgiveness and them coming together. I really enjoyed the relationship building how they took their time and got to really know each other. This book was not what I expected and I did enjoy it. This book was written so well. I LOVE books based on Islands and this one did not disappoint. I really liked it and I am super excited for book Two. I can't wait to get my hands on it and to see what is going to happen with these two! Plus this Cover is so gorgeous. Cover Love for sure it's beautiful. I can't wait to see the cover for book two!

EscapeNBooks says

Redemption Island by Author L. B. Dunbar is book one in the Island Duet.

"He needed to be alone. He wanted to get away. A year on an island by himself sounded heavenly. Five-star accommodations or not, this punishment would be a piece of cake."

Tack has to atone for his sins, so he is sent to the island. Juliet must pay a price as well, and the Island is where the payment must take place.

"Repentant for sin or not, this tropical haven was the religious revival she needed. She'd atone in the sun, bask in freedom, and hold no regret for the evil she'd done."

Redemption Island was the book you take into a movie theater and read while flashes of the story appear so vivid in your mind that it is as if you could mentally project them onto the screen.

"I think I want you to tame me," he hummed. "But you make me wild instead."

This story was so incredibly different that what I was accustomed to from Author L. B. Dunbar. I was stunned and in awe. Although I have always enjoyed her stories, Redemption Island had a edge of mystery that surpassed the others and made me hang on each word.

"Each day, I feel as if I'm in a dream, and when night falls, I'm afraid to sleep and end the dream."

I could feel the change in Tack and Juliet from the beginning of the story until the end. Their emotions, actions, and reactions remained true to their characters, but also revealed just how much impact they had on each other. It was so interesting how their life on the island, though immeasurably different, still paralleled real life.

"Without anger, we cannot know peace. Without hatred, we do not know love. It's about recognizing one and controlling the other."

The redemptive nature of the story coupled with a renewed love for self and others made this story emotionally compelling and physically rejuvenating. There was no doubt in my mind that this island had been created for Tack and Juliet to find one another in a new way, and I was their biggest cheerleader, cheering them on and wearing my emotions on my sleeve the whole way. There were shadows of sadness and despair that became lined with hope and newfound life. Laughing, crying, and celebrating with these characters, I heralded the triumph in their journey as they passed through each hurdle.

Redemption Island was a bold and suspenseful beginning to this new duet. Can't wait for more!

Shabby -BookBistroBlog says

Wow!! What a story !. It's a journey of self discovery, removal of distractions to hear your soul. Ethereally visceral, contemplative and spiritual to an extent

It doesn't hit you hard like a sudden storm, yet it builds in strength. The cadence as gentle as soft swells of the sea, it starts by skimming on the surface of blue sea like dolphins , but soon , its the only thing you can see. Endless expanse .

An unfortunate and horrible crime has been committed. Yet the victim and the perpetrator find themselves together on the Redemption Island.

The mission-

***Experiment*, she thought. She allowed herself to be part of the scientific process, and she felt played when she swore she'd never be taken advantage of again.**

***Repent*. The word drifted through her head. Without him, she wouldn't have been on this island.**

Without him, she wouldn't have found herself again. She offered forgiveness in exchange for love.

He took what he intended before they knew one another and then she give it to him willingly. Because he asked. He wanted permission and she agreed—love him and be free.

***You make me wild*, he said, when all she wanted was to be cared for, cared about. She wanted to be claimed.**

***Restore the liaison* had said, but she'd never felt so broken.**

For both of them, cause Terrence Jackson Corbin IV & Juliet Montmore are both somehow are criminals in a way. One didn't speak out, one didn't speak enough. They are both completely broken, mistrusting and reticent. Very unlikely neighbours and dangerous in personalities, but stranger things have happened. They find each other and themselves to try and get past the horrific ordeal and the stigma attached.

But man proposes and God disposes. Unfortunate nature of events tear their lives apart. Once again they drift away from each other. Very, very far.....

Tbh, when I started reading it, though the words spellbound me, I was hesitant, thinking it's another cookie cutter romance.

Boy ! Was I wrong. The story has a gentle pace but it's seeps into your soul, like a chill or warmth. Right through to your bones . The background of the mishap isn't very clear , but the focus is mostly on now and here . How they share nights, days, food, companionship, and ultimately trust. The human heart learns to apologise and forgive despite its logic and morality.

I particularly loved how Garvey says - **Dance. "You need to become one with nature. Pick an animal. Reenact its behavior and reflect on what you can learn from it."**

Though Tack dismisses at first, he subconsciously find his "Mouse " and he learns to dance like her, with her, and in turn finds himself. His new role of protector and nurturer. It surprises him as much it does Juliet. He's her rediscovered Romeo, in the sense that he woos her, stands under her balcony(treehouse) and she bestows him with her rarest smile, trust and her heart.

I'm amazed at the writers ability to write such an unusual story with such finesse , such tenderness.

They help each other in getting in touch with their innate goodness and inner humility

"I can be a bad man when I go into business mode. I tend to dominate until I get what I want. I want what I want, and that means taking companies, making them mine, and stripping them of what I need. My father always believed in survival of the fittest.

"Have you ever considered doing something different? Building something up instead of tearing those companies down? Making something that's for the good of others?"

Most amazing transformation of characters, right in front of your eyes.

I loved the feels that gush forth. The right word would be engulfing! The story engulfs you like a mist on the ocean and you shall find strength of the human spirit here, yet reminds you of basic life lessons- If you commit a crime, you must make things whole again. If you killed a dog, you might need to adopt a puppy or work at an animal shelter.

Its the foundation of survival and decency.

My first by her, but certainly not the last.

5 Circle Justice Stars

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AJ's book-reMarks says

I fucking love this book. Was this a dream? Is there a island? Don't know if I can wait for the rest of this story.

Oh, received an ARC from Iamabookhoarder in exchange for an honest review. Honestly, you need to read this damn story!

Debbie says

There are books that are read for the pure enjoyment of the story and then there are those books that challenge how you think and change your view of the world, of humanity. This is one of those books that challenged me and I am a better person for having read it.

The only reason this is a 4 star and not 5, is that I felt as though L.B. pulled a few punches, held back when I needed her to follow through. Still, an awesome read. I am eagerly waiting for the next installment.
