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The heart-warming new novel in Phillipa Ashley's bestselling Cornish Cafe series

Cal and Demi are preparing to launch their beloved Kilhallon Resort as a wedding venue. Cakes are baking, Cornish flowers are blooming, and fairy lights are twinkling. With the cliff-top setting and coastal views, it's the perfect place for a magical marriage ceremony.

But their first clients are no ordinary couple. The bride and groom are internationally famous actors Lily Craig and Ben Trevone. Kilhallon is about to host a celebrity wedding . . .

With the pressure on, Demi and Cal are doing all they can to keep their guests happy and avoid any wedding disasters. But is the unpredictable weather the only thing standing in the way of the Big Day?

As secrets surface and truths are told, can Demi and Cal ensure that Kilhallon's first wedding is a success? One thing's for sure, this will be a Cornish celebration to remember . . .

## **Confetti at the Cornish Cafe Details**

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### Cressida McLaughlin says

Fantastic end to a totally wonderful series. I'm going to miss Demi and Cal so much, but the finale was perfect! This is my favourite book of the three.

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### Mick Arnold says

Confetti at the Cornish Café by Phillipa Ashley

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I have enjoyed, to say the least, Ms Ashley's tales of Demi and Cal and the third, unusual but certainly important character, Kilhallon (the estate in Cornwall the story is mainly set). There are many books where the location is important, but few that earn the right to be counted as a character in their own right (Mandalay in Rebecca comes to mind). I want to visit Cornwall again now to try and search it out, but know that despite the beauty of the county, I'd be disappointed.

Ms Ashley has been extremely clever with her pacing of these novels as hints have been dropped about the cause of Cal's behaviour, which were revealed in 'Christmas at the Cornish Café', but here we finally get to meet the little girl from his past that has so affected him, and the way it was written brought tears to the eyes of this reviewer. But what about Cal and Demi you ask? Do they finally get together?

Well, they already are at the start of the book, in that they're living together now. But the title of the book? Suffice to say, all revolves about a celebrity wedding taking place at Kilhallon, though all is not quite how it appears. Old enemies try to stir things up, relationships are not what they seem and, I could go on and on, but I won't.

If you enjoyed the first two books, then you'll be thrilled to continue your adventures and yes, this can be read as a stand-alone book, but things will make more sense if you read the first two.

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### **Rebecca Fowkes says**

Really enjoyed reading this, what a fantastic end to the series. Was really pleased that everything worked out for Demi and Cal.

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### **Nicola Clough says**

This is the third book in this series and I would love to give this far more than five stars as so worth it was a excellent read of love and heartbreak. Cal and Demi extend their holiday resort and cafe to now do weddings and their first wedding is a celebrity wedding but they need to keep it quiet. Can they run this smoothly or do a number of things go wrong it's a beautiful read and lovely to hear more from the Cornish village. Do the celebrity couple get married or does it fall through and their a number of lovely surprises along the way.

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### **Rachel says**

The prologue does a great job of introducing Demi and the main facts that have taken place in the previous books. Everything feels natural as Demi ponders everything that has happened in the past. This way I don't think that it is totally necessary to read the other books in the series. However I have really enjoyed getting to know Cal and Demi and I am certain you would too.

It was so easy to fall back into Demi and Cal's lives it was if no time had passed at all. I was pulled right in and didn't want to leave Kilhallon and the people who live there. I love Cal and Demi they are just perfect for each other and I thought it was lovely that they seemed more settled although to be fair it isn't all smooth sailing. It's such a lovely connection that Cal and Demi share and it's wonderful seeing them working as a

team to make Kilhallon a success.

I also enjoyed seeing more of Demi's family included, it was a great addition to the storyline. As usual Mawgan is the perfect character that you love to hate, it just wouldn't be the same without her!

There were so many complications of arranging a wedding sorry Handfasting! I felt so sorry for Demi having to make everything work and having to deal with all the trouble that the event brought. Demi is so determined to put the wedding together and I just hoped that everything would turn out ok. There are a few emotional parts within the story especially involving Cal. I really hoped that he would get some closure and that the ending would be a happy one.

A comforting and heart warming story!

With thanks to Avon Books & Netgalley for my copy. This is my honest and unbiased opinion.

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### **Gea says**

I made a point to read the first 2 books in the series, and am happy I did, as I believe it adds to the enjoyment. I liked this book with it's lovely Cornish setting, and of course, the love story of Demi & Cal. There is lots to like about this book including the excitement and challenge of hosting a celebrity wedding at Kilhallon, restoring family relationships, and a satisfying end to Cal's search for a little girl lost in far away Syria.

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### **Joanne says**

Confetti at the Cornish Cafe is the third in a series featuring Demi (short for Demelza) and Cal and their holiday park of Kilhallon in Cornwall. The main story is stand alone with previous storylines mentioned in passing but I feel it would be enhance your enjoyment if you read the previous novels to get a better understanding of Cal and Demi's backgrounds and the relationship between them.

In this book, Cal and Demi are about to launch Kilhallon as a quirky wedding venue and to their surprise their first potential customers are none other than a famous filmstar couple. Trying to get Kilhallon ready and keep the news of the wedding secret proves to be quite difficult not helped by Mawgan Cade who is as always trying to cause trouble.

One thing I particularly enjoyed in this book was reading about how the relationships between Demi and her father was deepening, helped by her father's new partner Rachel and Demi bonding over baby Freya, Demi's half sister. It was good to see Demi beginning to gain more trust in her family again. It seemed that Cal and his half-brother were also making progress towards a better relationship. Cal and Demi's relationship became stronger too over the course of the novel though not without some misunderstandings on both sides! The story is told from the most part by Demi but there are also a few chapters from Cal's point of view giving the reader a better insight into his thoughts and feelings. I have to admit that telling the story in the present tense didn't quite work for me in this novel. I can't quite put my finger on why but it didn't feel quite right somehow. Having said that though, as I hope you can tell from my review, I still thoroughly enjoyed the story.

The book isn't just a romance novel though as it touches on topical issues such as the ongoing war in Syria and how people who are out there either working or volunteering are affected by what they have witnessed and experienced. The difficult situation for families in refugee camps being separated and trying to find relatives and a place of safety is also featured.

Confetti at The Cornish Cafe is a really enjoyable, romantic read with a perfect feel good ending. I'm sure I read somewhere that the Cornish Cafe series is supposed to be a trilogy but I'm hoping there might be another book as I'd love to know what happens next for Demi and Cal and Kilhallon.

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### **Rachel Gilbey says**

What a way to round up a trilogy, this book covers all the loose ends and in such a great way. There is plenty of drama throughout the book to keep you on the edge of your seat.

I have absolutely loved the Cornish Café series, and it was great to see this latest instalment in Cal and Demi's lives. This could be read as a standalone and the prologue gives plenty of either recap for existing readers, or a good summary of the key points in their story leading up to the start of this book.

Kilhallon is gearing up for the wedding of the year, and also the first wedding held at the glamping site, and it's for famous actors Ben and Lily. They seem nice enough, just want a down to earth wedding that looks like it was thrown together naturally at the last moment.

Of course its not that simple, and Demi has to hire a wedding planner to help out, and between them all they have to weather large amounts of speculation as to whether the wedding is really being held there. As the book progresses there are moments of high action and drama, there are moments of laughter and romance and generally there is the feeling that that book is building to a crescendo. And what a finale sequence it was, the last perhaps quarter of the book was in some ways completely unpredictable, in fact I was expecting some completely other unexpected occurrences, which didn't happen!

I love Demi, and have done since the first book, and I'm so pleased for the range of character development there has been through, and her various continuing storylines are wrapped up really well in this book. As is Cal's biggest long term storyline.

Confetti at the Cornish Café is a celebration of a quirky wedding with some rather unique ideas, some adorable dogs, and the romance between Cal and Demi. It is a really great story and as a fan of the series I think it's a great way for it to wind up.

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

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### **Melinda Anders says**

Clever romance. The characters are lovable.

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## Julia says

What a great book to round off The Penwith Trilogy, very in keeping with the previous 2 books. 'Confetti at the Cornish cafe' works as a stand alone book, but will be enjoyed a lot more if one or both of the previous books are read first. It's hard to toe the line between enough back story to make it a possible stand alone book, while not boring readers who have read the previous books, and I feel that Phillipa Ashley has this down to a fine art. I found that by the bottom of the first page I was already transported back to the Cornish setting, and it managed to be a nice easy read while still keeping me gripped on the edge of my seat and reluctant to put the book down (I finished it in 2 sittings)

The trilogy centres around a holiday park in Kilhallon, it is owned by Cal who is one of the 2 main characters, and at the start of the first book he takes on Demi to work for him and she becomes the second main character. The story is mostly narrated through Demi, but occasionally it is told through Cal's voice, I think that this works well and that some chapters really needed Cal as narrator rather than Demi. I occasionally find these mixed narrator stories difficult to follow, but this is not the case when it comes to The Penwith Trilogy, it is really obvious and easy to follow while also being necessary in my opinion

This book takes place only a year after the first book, and it's amazing what they have achieved in that time, if I ever wanted something done then I would get them on the case! It does feel a realistic time frame for the trilogy though, especially with such determined and hard working characters.

The only problem I have with this is that I've seen a year into the lives of the characters and it's just not enough! If all of this can happen in a year then who knows what could happen from here on out. I know this has always been intended as a trilogy, but I feel that it's been left open enough to be returned to in the future if the author so wished, or even for a prequel to be added. Luckily, Phillipa Ashley has given closure to the readers in this final book, it hasn't been left on a cliffhanger or with unanswered questions.

If I could say one thing to a possible future reader of this book it would be - don't hesitate to pick up any of The Penwith Trilogy books, but be prepared to fall in love with the characters and their surroundings

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## Ian says

A cute (almost) G Rated romance set around a small Cornish café. There is a little swearing but apart from that you could give this book to your grandma. I enjoyed this series, and I'll be reading more book by this author.

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## Thebooktrail says

### A lovely end to the Cornish Cafe trilogy

Booktrail the locations in the novel here -: [Booktrail your visit to Cornwall](#)

This cheered me up this weekend – Cornish sunshine and a visit back to St Trenyan where I've already spent two holidays with Philippa Ashley's characters. This time I got to see the famous Kilhallon Resort again and

it was the star of the show! The setting for a celebrity wedding no less. This was a lovely ending to the series and also the deepest one so far as there are a lot of loose ends tied up with character stories and more.

Even though the location is fictional it is largely based on St Ives and it's no hardship imagining the fun Philippa must have had creating this with the natural setting at her disposal. It's been a charming read and a series I enjoy for the simple pleasure it gives when reading. As with weddings in general, particularly celebrity ones, things never go to plan and I liked the mix of old characters and new being brought together and their stories being nicely tied together in a ramshackle wedding bouquet.

Not everything gets tied up though and there may be another visit to St Trenyan? A lovely book for the beach (Cornish one of course)

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### **Emma Crowley says**

Confetti at the Cornish Café was simply the perfect ending to a brilliant series which has been filled with such warm, lovable characters who all experience their ups and downs but that's what makes you root for them even more. The story is infused with warmth, understanding and humour and before you know it you wish you could move to the resort or surrounding areas and have Demi and Cal as friends. Now is the right time to end the series as writing any more would be stretching things just that bit too much and I would hate for any of the warmth and magic to be lost. I'm sad to leave the characters behind but how everything all panned out was just the way I wanted it too. If you haven't read anything by Phillipa Ashley before don't hesitate in the slightest in picking up this book. It's a truly gorgeous read.

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### **Dash fan says**

4? Feel good fun Read.

This is the 3rd book in the Series.

I wasn't fortunate enough to have read the other two books but this one is a stand alone book. I don't think it hindered my enjoyment as there was enough back story to be able to follow with ease.

However I do believe to get the true feel to this beautiful book reading the other two books would help the reader to engage more with the characters. As with every series, characters and relationships are developed a long the way. Plus the Kilhallon holiday park has alot more I want to learn about.

Demi and Cal own Kilhallon a holiday park. They have just decided to expand their business to cater for weddings.

So when they get their first booking they are delighted... except it is a famous film couple... I mean what could possibly go wrong! After all keeping the famous wedding a secret should be easy... right??

Celebrities are never easy but planning the perfect wedding should be.

Confetti at the Cornish Cafe is a fun read, we all love a celeb wedding so being part of one is fun. The mishaps and dramas make it even more enjoyable.

With Romance and Love in the air, will it last and how far will Demi and Cal go to make the new venue a success.

This is the perfect summer read. Fun, romance, mishaps, drama, heartwarming, warm, feel good read. Phillipa literally transports the reader right into the pages of the wedding. Very cleverly written.

Perfect for lovers of Chick Lit, Rom Com, weddings, celebs, romance, Summer reads.

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