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**Will your past always catch up with you?**

Tessa Dannall is excited and happy when her daughter, Nia, arrives at their family's tropical beach resort to get married.

Tessa is also trying to forget the last time she went to a wedding on this beach and how that day changed her life for ever.

But as the big day draws near, Tessa realises she must face the deadly ghosts from her past – or they may ruin her daughter's future...

## **Praise for Dorothy Koomson:**

'Terrifically addictive' *Good Housekeeping*

'Beautifully written' *Closer*

'Koomson just gets better and better' *Woman and Home*

## **The Beach Wedding Details**

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## From Reader Review The Beach Wedding for online ebook

### Mandy says

This is the story of Tessa, whose fiancée tragically died on her wedding day. 24 years later her daughter is about to be married in the same place that Tessa should have been.

This was less than 100 pages long but it felt like such a complete, satisfying story. I loved this. I do love this author so I wasn't too surprised that I enjoyed this so much.

I wasn't expecting the twists that took place, so I was genuinely shocked a couple of times. Really, really enjoyed this.

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### Samantha says

I love the time of year when Quick Reads release their titles for the year. These are perfect for people on the go, who have a little time but really want to feel like they have read and achieved something.

Koomson is a popular women's fiction writer and has written some very popular books. This is less than 100 pages but didn't feel rushed and had many twists and turns in it.

Nia and Marvin are due to be getting married at Nia's family home in Ghana, this was the same place that her mother was meant to marry her father, but something happened on that faithful day that she doesn't like to speak about. Nia's mother is not so sure it is a good idea that her daughter is to marry in the same place, surely it is bad luck? Things look like they are going ahead anyway and when Marvin's parents turn up a few days early, everything changes.

This was a short story that I devoured in a couple of hours on a Sunday afternoon, I would recommend this to anyone who wants a small escapism but can't commit to a full length novel.

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### Emilie says

I was so surprised when I saw that my favorite author had written a short story. She usually fills up her novels with so much depth and detail that I was curious to see her manage it on fewer pages. Of course, she did. The story had me hooked from page one and continued all the way to the end. Brilliant and amazing. But I'd like to give it a trigger warning for domestic abuse.

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### Sarah Hall says

This was a quick engrossing read that has a mystery to the storyline. I really enjoyed the twist and then reveal. This was my first Dorothy Koomson book. The short length gave me the opportunity to experience her writing style and flow Andi really enjoyed it. Looking forward to reading That Girl From Nowhere which is a Dorothy Koomson book I have had on my shelf for a while.

I have read a few of these little Quick Reads books and there great if you want something to start and complete in an hour or so.

### **Ellie Naiken says**

PLOT TWIST

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### **Louise Jones says**

have heard alot of this author and will hopefully be reading more of her novels not quick reads soon . this was an ideal quick read as jumped right into story you felt for the characters right away and the twists in the book were amazing and kept you guessing more or less to the end

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### **Stella says**

Part of the 2018 Quick Read series. Well written and twisty/ page turning. A super lunchtime/commute/WaitingInThePostOfficeQueue/read - better still, it is possible to read in a month for parents of preschoolers book club with enough character and story to allow for discussions. This 'teaser' of a short story demonstrates what a super author Dorothy Koomson is, so I will look out for more of her books

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### **Miriam Smith says**

"The Beach Wedding" by Dorothy Koomson is a Penguin #quickread that packs as many twists and turns into its few pages as in any full length novel.

I finished this in a couple of hours and it was a nice change to read such a quick story in between much longer books.

A feel good, pacy and addictive story I'd happily recommend it and as it is my first introduction to this author, I fully intend now to read her more popular novels in the future.

5 stars

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### **Pamela Scott says**

<https://thebookloversboudoir.wordpress...>

Koomson is one of my favourite writers. So I had high expectations for this short novella. I really enjoyed The Beach Wedding. It's not quite what I was expecting when I started to read it. I thought this would be a love story but it turned out to be much darker than I was expecting. Tessa is a great character. I felt for her, wanting her daughter's wedding to be perfect but struggling with the painful memories of the love she lost more than twenty years before. The Beach Wedding is well written and compelling. The book loses one star because some events were a bit too far-fetched for my liking.

## **Rebecca Fowkes says**

Another fantastic book from Dorothy Koomson. Really enjoyed reading it.

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## **Rachel Hall says**

My first read of Dorothy Koomson and at ninety-eight print pages *The Beach Wedding* is a perfect example of a well-written and involving short story. For women's fiction fans this story has more than a little element of intrigue, characters with hints of depth, emotional resonance and a colourful setting and on the strength of this glimpse into the writing of Koomson, I will undoubtedly be reading some of her full length novels. Even more impressive is that what transpires is illustrated over a split timeline narrative, one strand of which gradually moves towards the present day and plays catch-up to current events.

As manager of the family's Bussu Bay beach resort in Ghana, Tessa Dannall, has mixed emotions about her daughters forthcoming arrival for her wedding day celebrations given the events of her own intended marriage twenty-four-years ago on that same beach when her fiancé, Drew, lost his life attempting to save a drowning toddler. Already pregnant at the time with daughter Nia, Drew's best friend Jake supported and cared for Tessa back home in Brighton and for Nia, Jake is the only father that she has ever known. As Nia's fiancé, Marvin, prepares to welcome his parents for the big day, mother of the bride, Tessa, wonders how she will face down and confront her own tragic past..

The characters, particularly Tessa and her partner, Jake are well fleshed out and their actions feel believable, and Koomson excels in analysing how the complications of an unresolved past have affected Tessa through the years and left a shadow over her happiness with Jake and explain her dogged refusal to marry him.

*The Beach Wedding* is a surprisingly compelling short story which proves absorbing, contains enough twists to feel satisfying and is undoubtedly well-executed.

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## **Jenny in Neverland says**

*The Beach Wedding* by Dorothy Koomson is another one of the Quick Reads books I was sent in January. In case you didn't hear me talking about them in the last review, Quick Reads says that their books are ideal for busy people who may want to up their reading game in the New Year and also for less confident adult readers. Which again, I think is a fab idea that they're targeting a large market with their books. Anyway, I was keen to review *The Beach Wedding* because I'm a huge Dorothy Koomson fan and have been for a good many years now and was intrigued to see how her writing would adapt in a short story, as opposed to the deep, rich and detailed full length novels she normally writes.

It took me a little while to get into this book (I say a little while, like 20 pages or so) but it definitely takes off a little while in and once that hit, I couldn't put it down and finished it in more or less one sitting. *The Beach Wedding* is a short story about Nia and Marvin who are due to get married at Nia's mother's family's beach resort in Ghana. The same place where her father died on his and her mum's wedding day. Tessa, Nia's mother is apprehensive about the wedding and the memories and heartache it might bring up but when Marvin's parents turn up at the resort, everything gets turned on it's head.

For Women's Fiction fans, this would be a perfect read to up your Goodreads goal or something to tuck in to on a morning commute. Plus, the book is super light-weight so it won't cause any extra heaviness in your bag! Win win. I love Dorothy Koomson's writing and characters and she definitely didn't disappoint with this one although because it's a short story, everything is diluted down a little bit. I would have absolutely loved to have read this story as a full length novel. It would have worked so, so well with the setting, a beach resort in Ghana, the variety of characters and personalities and also a rich past between Tessa, Drew (her husband-to-be who died), Jake, Nia and Marvin.

There was brief mention of perhaps some mental abuse between Tessa and Drew's relationship when they were in their 20's and I think this could have opened up a fantastic dialogue and awareness in that topic, had there been more space and time to delve into it, which of course there wasn't in so little pages. However, in such a short story, it really packs a punch. There's a lot of tension, drama, twists and turns that I wouldn't have expected! If anything, this book has just made me want to pick up another Dorothy Koomson novel next!

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### **Emma Hawkes says**

I have read many books by Dorothy Koomson and so was delighted to discover she had written a short story (96 pages). An enjoyable quick read. There's a split time narrative which I found really compelling. Tessa is feeling emotional about her daughter, Nia's wedding. She is to be married at the same resort connected to Tessa. A tragedy occurred to Tessa 24 years earlier. We meet Tessa, Nia and her fiance, Marvin, along with Jake, a father figure to Nia. Tessa must face her past before it ruins her daughter's future. A real page turner.

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### **Nicola Clough says**

A great quick read great when you want to read something quickly and perfect to think of summer on a dull day. Tessa is so pleased when her daughter Nia says she's going over to her mothers island to get married at the beech by their hotel but will it bring back memories for her mother and the past will always catch up with you and in this case it sure does and she's worried it will effect everything but does it or can Nia still get married. A really great read and has you hooked straight away.

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"I think our destiny was shaped by the stars."  
- Drew

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