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**A summer of taking chances!**

Rosie Hewitt's dream of opening a little French café on the Riviera is finally coming true. She's giving up on love and instead chasing her own perfect recipe for happiness...

Only, she never expected the oh-so-sexy, award-winning chef, Sebastian Groc, to set up a rival restaurant next door – or for his freshly-baked croissants to smell quite *so* delicious.

But with just a few days until she opens her doors and all her sugar-coated dreams crumbling around her, Rosie isn't prepared to give up without a fight!

## Rosie's Little Café on the Riviera Details

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## From Reader Review Rosie's Little Café on the Riviera for online ebook

### Katrin Schäfer says

Das Strandcafé an der Riviera  
von Jennifer Bohnet  
HarperCollins Germany

Mit herzlichem Dank für die Zusammenarbeit an Netgalley und den HarperCollins Verlag.

Cover:

Sommergefühle von Urlaub, Erholung und Entspannung vermittelt mir dieses schöne Cover.

Rezension:

Wahrscheinlich ging es mir wie vielen anderen Lesern, die dieses Buch gelesen haben. Man kommt nicht unbedingt leicht rein am Anfang, denn es sind mehrere Charaktere, die jeweils ihre eigene Geschichte erzählen. Dadurch ging für mich viel von der eigentlichen Story verloren, da man sich auf mehrere konzentrieren musste und es keinen einheitlichen Handlungsstrang gab. Zum Ende hin wurde das Buch aber immer besser. Vielleicht wäre es ein supertolles Buch geworden, wenn sich die Autorin vielleicht nur auf zwei Protagonisten in der Hauptsache geschränkt hätte. Aber dies ist nur meine eigene Meinung dazu, denn der Schreibstil ist gut nur die Geschichte und die Romantik kommen mir etwas zu kurz. Vielleicht ging ich auch mit anderen Erwartungen ans Lesen.. Das Buch bekommt daher von mir 3/5 Sternen.

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### Nissa | Of Pens and Pages Book Blog says

#### 3 stars!

I'd love to see something like *Rosie's Little Café on the Riviera* as a movie or a mini-series. It reminded me of movies like *Crazy*, *Stupid*, *Love and Love*, *Actually* where multiple characters' storylines intertwine. I felt the story had potential but just wasn't fully discovered.

The book is about three English women in South France going through different changes in their lives. **First, we have Rosie Hewett who left life as a chef in a cruise to open her cafe by the riviera.** She's invested everything in Café Fleur—money and time—and has to make sure the business becomes a success. She has no time for Charlie the persistent ex, Sebastian the intriguing hotel owner/Michelin starred chef/competition across the street, and Terry, the estranged father she hasn't seen in so long, but alas, they were there to make things more difficult/interesting for her.

**Second, we have Georgina "GeeGee" George, a commission-based estate agent trying to make ends meet.** Now she has to figure out if she should continue on with this life or make use of opportunities to start anew.

**Third, we have Erica and her daughter Cammie trying to move on from life after her husband's death.** She has her business, "Cupboard Under the Stairs" and Pascal's insurance money, so financially they're secured. But she has decisions to make that might affect her and her daughter's lives, and a life without her husband to live.

**The subplots, especially those involving Rosie, were easily resolved.** It would have been more enjoyable if the author introduced one conflict per person instead of the several for Rosie. The other resolutions felt like a

cop out. I also think the intrigue about James, one of Rosie's staff and Charlie's step-brothers, was forgotten or set aside.

It was an okay read. **I enjoyed getting to know the ladies and the other people in this little world.** It took me a while to get into it, but when the story picked up, I still enjoyed it. However, I think the storylines were jammed into a short book. **This would have been better if the book was longer to give space to all the plotlines** introduced or it would have been better to focus on one woman's story, then maybe write another one for the others.

Still, I enjoyed the story and could picture everything happening. *Rosie's Little Cafe on the Riviera* is a light story **told in the three women's perspectives.** There's little to no angst and lots of delicious food and beautiful sights. This would be a lovely beach.

*\*ARC received in exchange for an honest review.*

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### **Kacey Kells says**

'Rosie's Little Cafe on the Riviera' is a well written story about three single English women who had settled on the French Riviera: Rosie, whose dream of opening a little French cafe finally came true; GeeGee who was in desperate financial straits; and Erica, whose beloved husband died in a car crash. But if life isn't easy, they will embrace challenges and overcome difficulties. The charming atmosphere of the Cote d'Azur, the main characters' determination and perseverance (with the help of their relatives), and love that lurks behind every corner will combine and ultimately help them to triumph over adversity.

A beautiful story, indeed! What I liked the most, however, is that 'Rosie's Little Cafe on the Riviera' describes the three main characters' daily lives, their hopes and their fears, in a highly sensitive and realistic manner. And of course, there's the serenity of the French Riviera...

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### **Sky says**

Firstly lets start by saying how cute is the cover! I just loved Rosie's Little Cafe on the Riviera.

The story follows Rosie who after working as a cook on a luxury yacht, has saved up enough money to buy and start her own cafe on the French Riviera.

Open buying the cafe Rosie realises that Sebastian Groc famous Chef with 2 Michelin stars under his belt has set up a new refurbished hotel right next to her cafe. Rosie is faced with the sudden realisation that she has competition and questions if she can make a success of her little cafe.

This book is the perfect little Summer read. A lighthearted read full of fun, lovable characters.

A big thankyou to Netgalley and HQ Digital for an ARC of this book in exchange for an honest review which I have been more than happy to give.

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## **Alison says**

Three and a half stars.

The story is set on the French Riviera and features three women: Rosie, who is opening a beachfront cafe after spending several years as the on-board chef on a yacht; Erica, whose husband Pascal died in a car crash which traumatised their daughter Cammie, who owns a bric a brac store; and Gee Gee a local estate agent who is struggling to make ends meet after her boyfriend Jay goes off to England to find himself.

The reader gets thrust into this world immediately, for a long time I thought that this might be part of a series and that if I had read the other book(s) I would understand the background, how Pascal died, the story behind Jay leaving etc. I can't see any references to this being part of a series however, so I assume this is just immersive writing.

We spend the summer with Rosie, Erica and Gee Gee as they run their businesses and deal with families and love. This is all about driving to Monaco to go to dinner or a party, copious glasses of champagne or rose wine sitting on the beach after work. About a society where everyone seems to know everyone else. When Rosie's mother has a new boyfriend everyone seems to know him already. It doesn't rain, there are no villains everything is low angst.

I liked this but I didn't love it. There is maybe too much going on with too many people and I felt as though we were just skimming the top of every emotion and interaction. We didn't need to follow Erica and Gee Gee as well as Rosie. But it did make me smile, it was pleasant, low angst, peopled by normal-ish people doing normal, if slightly glamorous jobs

I would say this is a perfect holiday book. And yet, on a very cold January afternoon I really felt like I was in the South of France sipping a glass of wine whilst walking along the beach with a handsome guy. So, if life is getting you down, or summer seems a long way away, why not spend a few hours in the South of France at a little beachside cafe?

I received a free copy of this book from the publisher via NetGalley in return for an honest review.

Bumped for review.

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## **Kim says**

This book was a true ray of sunshine, leaving you with a really heartwarming feeling. There is a hint of romance running throughout, dreams being realised and some bittersweet heart wrenching moments too. I could imagine myself in the Riviera and visiting Monaco. The characters were all so lovely- even those who may have troubled history with Rosie.

Rosie had a dream of running her own cafe after years of working on yachts for the wealthy. She's opened a little cafe right on the beach and is determined to make a huge success of it- despite not having a lot of money to update things. She is dismayed that a Michelin star chef has taken over the hotel next door and thinks it will be disastrous for her.

I loved the way that the other characters were introduced and hopefully this means we may go back to them?? GeeGee is an estate agent and that gives lots of scope for new characters to come into the area! Erika is about to settle into her new home and we must get to meet her little girls new dog! A return trip to her

wonderful sounding shop would be lovely aswell.

Seb was a delightful romantic interest- he was so gorgeous and caring and I was rooting for him and Rosie to get together. I could just imagine walking along the beach with him!

This was a wonderful escape from the awful weather and I loved my trip to the French Riviera which is so beautifully depicted by Jennifer.

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### **Steffi says**

"Das Strandcafé an der Riviera" hat eigentlich alles was von einer sommerliche Geschichte erwartet, aber leider hat die Umsetzung für mich nicht ganz funktioniert.

Zunächst war ich überrascht, dass nicht nur Rosie im Mittelpunkt der Geschichte steht, sondern auch GeeGee und Erica mit ihrer Tochter Clammie. Dies hat zu Beginn zu ein paar Verwirrungen geführt, denn es gab auch eine Vielzahl an namentliche genannten Nebenpersonen, die man erstmal zuordnen musste.

Dieses Buch ist ein klarer Fall von will zu viel. Es ist zu überladen mit Personen, Ereignissen und einfach allem. Es wäre vermutlich besser gewesen, wenn man jeder der Frauen ein eigenes Buch gegeben hätte, denn so springt die Geschichte zwischen den einzelnen Perspektiven hin und her, ohne dass man Zeit hat die Personen kennenzulernen und insbesondere die Entwicklung einer vernünftigen Liebesgeschichte. Denn die Romantik bleibt in diesem Buch leider komplett auf der Strecke.

Das Ende ist eine Mischung aus Kitsch und Realität, was allerdings zum Buch gepasst hat.

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### **Jeanie says**

#### **Fantastic**

Wonderful heart warming story set against the Mediterranean blue seas and opulent houses family life is never as straight forward as one would wish for

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### **Rebecca Carter says**

Rosie's Little Cafe on the Riviera is pure escapism. I loved it. I felt like I was there in the south of France, watching the Mediterranean sea glistening and gently lapping against the beach, while eating something delicious and naughty from the local patisserie.

The story is centred around Rosie, who has saved up enough money from working as a cook on a luxury yacht, to buy her own cafe overlooking the beach in Antibes on the French Riviera. She gets to meet and know some locals; Erica, mother to a little girl and who owns a gift shop "The Cupboard Under the Stairs" selling eclectic items, and GeeGee who works as a real estate agent; both of whom have their own challenges to face. The owner of the newly refurbished hotel that is due to open next door to her cafe is initially a bit of an enigma. Then Rosie's ex boyfriend from college, Charlie, who is the new owner of the yacht she used to work on, has discovered she has bought the cafe and seems determined to work his way back into her life

and affections. However, Rosie can't forgive him for what happened years before and tries her best to discourage his attentions.

All Rosie wants to do is focus on her cafe and making it a success, but she worries about whether the French will take to a "les rosbifs" cafe, the spark between her and Seb and her mothers new boyfriend. There's also the ex back on the scene who seems determined he won't fail in winning her back. To complicate matters further, a man from her childhood appears along with a young woman, who is insistent on talking to Rosie. When the only relationship she wants for the foreseeable future is with the cafe...

When I'm back living in the U.K again, I can imagine re-reading this in the depths of winter to escape to the warmth. As it's currently summer in Australia, it's a perfect summer read too! You are instantly transported to the Côte d'Azur and the book makes you want to immediately book a holiday there. It really is a lovely book.

The vivid descriptions of food and smells evoke wonderful imagery. It's like you've fallen into the pages and ended up in a nice part of the med. Although it's a lovely and light read, it's clear the author has spent a lot of time in the region - or done a lot of great research and spent a lot of long holidays! - where the book is set due to the full and descriptive writing. So if you are longing for a holiday somewhere warm and with delectable food, but can't get away from work etc, pick this book up instead for an instant rejuvenation. You really do feel like you have escaped to the south of France, even if just for a short time!

I'm personally hoping there may be a sequel in the pipeline, as there are still many stories to be told, and it would be fun to see where all the characters are and what other surprises life may have thrown their way.

Thanks so much to NetGalley, HarperCollins and the author, for the opportunity to read this book in return for an honest and unbiased review.

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## **Darcie Boleyn says**

Rosie's Little Cafe on the Riviera is a delightful read that transported me to a beautiful destination and involved me in the lives of the characters so deeply that I really cared about what happened to them. This story has everything you want in a summer read: romance, conflict, family relationships, emotional revelations and uplifting moments. The descriptions of the food and wine are mouthwatering and I would love to visit Rosie's cafe to enjoy one of the delicious meals on the beach and to sip champagne as the waves lap at the shore.

The story is about love and life, about how people can let you down or lift you up, and about how one summer can change your life.

This was a beautiful read and I highly recommend it!

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## **Gitti says**

Rosie will ein neues Leben in Cannes anfangen und erfüllt sich ihren Traum von einem eigenen Café. GeeGee lebt von ihrem Job als Immobilienmaklerin mehr schlecht als recht und Emma und ihre Tochter Cammie leiden immer noch unter dem Tod des Ehemanns und Vaters.

In diesem Buch begleiten wir die vier einen Sommer lang und dürfen erleben, wie sich vieles zum Besseren wendet, auch wenn es manchmal schmerzhaft ist.

Mir hat das Buch an sich gut gefallen. Die Charaktere waren liebenswert und die Beschreibungen der Landschaft in Südfrankreich farbenfroh und so gut, dass man sich die Gegend gut vorstellen konnte.

Trotzdem hat mir ein bisschen was gefehlt. Irgendwie wirkten die Geschichten um GeeGee und Emma ein wenig zu flach. Ich hätte gerne mehr über die beiden und ihre Wege erfahren.

Rosies Geschichte fand ich hingegen detailreich genug. Wir lernen ihre Familie kennen und ihre Vergangenheit. Auch das Wiederauftauchen des Vaters und seine Versuche, sich mit seiner Tochter auszusprechen fand ich gelungen.

Das sich mit ihrem Nachbarn Seb auch noch ein sympathischer Freund und Wegbegleiter einstellt ist natürlich besonders schön.

Vielleicht wäre es sinnvoller gewesen jeder der drei Frauen ein eigenes Buch zu widmen. Dann hätte man GeeGees gescheiterte Beziehung und den Tod von Emmas Mann auch ausführlicher darstellen können. Ich mochte die beiden wirklich sehr.

Alles in allem war es ein gut zu lesendes und unterhaltsames Buch. Trotz der genannten Kritikpunkte war es wirklich schön zu lesen.

Von daher von mir durchaus eine Leseempfehlung

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### **Anne says**

There are so many books around with a café/restaurant/teashop at their centre – so many that the mere inclusion of one of the words in the title can be enough to put me off. But the author's name on the cover was more than enough to draw me in. She's always wonderful at creating a sense of place: within a few pages I knew that Rosie's beach-side venture was a place I'd enjoy spending some time, as I settled myself into the table in the corner with Lucky-dog at my feet – you know, the one with the umbrella for some afternoon shade.

She's also excellent at creating quite a large cast of characters, then unspooling their lives and stories, keeping the threads untangled, making you feel you know them all so well. I really liked Rosie, and the way she builds her business on a shoestring, fighting to overcome every threat, while wrestling unwelcome relationships from her previous life alongside trying some exciting new opportunities. The other main story threads really worked for me too – Sebastian and his responsibilities, Erica and her young daughter Cammie trying to move on from their grief (I'd so love to browse in Erica's shop...), GeeGee struggling to make ends meet until she makes a big decision of her own.

The reading was easy and so enjoyable – the author has a nice, simple, flowing style that just effortlessly carries you along with the story. If I say this would be the ideal read for a sunny day on the beach, I'm not being rude – just that the setting, the story, the warmth from its pages would make it absolutely right. Another great book from an author with a perfect light touch and a real flair for telling a story. Now, did someone mention another glass of rosé...or maybe a dish of ice-cream with Chantilly cream?

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### **Karen Whittard says**

Thank you to Netgalley, Harper Collins uk and Jennifer Bohnet for the opportunity to read this book for an

honest review.

I voluntarily reviewed an Advance reader copy of this book.

You can find my review on both Goodreads and Amazon. On [goodreads.com/karenwhittard](https://www.goodreads.com/karenwhittard) and on Amazon under k.e.whittard from publication date.

Another perfect romcom of a book. Get ready to be transported away to the picturesque setting of the French Riviera and Rosie's beautiful little cafe. This book is simply charming. With wonderful characters, mouth watering food, Beautiful scenery and full of happiness.

Rosie has always dreamed of opening a little cafe of the French reviera. All her dreams are finally coming true. Haven given up on love in search of the perfect recipes and devoting her time to her cafe. But has love given up on Rosie?

But when Sebastian Groc sets up a rival company. Only a stones throw away from her. Rosie's little cafe suddenly has competition. Rosie will not give up without a fight and as you can imagine lots of run ins and awkward situations ensue.

This little books is wonderful and has certainly injected some much needed sunshine into my day. Perfect for summer holidays or just to chase away the winter blues. This book is a great one sitting read. Wonderful feel good book that will take you away to the south of France. Perfect for fans of chicklit and romance. A wonderful feel good read.

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## **Whispering Stories says**

On the day of her 30th birthday Rosie realises that her dream of being married and having a family by the age of 30 has not been accomplished, though her second dream of owning her own cafe is still within reach.

Five years later, after saving enough money Rosie takes ownership of her very own cafe, 'Cafe Fleur' right on the beach front in the south of France.

But with a hotel with a two time Michelin star chef next door will her food be enough to compete?

Rosie's Cafe on the Riviera is a pure chick-lit novel. Told from various perspectives, including, Rosie, Gee Gee the local estate agent and Erica, who is the owner of 'The Cupboard Under the Stairs' shop. These three women all have various problems in their lives which they are trying to deal with as best they can.

The book brings together such wonderful, likeable characters, and I loved that they each had their own unique story to share, and how there were there for one another in times of need. We also have the hottest male of the story, Seb, who has a few surprises up his sleeve.

Although I really did like the story and was avidly engrossed there were a couple of little niggles, such as Rosie forever telling us that she didn't want a relationship, once, possibly twice is enough. There was also the fact that this book is set in France, yet all the characters are English.

If you like chick-lit novels, then I can guarantee you will love this book. I mean with its beautiful sunny location, characters that you get to know inside and out, and were a pleasure to meet, plus a wonderful story line, what's not to like!

Reviewed on [www.whisperingstories.com](http://www.whisperingstories.com)

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## **Rachel Gilbey says**

Wonderful summery story set on the French Riviera. This was a delight to read, and I was completely caught up with Rosie and her new cafe on the coast. I loved seeing whether she was going to develop a big rivalry with Sebastian Groc, the Michelin starred chef who has taken over the hotel next door to the cafe, or whether since he is so good looking, start up a relationship with Rosie.

It's not just Rosie whose life though is changing this summer, we are also introduced to Erica with daughter Cammie. Erica was widowed last year and she and Cammie are still just coming to terms with it and thinking about perhaps moving on with their lives. I loved seeing how their story developed over time, especially their relationship with Erica's mother in law.

And then there is Gee-Gee who is one of the cafe's best customers, but equally seems to be having no luck in her work or personal lives. She isn't the sort of person to take things lying down and I really enjoyed some of her solutions to her problems, as well as her great friendship with Erica.

When a blast from Rosie's past shows up on the coast wanting to make amends, she is thrown into emotional turmoil. It was a story line that intrigued me as I'm not sure how I would have reacted in the same situation.

From fledgling friendships, to divine French cuisine, to various exes, to gorgeous French men this book really has it all, and I found it to be a very fast and easy story to follow that was really enjoyable. This is definitely the sort of book I would love to read while out soaking up some sun.

It may be wishful thinking on my behalf but I really hope there will be a sequel as I would love to know what happens next to Rosie, Gee Gee and Erica.

Thank you so much to HQ Digital and Netgalley for this copy of the book which I have reviewed honestly and voluntarily.

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