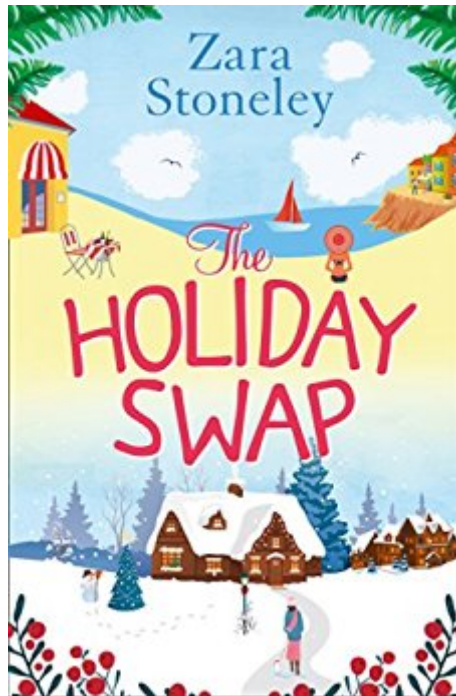


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The Holiday Swap: The Perfect Laugh-out-loud Romance For Fans Of The Christmas Movie The Holiday



Synopsis

“The perfect antidote to the winter blues” a sweet, funny and compelling tale that makes you wonder exactly what your life would be like if you just had the nerve to try and change it

Debbie Johnson, bestselling author of *Christmas at the Comfort Food Cafe* Two women, two very different lives – one perfect solution to escape festive heartbreak! Tucked away in the idyllic English countryside, Daisy Fischer’s cosy little cottage has always been her safe haven. But when her completely dependable boyfriend issues her an ultimatum, Daisy realises there’s a whole world out there she’s missing out on. Florence Cortes’s life couldn’t be better – a gorgeous apartment right on the beach, fabulous job and dreamy boyfriend, or so she thought. Suddenly, Flo’s life isn’t so perfect after all. When the girls’ house swap for the holidays, it’s not long before Daisy is being distracted by sun, sea and sexy Javier while Flo finds herself snowbound for Christmas with only handsome neighbour Hugo and a house full of animals to keep her company. Love actually does seem to be all around this Christmas, but in the places Flo and Daisy least expect to find it

What readers are saying about *The Holiday Swap* “Humor, heartbreak and plenty of ho, ho, ho! I loved *The Holiday Swap*!” Mandy Baggot “Warm, happy, perfect to curl up with and guaranteed to make you smile!” Kitty Loves Books “Heartwarming” will make Christmas feel extra magical” The Reading Shed “One of those books that you should read curled up on the sofa with a mug of hot chocolate” Michelle Ryles, Top 1000 reviewer “The perfect holiday read” Jane Hunt Writer Book Reviews

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Customer Reviews

The classic romantic comedy *The Holiday*™ springs to mind reading the blurb for this story. As it's a firm favourite of mine and I enjoy Zara's Tippermere stories, I couldn't wait to read this. I loved it. For fans of Tippermere there's a tantalising glimpse of village life in snowy Cheshire, as Flo returns to her childhood home and meets sexy Hugo. A lovely collection of animal personalities guaranteed to make you smile complete this part of the story perfectly. However, it's the Barcelona setting that draws you in. The passion and glamour of the city echoes Daisy's new found passion for life and new love. There is a definite festive theme to this story but it's more about, friendship, realising your true potential and living your own life. Something both Daisy and Flo find out as they explore their new environments with new friends and experiences. The characters are authentic and vivid. The plot comprises plenty of humour and lots of romance. Written in scenes, it's easy to visualise the girl's adventures as if you're experiencing them first hand. The perfect holiday read. I received a copy of this book from the publisher via NetGalley in return for an honest review.

I'm not sure when it happened, but Zara Stoneley has become one of those authors I instantly reach for without reading the blurb. I just know that once I have opened the pages and slipped inside that I'm going to have the best time, and *The Holiday Swap* did not disappoint. I love Stoneley's writing, the way she draws the reader in, I'm sure it takes a lot of work but reading it is effortless and oh so comforting. Right from the first few pages I knew this was another winner. I loved Daisy right from the very start, even if I did feel a little sorry for Jimmy. And I loved Flo, my heart broke for her when she witnessed what she did (vague much? I know, no spoilers). I must admit I was waiting for oily Oli to get his comeuppance later and was a little disappointed when it didn't happen... Javier was everything you could imagine a holiday romance would be, and then some. But Hugo really stole my heart... Move over Mick, there's a new hottie in Tippermere. This was a great mix of Spanish sunshine and countryside winter, and not one but two holiday romances. Just what you need to prolong the summer a little longer.

If you're looking for fabulous festive fun with friends and a sunny twist, The Holiday Swap has it all. Zara Stonely always delivers pacey, well written fiction, and she's done it again here. Her characters are grounded and believable, and then there are the beautifully drawn Cheshire locations. This time she's gone a step further and tossed in the glamour of Barcelona too. Alongside snowy Tippermere, with its cottages and toasty log fires, we have beaches and tapas bars, which means this story fits equally well as a sun lounger read, or a sofa curl up. The two story strands follow heroines, Flo and Daisy, who couldn't be more different. But exchanging homes lets them see their lives more clearly. With lots of humour and a touch of love along the way, this refreshing new take stands out from the crowd. A lesson in seeing second chances, and grabbing them by the collar. Which reminds me to mention the animal stars too. If you'd enjoy falling in love with delicious heroes, or a wonderful wolf hound, step this way.

This is a lovely, feel-good holiday kind of read. Flo and Daisy have very different lives - one lives in busy, sunny, cosmopolitan Barcelona, the other lives in an old cottage in Cheshire, complete with all that country living entails. What they have in common is boyfriends who aren't behaving the way that they would expect, so they swap locations. I love the fact that this book is primarily a book about friendship and following your heart, trying something different. The romantic parts are just the cherry on top, and every nice they are too. It is beautifully written and there are enough little twists and turns to make it unpredictable, which is nice. This is a recommended read from me :) With thanks to the author and TBC for a copy of this book in exchange for my honest review.

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