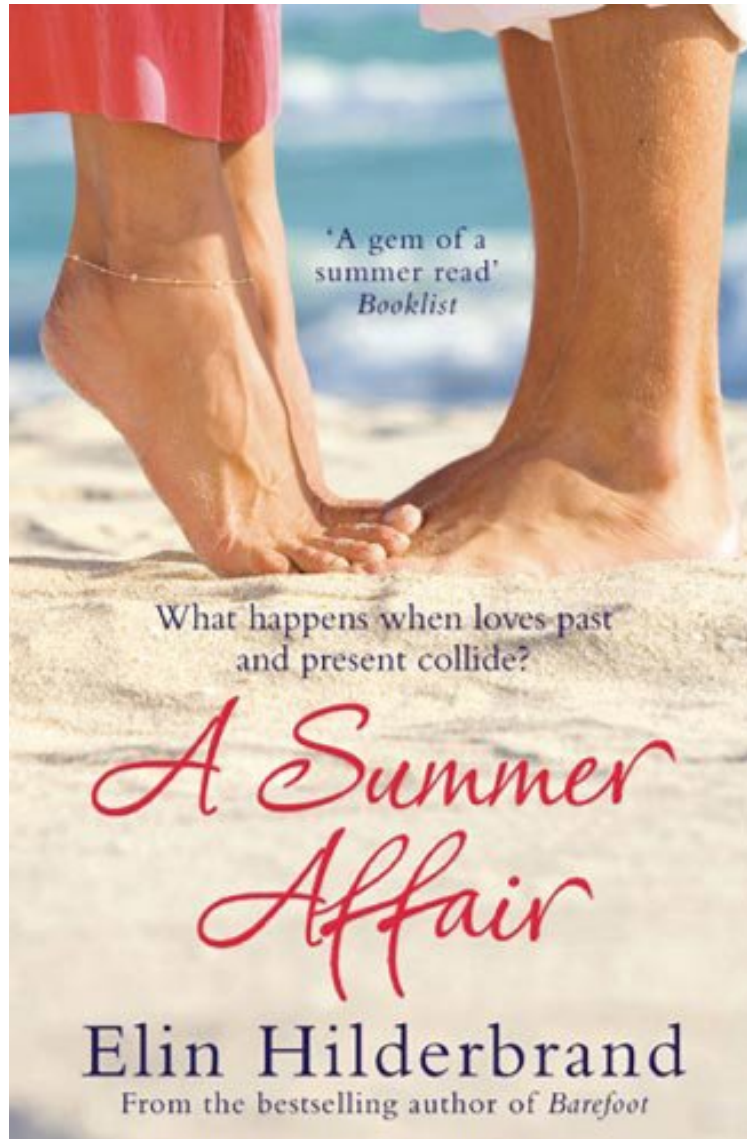


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Kurzbeschreibung After the extreme heat of her Nantucket studio causes her to go into early labour and almost lose her youngest son, renowned artist Claire Danner Crispin now devotes her life to her four children, and her husband Jason. But when Lock Dixon asks Claire to help organise the annual Nantucket Gala, she is given a new sense of purpose. Asked partly in the hope that she can persuade her school sweetheart, now a world-famous rock star, to play at the event, Claire is tempted by the challenge. On the brink of a decision that could threaten her marriage, she is in danger of becoming closer to Lock than either of them had intended . . . From Publishers Weekly

Hilderbrand's seventh novel delves into the psyche of a guilt-ridden mother/artist who embarks on a self-destructive path. Nantucket glass artist Claire Danner Crispin has pieces in private collections and one in the Whitney, but is overwhelmed with the needs of her husband and four kids (she gave up full-time glassblowing to take care of the family). Her troubles worsen when Daphne, a friend she'd been drinking with, is severely injured in a drunken car wreck. Claire is convinced that Daphne's husband, Lockhart, holds her responsible, so she's surprised when he asks her to co-chair a charity gala and create a new piece of glass art for auction. The plot mushrooms as Claire and Lockhart begin an affair; Claire rethinks her priorities; a slew of gala-related complications arise; and Claire's ex-boyfriend turned rock star comes into play. Hilderbrand keeps a lot of balls in the air, and if she pays too much attention to event-planning minutiae, there are still enough conflicts to keep readers entertained. (July) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

Pressestimmen Isabel Keating provides the perfect voice for Claire-young, fresh, and sparkling. She gives Claire's Irish sister-in-law a realistic accent and offers believable portrayals of all the story's female characters. Keating's males come across less convincingly, particularly Claire's husband, who receives a thick but unidentifiable accent. On balance, however, the story flows as gently as a summer breeze, carrying the listener to its refreshing conclusion. (Audiofile 2008)