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By Elin Hilderbrand

About the author:

Elin Hilderbrand is the author of twenty-eight novels, including the forthcoming *THE HOTEL NANTUCKET* (June 14, 2022). She is a proud 1991 graduate of Johns Hopkins University where she majored in Writing Seminars. In her senior year at Hopkins, Elin had her first short story, "Misdirection," accepted for publication in *Seventeen Magazine*.

After a short stint working in publishing and teaching in New York City, she moved to Nantucket permanently in 1994. She attended the University of Iowa writers workshop and earned her MFA in 1998, and published her first novel, *THE BEACH CLUB*, in the summer of 2000. Her 2019 novel, *SUMMER OF '69* was her first novel to debut at #1 on the New York Times bestseller list. She is the mother of three children and loves riding the Peloton, cooking, and going to the beach. She will retire with her summer of 2024 book and plans on becoming a book influencer.

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About this book:

"The queen of beach reads" (*New York Magazine*) and #1 New York Times bestselling author delivers an immensely satisfying page-turner in this tale about a summer of scandal at a storied Nantucket hotel.

Fresh off a bad breakup with a longtime boyfriend, Nantucket sweetheart Lizbet Keaton is desperately seeking a second act. When she's named the new general manager of the

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Hotel Nantucket, a once Gilded Age gem turned abandoned eyesore, she hopes that her local expertise and charismatic staff can win the favor of their new London billionaire owner, Xavier Darling, as well as that of Shelly Carpenter, the wildly popular Instagram tastemaker who can help put them back on the map. And while the Hotel Nantucket appears to be a blissful paradise, complete with a celebrity chef-run restaurant and an idyllic wellness center, there's a lot of drama behind closed doors. The staff (and guests) have complicated pasts, and the hotel can't seem to overcome the bad reputation it earned in 1922 when a tragic fire killed nineteen-year-old chambermaid Grace Hadley. With Grace gleefully haunting the halls, a staff harboring all kinds of secrets, and Lizbet's own romantic uncertainty, is the Hotel Nantucket destined for success or doom?

Filled with the emotional depth and multiple points of view that characterize Hilderbrand's novels (*The Blue Bistro*, *Golden Girl*) as well as an added dash of Roaring Twenties history, *The Hotel Nantucket* offers something for everyone in this compelling summer drama.

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Discussion Questions:

1. Who were your favorite characters? Did you like how the author incorporated characters from her other books into this story?
2. Did this book make you want to visit Nantucket?
3. How did you like the multiple points of view? Did it feel ambitious or add to the storyline and depth of characters?

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