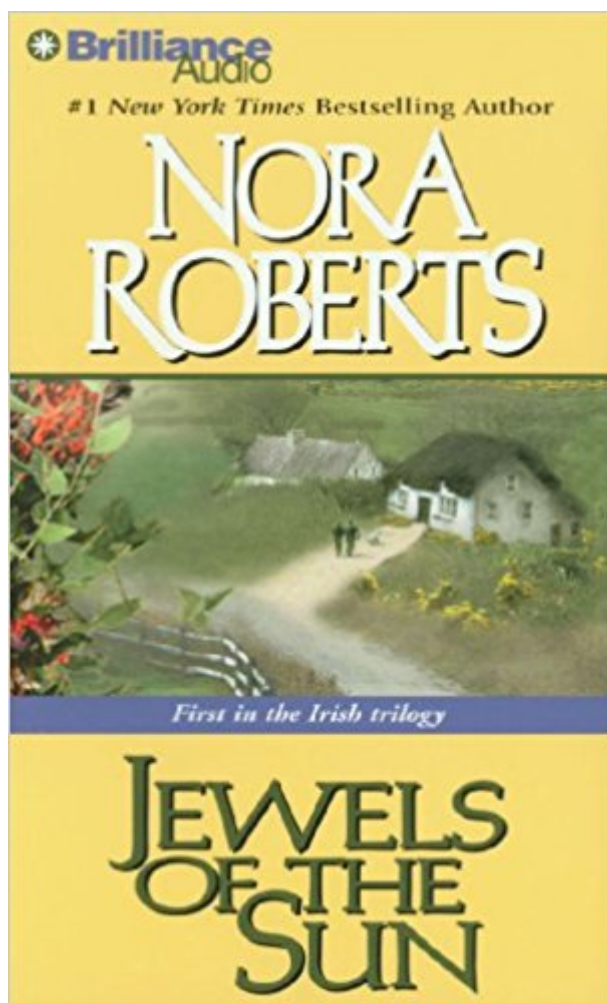


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Synopsis

Determined to reevaluate her life, Jude Murray flees America to take refuge in Faerie Hill Cottage, where she immerses herself in the study of Irish Folklore, and discovers hope for the future in the magic of the past. Finally back home in Ireland after years of traveling, Aidan Gallagher possesses an uncommon understanding of his country's haunting myths. Although he's devoted to managing the family pub, a hint of wildness still glints in his stormy eyes. In Jude, he sees a woman who can both soothe his heart and stir his blood. And he begins to share the legends of the land with her, while they create a passionate history of their own.

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Customer Reviews

In the small village of Ardmore, Ireland, Gallagher's pub is the center of the lively seaside community and the home of three passionate siblings: Aidan, Shawn, and Darcy. As a world traveler and a barkeep, the eldest brother Aidan has just about seen and heard it all, but when a quiet professor from Chicago enters his tavern, he is instantly intrigued--and certain that there is more to Jude Murray than what meets the eye. Jude has returned to her grandmother's ancestral home to sort out her thoughts, know her heart, and "find Jude F. Murray in six months or less." After a life of deliberate security, Jude finds herself recovering from a failed marriage and a disappointing career. With the pretense of a research expedition, Jude leaves her life in Chicago and moves into the charming house on top of the faerie hill. Surrounded by the awesome scenery and relieved by the simplicity of life, Jude excuses her visions of ghosts and faeries as signs of her mental recovery. But

the inhabitants of Ardmore, and Aidan Gallagher in particular, don't dismiss these apparitions with such convenient logic, and Jude learns to listen more carefully to the messages in the world. As Aidan and Jude draw closer to each other, Jude struggles to discover, balance, and define the complex parts of her soul. In the character of Jude Murray, Nora Roberts has created a sophisticated woman whose internal development from skittish recluse to confident lover is realistic and convincing. Carefully avoiding the "good man is a solution to all problems" plot, Roberts lets Jude and Aidan interact and develop individually, as well as together as a couple. While this modern tone is refreshing, it feels a bit at odds with the supernatural, faerie themes. As this is the first in a series about the Gallagher siblings and the faerie legend, perhaps these thematic contradictions will sort themselves out in the subsequent novels. --Nancy R.E. O'Brien --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

In her recent romance trilogies, Roberts (*Carnal Innocence*, etc.) has combined ghosts with lively humor and vivid sensuality. In this first volume of her newest series, *Jude Murray*, an American psychologist, has come to spend six months at Faerie Hill Cottage on the Irish coast to study Irish folklore and escape her dreary, uneventful life in Chicago. Faerie Hill is haunted by the 300-year-old ghost of Lady Gwen, who turned down the proposal of Carrick, king of the fairies, and is doomed to wander alone until three couples can find happiness. These three will include the engaging Gallagher siblings (Aidan, the eldest, Darcy and Shawn), who operate the local pub. Aidan, who senses the fire beneath Jude's controlled exterior, is smitten with the visiting American. His passion for her draws him away from his responsibilities at the pub as he share with her the lore of the land. Roberts, a storytelling wizard, is at her best here, creating a fantastic setting for the continuing romantic tales of the Gallaghers. (Nov.) Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

A lovely Irish story. When Chicago raised Jude finds herself unhappy with her teaching career and still defeated 2 years after her husband announced the end if their 7 month long marriage, she runs away to her great aunt's cottage in Ireland. Her grandmother hopes that while there, Jude will find herself and her lost joy. Aiden feels completely satisfied with his life running his family's pub until Jude walks in. There's something so sweet and peaceful about her that draws him to her like nothing he's ever known. She's there to get over feeling a failure at her marriage and career and falling into the arms of another man is the last thing on her mind. Aye, and it's a lovely book to wile away a summer's eve.

This is a story about finding yourself once you feel lost. Jude leaves everything she knows behind her as she runs away to Ireland and the land of her ancestors. She needs a new start and finds one. She finds friends, love, family and her true self. I enjoyed this first in a series. Great start.

Drawn to Ireland to live in a cottage owned by a family member and inhabited by a ghost wasn't turning out to be exactly the vacation Jude Frances, the only child of very low-key parents, had in mind. She was there to get her head back together after abruptly quitting her job after her short-term husband abruptly quit her. She wasn't counting either on the Irish charm of Aidan Gallagher to set her head spinning, together or not. A gentle read of romance and faeries and female bonding. This is not rocket science, but it is a fine, smile-inducing book with the detail and color we expect from Nora Roberts.

This is the second book I have read by Nora Roberts where the setting is in Ireland. It makes me want to put my life on hold and go visit there for a half a year! I thought the book had a slow start but as I kept reading it picked up speed. I could identify with Jude in the fact that she was divorced and trying to find herself again. She went on a trip to decompress and when you are not looking for it love it always hits you. I loved the back and forth between her and Aidan. Jude was able to open herself up to a new set of friends and fall in love with a hardworking and prideful man.

Nora Roberts is always a go to for me for some light, fun, escapism reading. This book is no exception and is part of one of her series of three books.

Enjoyed the setting. Brought back lovely memories of Ireland and the people who live there. A ghost and Fairy Prince just made it better!

Will buy the other books in the series. Light, and steady reading. Glad to read it on my kindle. Would recommend to anyone

Another great start for another trilogy. Love this! Great read!!!!!! Love Nora Roberts. Good don't need this many words

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