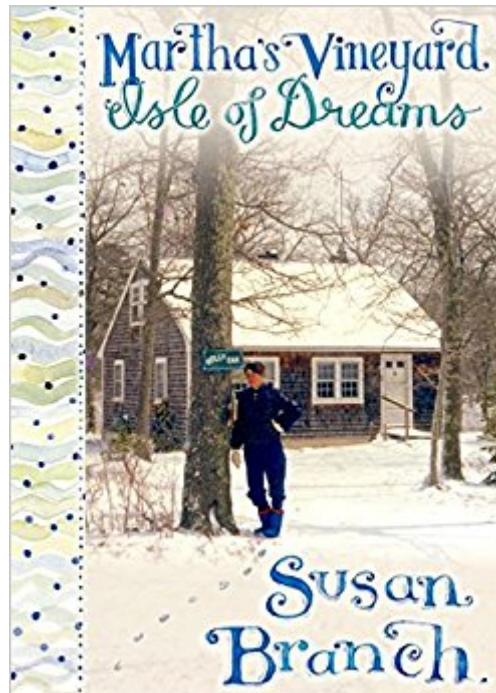




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Martha's Vineyard - Isle Of Dreams



Synopsis

New York Times Bestseller, Travel & Adventure In the winter of 1982, long before she became the watercolor artist and author we know today, Susan Branch, 34-years-old and heartbroken from the sudden and unexpected end of her marriage in California, "ran away from home" to the Island of Martha's Vineyard hoping to gain perspective. It was meant to be temporary, a three-month time-out from the daily grind of being broken up and miserable, but within days of her arrival, alone and not quite in her right mind, Susan "accidentally" bought a tiny one-bedroom cottage in the woods ~ which is how she discovered she was moving 3,000 miles away from everyone and everything she had known and loved. Funny, observant, touching, and addictive (you are not going to want this book to end), based on the diaries she has kept all her life, Susan Branch relates her inspirational tale of lost love and self discovery, her search for roots, purpose, and destiny with laugh-out-loud honesty. A road map for overcoming loss, following your heart, and making dreams come true, charmingly hand-lettered and watercolored in Susan's inimitable style, there are diary excerpts, recipes, and hundreds of photographs. Printed in the USA, in full color with a ribbon bookmark, Martha's Vineyard, Isle of Dreams is book number two of a continuing story . . . Book one was The Fairy Tale Girl which came out October 2015, and book 3, which was written first, was A Fine Romance, Falling in Love with the English Countryside published in August 2013.

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~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Susan Branch ~ is the American author of the 13 ~ HEART OF THE HOME ~ lifestyle books, with over four million in print, all of them hand-written and watercolored ~ books about the home arts of cooking, gardening, homemaking, family, best friends, entertaining and the little things that make life sweet. ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Susan has now added a three-part series to her list, all of them illustrated memoirs filled with old photos, watercolors, quotes and recipes. ~ ~ The last in the series came first (in 2013): ~ A FINE ROMANCE, Falling in Love with the English Countryside. ~ ~ The two prequels to that are, first: ~ THE FAIRY TALE GIRL ~ (pub date Oct. 2015, and then: ~ MARTHA'S VINEYARD, ISLE of DREAMS ~ (pub date May 2016). ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ To celebrate the 30th year of her first book, Heart of the Home, it will be reprinted with an updated cover and 16 new pages and published in June 2016. ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Born and raised in Southern California, ~ Susan followed her heart to the Island of Martha's Vineyard in her 30s, "unable to live any longer without four seasons and picket fences as everyday architecture." She shares her 1849 home with her two kitties, Jack and Girl, and Joe Hall, the person Susan calls "the man of her dreams." ~ She writes a newsletter called "WILLARD," named for her grandfather, all about home, celebrations of the seasons, cooking, kitties, decorating, movies, books, art, and creativity. ~ To receive her free newsletter, please visit her popular Blog at susanbranch.com.

With honesty, courage, and beauty Susan Branch has written another wonderful book called Martha's Vineyard, Isle of Dreams. This is one woman's journey of independence, self discovery, and facing of fears. It is a story of perseverance, finding your dreams, and enjoying the little things in life that make it beautiful. All of Susan Branch's books make life more beautiful and her latest is no exception. It's full of wonderfully detailed watercolors and photographs that, as a reader, you wish you could open a door and walk inside. The writing is fantastic, just imagine having a conversation with your best friend because that's what Susan's writing is like: comfortable, witty, honest, an eye for the little details and exchanging of recipes. This book belongs with other beloved classics and kindred spirits of the literary world like Anne of Green Gables, Little Women, and Bridget Jones's Diary to name a few. This book will be a heartfelt inspiration to a person of any age because everyone must go on a journey to find their true self at some point in life. This book is part of a trilogy, the other two are The Fairy Tale Girl and A Fine Romance: Falling in Love with the English Countryside, both of which are also amazing books and highly recommended. Susan Branch has also written numerous cookbooks that showcase her art and delicious recipes. Read Martha's Vineyard, Isle of Dreams, you won't be sorry!

Anyone going through depression knows how difficult and dark it is this is an honest as account of when Susan went through her divorce- along with her journey she discovers a house in the woods that needed her as much as she needed it and friends she meets along the way. I appreciate her story and writing style it's just not one of my favorite books of hers I had to go back and re-read her third book to remind me better days were ahead for her

I love a book that not only has good text but wonderful visuals and artist Susan Branch does not disappoint. "Isle of Dreams" is a memoir told with humor and lots of love but best of all filled with terrific photos and Susan's enchanting illustrations. And when I say "filled," I mean on every single page. The story chronicles her arrival on Martha's Vineyard for a three-month stay that ends up lasting forever, exploring her discovery of a new community, the growing pains of missing friends who live thousands of miles away and starting anew. I didn't want it to end.

Years ago, when my kids were young, I'd get Susan's cookbooks from the library because the pictures and writing charmed my daughters. We cooked many delicious recipes from her books. It was fascinating reading her memoir about how circumstance brought her to the island and how she grew up there and figured out how to make a living doing the things she did best. The art in her book delights the eye and her courage to keep going reminded me that some of us find our purpose in life when it's ready to show up and not before. I hated to see it end so I bought the 3rd book in the trilogy and will read slow enough to savor each page. Susan Branch's writing is funny, a bit innocent, yet brave. What an adventure her life has been. Keep writing, Susan. By hand, of course!

Amazing and touching book. Susan is so open about her frustrations and the valleys in her life yet managed to find beauty all around her and create the life she dreamed of. I was so encouraged and inspired by her words and honesty. I love that each page gives you an image of her unique life and day to day experiences that went into making her who she is today. She literally created the person she wanted to be and pressed on. I found myself riveted to this book and did not want it to end. Thank you Susan for giving me the courage to create the life I want and sharing what worked for you.

I didn't think I could like this book more than the first two (A Fine Romance and Fairy Tale Girl), but I did. Maybe because Branch relied heavily on her diaries for material, the reader can see her grow,

mature, and finally realize her dreams. Branch is an interesting person, and this comes out in her stories. I liked that she shared her uncertainty, admitted to a few mistakes, acknowledged that some things just seemed to happen while she went along with them. Branch's handwritten pages, watercolor paintings, carefully chosen quotations and photos are icing on the cake. I also enjoyed the high quality of the books. Branch created her own publishing company for the last two books and so could control all the details, resulting in a beautiful, hefty, delightful book. I've already given it as a gift, and will certainly read all three books again.

I have just finished this book and could not get over here fast enough to write a review. You will laugh. You will cry. You will be reminded of everything good in the world. It reaches into your soul and and dances on your heartstrings. A "memoir" that reads like a novel and like nothing you have read before. It's like talking with your best girlfriend on her way through self discovery. The highs... the lows... It's funny and light and heartbreakingly deep. Her struggles and triumphs are lived like they are your own. Handwritten type, with gobs of Susan's original watercolors, photos, recipes, and inspirational quotes. You will fall in love with Susan on her brave journey and how she reminds you of what is really important in life. I raced to the end and read it all in one long sitting. I will go back and reread it to savor all the gorgeous details. And I will read it again and again throughout the years because it will be like an old friend. Destined to be a classic. I cannot properly put into words how beautiful this book is and a perfect book to give all the women in your life. The 3rd release in a trilogy including, The Fairy Tale Girl (prequel) and A Fine Romance: Falling in Love With The English Countryside (sequel). All just as wonderful. Buy this book!!! You will not be disappointed!!! Not familiar with Susan? Checkout what started it all... Heart of the Home: Notes From a Vineyard Kitchen. And her glorious blog where all her Girlfriends meet and share. [...] You can buy her books there and get an autographed copy!!!!

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