



TWO LOVERS, ONE HEART BREAKING STORY, SET ON THE ENCHANTING MEDITERRANEAN ISLAND OF SARDINIA...

In *The Whispering Wind* by Lexa Dudley, Elise and Beppe embark on a passionate affair – until fate suddenly intervenes...

Elise sighed again; she was truly at peace at last. Her world, she thought, could never bring such divine tranquillity. This man had a tender quality; he was gentle, caring, thoughtful and romantic, and what was more, he was hers in this brief moment of time.

The Whispering Wind is a moving story of two lovers, set on the beautiful island of Sardinia, where Elise goes on holiday to escape a loveless and violent marriage.

Whilst there, she meets and falls in love with Beppe, a local Sard. Despite religious and cultural complications, they embark on a romantic and passionate affair.

Beppe shows Elise his island and introduces her to the welcoming culture of the Sardinians and Elise soon falls under the spell of both the island and its people.

But after weeks of blissful happiness, Elise has to return unexpectedly to England, to face all the problems she had been so desperate to leave behind...

The Whispering Wind was inspired by Lexa's love of Sardinia, which she first visited in 1972. 'It was love at first sight, and I still feel the same way about the island and its people after all these years. To me, it will always be the 'enchanted island', and long may it remain that way. However, their culture and custom would make it difficult to accept a situation like Elise and Beppe's, especially in 1969 – so it made me think about what might happen.'

LEXA DUDLEY is married and has four sons and eight grandchildren. She has a long love of the island of Sardinia and its people.

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