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Join attorney Alanna Stone as she returns home despite her determination to never set foot on Mackinac Island again. Once again in close proximity to Jonathan Covington, her first love, she vows to protect her privacy and her heart from the man who still makes her pulse race. But when her worst fears are realized and history repeats itself, landing her in the midst of a murder investigation, Jonathan may be her only hope. Will they be able to lay aside the past and let God heal their hearts, or will reconciliation come too late?

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Patricia says

A Wedding Transpires on Mackinac Island by Cara C. Putman unexpectedly arrived in my mailbox. From whom was it sent? There's no answer to that question. However the book was opened and completely read the next day. Yes! It was that good. It was easy to follow the exact spots where various events happened on the Island. Descriptive details were exact without prolixity. Sometimes one could almost catch a whiff of fudge being made or hear the horses clip-clop as they pulled the surrey. Quietness at the top of the Island drew a welcome difference away from the tourist area on Main Street.

Alanna and Jonathan were cast with active roles. Alanna formerly lived on the Island, but left under strained circumstances 11 years prior. While on the mainland she had become an educated lady with a busy courtroom schedule. Running A Painted Stone for her parents was not something in Alanna's plans. Because of her dad's stroke, Alanna agreed to help run the art store located on Mackinac Island. Jonathan loved the Island and had made it his home. He bought an event planning business from his parents and was working to expand it.

Eleven years earlier, Alanna suddenly left the Island without saying good-bye. She caused a major rift between herself and Jonathan. When Alanna and Jonathan met again after 11 years, the story twists came in unexpected ways. Did Grady drown or was he murdered? Why was her mother's signature on the paintings? Did Jonathan father a child? These twists and more kept the pages turning. The ending was not totally as expected either but kept within story line possibilities. Overall the book was a joy to read.

Victor Gentile says

Cara C. Putman in her new book, "A Wedding Transpires on Mackinac Island" published by Barbour Publishing Inc. takes us to modern-day Mackinac Island, Michigan.

From the back cover: When past and present collide, God still has a plan.

Attorney Alana Stone vowed long ago to avoid Mackinac Island. Although it may seem like the perfect place to heal, for Alanna it holds too many memories of a painful past.

But an exhausting high-profile case and an urgent plea from her parents have brought Alanna home. Moving into the cabin next to Jonathan Covington doesn't help her. Jonathan may have been her first love, but he was also her first lesson in betrayal. Now Alanna must protect her privacy and her heart. Then secrets and a murder intersect, and she's thrust into controversy once again as tragedy turns public opinion against her and potentially her family.

For years, Jonathan has stubbornly resisted the urging of his family and friends to date, believing he's already found the perfect woman. With Alanna's return, he begins to wonder if he's waited too long for someone who isn't the right one after all.

Will Alanna and Jonathan be able to lay aside the past and let God heal their hearts?

Even though I have never been there I have a fondness for Mackinac Island. Why, you ask. I really like the

movie "Somewhere in Time" and it takes place most on Mackinac Island and it looks great there. So when I found out that "A Wedding Transpires on Mackinac Island" was going to take place there, well I just had to read this book. Let me tell you it most certainly does not disappoint. "A Wedding Transpires on Mackinac Island" is great fun to read. It is a nice romance and it is funny. On top of this Ms. Putman drops in a murder investigation and a huge helping of suspense. Ms. Putman has a great way of telling the story and moving it along at a nice pace. Her characters are wonderful and she gives them life and unique voices. All this and Mackinac Island also. A really enjoyable read.

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Martha Groeber says

Alanna Stone returns to Mackinac Island to run her parents' art studio after her father has a stroke. She had vowed never to return to the island after her brother had been falsely accused of involvement in the death of a high school friend eleven years ago. Now Alanna is determined to clear her brother's name so he can return to the island and sell his artwork there. Meanwhile, Alanna runs into her high school sweetheart, Jonathan Covington, who she had left when she fled the island. Alanna and Jonathan's attraction is sparked again, complicated by the fact that Jonathan now has a girlfriend. Together, Alanna and Jonathan piece together the events of the past and decide if they can have a future together.

Putman mixes realistically-drawn characters with a setting as vibrant as the summer. Putman's connection to the island is evident in the detailed rendering, which makes you feel like you are really there. Her plot elements are exciting yet never feel implausible. A well-written, fast-paced story!

Valerie Comer says

Alanna Stone left Mackinac Island after a tragic high school graduation party eleven years ago, vowing never to return. But when her father's health lands him longterm in a mainland hospital bed and her parents can't open their gallery on the Island in the spring, Alanna reluctantly agrees to take a brief respite from her work as an attorney to step in for a week or two until someone else can be hired or her mom can return. It's only because a difficult murder trial has sapped all her energy and she needs a break anyway.

She never guessed Jonathan Covington, a mainlander who summered on the Island, had taken up permanent residence. She'd never have believed she hadn't buried any and all feelings she'd every had for her teenage heart throb until she runs into him as she disembarks the ferry the very first day.

Alanna begins to seek the truth about the unfortunate incident long buried in the past. It doesn't take long for her to realize that someone on the Island doesn't want the truth to be told. Not only is she threatened, but so

is Jonathan, and she's not as over him as she'd thought.

A Wedding Transpires on Mackinac Island is a contemporary romantic suspense novel that talks about coming home. After 11 years, none of us can really return home. We've changed and home has changed. Far from a deep dark thriller-type story, A Wedding Transpires had just enough suspense to keep the pages turning as I tried to figure out the secrets before Alanna and Jonathan did.

Laura says

A WEDDING TRANSPIRES ON MACKINAC ISLAND is an older book, still available on ebook or from third party sellers. I got it off www.paperbackswap.com because I wanted to read the book set on Mackinac Island.

The lighthouse on the cover is NOT on Mackinac Island. The only light there currently is accessible only by boat, off the Mackinac Island. Without looking it up, I think it is called Round Island. The lighthouse pictured is on the other side of the Straits, in Mackinaw City.

The story itself is slow, predictable and somewhat boring. Alanna is an attorney, home to "save" her dad's business after a stroke -- only long enough to hire temporary help. She hopes not to meet her former boyfriend, or anyone else she knows since her brother was involved in a murder case...

But things are not as they seem. Her mother's paintings are "off." and other things don't make sense... A slight mystery and a romance on modern day Mackinac Island. If you can't go in person (like me) you can travel via the pages of this book. Squeaky clean for more conservative readers.

Kym McNabney says

If you like a fun, contemporary, light mystery with a splash of suspense, then A WEDDING TRASPIRES ON MACKINAC ISLAND by CARA C. PUTMAN is a novel you'll want to be sure to read.

Attorney Alanna Stone has avoided Mackinac Island, and the man she loved for over a decade. When her mother summons her back to that very place, she goes but not without trepidation. The man she loved had betrayed her, but he wasn't the only reason she fled the Island. As luck would have it she bumps into Jonathan Covington shortly after arriving on Mackinac Island. Alanna soon finds herself in the mist of the very reason she stayed away from the Island for so long.

After Alanna left Mackinac Island, Jonathan lost interest in relationships. His heart was for one woman and one woman only...and she'd disappeared from his life long ago. Shocked to see Alanna return, he wonders if it's too late for them.

Alanna and Jonathan have past issues that must be resolve before they can open their hearts to one another again...but with God, all things are possible.

Diana says

A delightful tale with surprising twists and turns. I've been to Mackinac Island and wondered what it was like for residents. Did they dislike having the tourists? Did they really bike, walk or take a horse drawn buggy taxi? Putman answered all of those questions for me.

A Wedding Transpires on Mackinac Island is what I call a nice bathtub read. The story is engaging and at times gets your heart rate up, but not so much that you want to run while looking over your shoulder.

I enjoyed returning to Mackinac via the pages of this book.

Janna Ryan says

Alanna vows never to return to Mackinac Island after the death that her brother was blamed for. She leaves and doesn't come back... until her parents need her and she takes a break from her successful career as a high profile attorney to run their art studio until they can come back. From the minute she is back she is haunted by the past even though most people seem to have let it go. Alanna runs into Jonathan as soon as she is back and she quickly realizes that her high school romance may be why she has never married. In the middle of the past resurfacing she is also confronted by mystery at every turn. Can she figure things out so that she can finally move on with her life? Another murder speeds up the need for solving the questions of the past and unraveling the questions of the present before its too late.

I expected a contemporary romance (not my favorite genre of all time, but I don't mind it) and was surprised to find that this book was more mystery/romance than contemporary romance. I didn't want to be interrupted as I raced to the end of this book. A wonderful read that I highly recommend!

Sarah Sundin says

A Wedding Transpires on Mackinac Island is a fun and exciting read, with well-drawn characters and a lovely setting that inspires both relaxation and mystery. As a lawyer herself, Cara Putman makes the criminal and legal aspects of the story intriguing and understandable. I highly recommend this novel.

Casey says

Second time around in reading this novel, this time as a hard copy in my hands, has gotten even better than the rough draft version I had on my computer.

“A Wedding Transpires” is a sweet story, mixed with a generous dose of romance, but also the perfect amount of character angst and pinch of suspense. Mix that all up on a setting that seems it must be larger than life and you have a novel that will lull you away in sweet contentment for the hours you spend among the pages.

What I loved the most is the story takes normal, everyday life and makes it perfect for the pages of a novel.

A right balance of pace and story, the kind that makes for a quick read, but definitely a fulfilling one.

And just because I had the chance to help the author in the early stages of the novel, does not make me bias. I love to escape into such a novel. I don't have to worry about broken plot pace, characters that act of well...character. Or a story that fails to entertain me. I can simply focus on finding a comfy, quiet place to read and settle in for a few hundred pages.

A great addition to the new Barbour destination collection, but also a sweet, quick read that will add pleasure to a few hours of your day. I know it did to mine.

This review is my honest opinion. Thanks to the author and publisher for my copy to review.

Cindy says

Alanna Stone is a lawyer used to high stress cases, what she cannot handle however is the memory of the terrible tragedy that took place her senior year of high school. A bunch of teenagers partying on a beach suddenly turns tragic as a challenge is thrown out for a race to the lighthouse and back. However the cold water will end up causing what everyone thinks is a tragic accident, but also brings the condemnation and blame on all of the teenagers, especially Alanna's brother Trevor.

She is determined to stay as short as possible on the island while her father is ill, but she is also determined to use her skills to find out what really happened that horrible night. What she has not counted on is the fact that her high school sweetheart Jonathon Covington is on the island also. She tries to resist the attraction she still feels toward him, knowing he has been dating a young widow with a young son.

I really enjoyed this book, the setting sounded beautiful, it made me want to visit Mackinac Island. A beautiful story, with a redemption theme. I give this a 4 star rating.

This book was provided for review purposes only no payment was received for this review.

Sara says

I enjoyed this book. Mackinac Island is a place I have always wanted to visit.

Julie Barrett says

A Wedding Transpires on Mackinac Island by Cara Putnam

Alama is back on the island to help run her parents art store since her mother is caring for her father who's had a stroke.

It's been over 11 years and when her brother died she's not been able to make peace with the details.

Jonathan lives there and does event planning, works with many committees to get tourists to come to the island.

Never traveled there but have heard many others describe the locale. Seems a very friendly atmosphere and many different types of shops.

She is also a trial lawyer and had just finished a case when in walks the man who got off and buys a \$5k painting.

They live next door to one another and share a dock. They each hold many secrets and over time we learn of some of them.

There are many mysteries and some are uncovered as the story goes along. Some she has clues to and must solve herself.

The past she finds clues of what happened the night her brother died. And now she's been volunteered to help the committee and to find the missing \$25k. and her mother shows up and she questions her about the paintings that are so unlike her mother's that she leaves the next day.

With Jonathan's help they are able to solve some things and she does turn to God to guide her to do the right thing.

Jennifer says

Great read!

As always, Cara Putnam has outdone herself! It's the perfect blend of mystery and romance, and set in one of my favorite places! I love how she nails the setting to perfection making me feel I am back there right now! Definitely recommend this book!

Rochelle Tindall says

Another great story from Cara Putman.
