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...that Madeline, a novelist, is battling writer's block, with a deadline looming, bills piling up, and blank pages driving her to desperation--and a desperately bad decision;

...that Grace, hard at work to transform her backyard into a garden paradise, has been collaborating a bit more closely than necessary with her ruggedly handsome landscape architect;

...that Grace's husband, successful island real estate developer "Fast Eddie" Pancik, has embarked on quite an unusual side project;

...that the storybook romance between Madeline's son, Brick, and Grace's daughter Allegra is on the rocks, heading for disaster.

As the gossip escalates, and they face the possible loss of the happy lives they've worked so hard to create, Grace and Madeline try mightily to set the record straight--but the truth might be even worse than rumor has it.

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Review

PRAISE FOR *THE RUMOR*:

"We've said it before and we'll say it again: Hilderbrand is the queen of the summer. Rich people behaving badly--perfect poolside."

?**Susannah Cahalan**, *The New York Post*

"It wouldn't be summer without a breezy, sensual Nantucket tale from Hilderbrand, and her latest...doesn't disappoint. Intricately plotted and filled with fast-paced dialogue, it's as sweetly satisfying as a glass of Sancerre."? **Kim Hubbard**, *People*

"The story is packed with the details of the wonder that is summer on the small, chic island off the coast of Massachusetts."? **Catherine Mallette**, *The Fort Worth Star-Telegram*

"The detail is authentic...Expect to find it filled with all the ingredients of a great chick lit read: many characters with intertwined lives, a handsome guy (in this case a landscape architect), complicated romance, and lots of wine."? **Georgea Kovanis**, *The Detroit Free-Press*

"One of the reigning queens of the summer beach book."? *The Connecticut Post*

"Be forewarned: scandal and swirling tension aside, Elin's descriptions of the idyllic setting in this perfect beach read may inspire readers to book a getaway."? **Eric Cupido**, *Hello! Canada*

"Queen of the beach read, and her latest [*The Rumor*]...is nothing short of a gift."? **Lynsey Eidell**, *Glamour.com*

"[*The Rumor*] explores human nature and the truth behind the gossip that people love to be the first to share."? **Laurie Higgins**, *The Cape Codder*

"Elin Hilderbrand, queen of the romance novel, never disappoints her readers--and here she is at the top of her game once again. She details every character superbly, her themes and plotlines are well thought out, and you can picture every scene in your mind so vividly. I read *The Rumor* quickly because I needed to know what ultimately happens and had no idea how it was going to end...*Rumor* has it that you will enjoy this book as much as I did."

?**Vivian Payton**, *BookReporter*

Praise for *BEAUTIFUL DAY*:

"A perfect summer read."? *Ladies Home Journal*

"A wedding readers won't be able to resist crashing."? *Kirkus Reviews*

"Hilderbrand's latest is the perfect beach read....[her] straightforward style pulls the reader into the minds of her characters, and all the secrets and sorrows that create the universal messiness of major family events."? *Publishers Weekly*

PRAISE FOR *SUMMERLAND*:

"*Summerland* is as readable as any beach book, but with a much bigger heart." *Boston Globe*

"The Queen of the Summer Novel...Hilderbrand blends real-life issues - depression, teen alcoholism, bullying - with her signature soapy twists and illicit romances." *Joanna Powell, People*

"Hilderbrand has once again written an engaging story wonderfully illustrating the often complex lives of young people struggling toward adulthood." *Booklist*

"A sensitive glimpse into the lives of damaged people groping their way toward healing." *Kirkus Reviews*

"Hilderbrand weaves a thrilling tale of friendship and betrayal."
Us Weekly

About the Author

The following rumors about **Elin Hilderbrand** are true: She writes her novels longhand, she is a good cook and a terrible gardener, and she is fighting breast cancer. Everything else is up for speculation. **THE RUMOR** is her 15th novel.

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