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Join the fun and frolic with American heiress Penny Nichols and her English hero Jeremy Laidley, as the adventurous couple sets off for more elegant travel and delightful sleuthing together!

Penny and Jeremy are just returning from their honeymoon, only to be greeted by eccentric friends of Prince Charles bearing a rather royal request: to rescue a historical village on the coast of Cornwall, England. A property developer is bulldozing his way across the countryside to build a monstrous new development, and he's heading straight for Grandmother Beryl's old homestead where the newlyweds first met long ago as kids. Can Penny and Jeremy solve an ancient puzzle in time to save Grandma's house-and the entire village-from total destruction?

On the romantic rocky cliffs of Cornwall, amid Celtic lore and tales of Shakespeare, smugglers, and shipwrecks, Penny and Jeremy must contend with a rakish cast of local characters: a bird-watching earl, a famous TV chef, a vain actor, a New Age farmer, a pair of thuggish real-estate tycoons, a rebel rock-and-roller, and a band of determined "eco-warriors." Following a trail of cryptic clues, Penny and Jeremy's new caper takes them to the lush island of Madeira and the legendary castle of Tintagel, in a race against time to find the astonishing truth... before the wrecking ball strikes.

With her trademark wit, wisdom, and verve, C.A. Belmond's newest novel in her beloved "Rather" series provides a perfect armchair voyage of Europe's glamorous locales, with plenty of mystery, history, food, wine, love, and life's little pleasures.

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Jennifer says

Yay!! A new one! :)

Linda says

This series is one of the best that I've ever read! I'm sad that this is the 4th and last title and hope that the author is writing more.

In this story Penny & Jeremy are summoned to Cornwall at the suggestion of none other than H.R.H. Prince Charles to help the town people save Grandmother Beryl's cottage and lands from being bought up by a conglomerate that plans on putting in a luxury resort which will ruin the countryside and put the local businesses out. The couple have a special place in their hearts for Grandmother Beryl's cottage since it's where they first met as children many years before. Their task is to find something historically significant that would make the place a national heritage site. A local thespian thinks that William Shakespeare may have spent the summer in the cottage. Penny and Jeremy go into high gear but their quest is foiled by somebody who does not want them to find anything. They race to unravel a riddle before the wrecking ball takes it all away.

Rebecca says

I think this was my least favorite of the series. The ending felt so rushed and disjointed from the rest of the story. From the cave to the dog to the Prince to no real ending it just didn't deliver in the same way the others did. The characters that weren't Penny and Jeremy weren't as built out as they were in past books so the attachment to the actual mystery/story line wasn't really there.

John says

C A Belmont's entertaining tales of the evolving lives of the interesting and intelligent Penny Nichols and Jeremy Laidley rank at the top of my enjoyment scale. Do yourself a favor and read the series in order.

Em says

Each of the Penny Nichols stories have their own charm and intrigue. What I find refreshing about this author is that her lead sleuthing characters of Penny and Jeremy are in every way equal. They are very intelligent, suckers for a good cause and a crooked tale of woe. Having returned from their last mystery that consumed their honeymoon, they are greeted almost immediately by a case that seems to have been sanctioned by the heir to the British throne (yes, the one with the ears) to try assist a group in Cornwall to

save a large portion of a village from a large development with a cadre of bulldozers. Not coincidentally the development is also slated to raze the Cornish cottage that overlooks the sea coast that had been owned, until she died, by another of Penny's great aunts (besides Penelope for whom she was named) Beryl.

There is an ancient story that William Shakespeare had once stayed at the house when the Earl's Players had occupied the house in the summer of 1592. While scouring for clues, they find a long shut children's playroom that was the haunt of their great aunts as children, and their secret journal of their 'Summer Explorers Club'.

As Penny & Jeremy take residence in a local cottage for their case, they are vandalized, run off the road and generally threatened by parties they assume to be connected with the Molesly Brothers (the developers). As each potential lead begins to run dry they are growing more desperate to find an endangered species or rare plant to foil the developers. When they learn more history about Beryl's cottage before it came to their family they find a long ago smuggler lived in the house, and his son became a shipbuilder who tragically died on the maiden voyage of a ship he had built for the love of his life, an Opera singer who ended her life on the island of Madeira. It is this last piece of information and a particular ruby rock with a Celtic symbol that provides the key to the mystery and their objective to save the cottage and the Cornish village of Port St. Francis.

If you've never read C.A. Belmont Penny Nichols stories, do start with book number one and then continue on through to this one. Each story gives layers to these characters and their irrepressible scoundrel of a cousin Rollo and his malevolent mother, and other, generally loving family ties. And if you want a hint of Nick & Nora Charles with a dash of Jonathan & Jennifer Hart but with much more charm, you'll love Penny Nichols and Jeremy Laidley and all of Belmont's 'Rather' enjoyable tales.

Dianne says

This is #4 in this four volume series and though I've been enjoying the ride, I've had enough. I found this one boring and full of way-too-convenient co-incidences. The dialogue written for the narrator of the story (the main character, Penny) is cheesy and not very believable. The whole thing was a bit over the top for me. I'm not sorry I read the series but I'm more than ready now to move on to something with a little more substance. Still, if you're looking for something light, this series might be just the thing.

Janga says

This has become one of my favorite series, and even though I didn't like this one as well as the first, I found it a relaxing, engaging read with characters for whom I've developed an affection.

Anna Lee Huber says

I am a big fan of C.A. Belmont's "Rather" series. They are light and fun, and she always transports her readers to the most interesting destinations. This fourth entry in the series is no exception. The book certainly stands on its own, but for anyone new to the series I would still recommend beginning with Book 1, A Rather Lovely Inheritance, or you'll miss out on all the enjoyment of watching Penny and Jeremy progress to this point in their relationship and their lives.

CoffeeTimeRomance andMore says

This series has much to recommend it and seems to get better with each book. Cornwall is a wonderful setting for a mystery; it has so much history and legend attached to the area. Penny and Jeremy have a large assortment of very colorful relatives and friends to assist them, and their history with this particular house, make it imperative they save it. The inhabitants of the village are equally colorful, and the developers make for some excellent villains. I am sure you will enjoy reading this excellent mystery to find out if Penny and Jeremy save the day once again.

Maura

Reviewer for Coffee Time Romance & More

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Rachel Rogers says

Another delightful little detective romp around Europe. Penny and Jeremy are back from their honeymoon to discover that another "case" has been sent their way by Prince Charles. They are off to Cornwall to try and save their grandmother's house (no longer in the family) from destruction to make way for an uber-resort. Quick, fun read.

Kim says

Book four in the "Rather" series.....loved it!!! I liked each one in the series more as I went through them, making the fourth my favorite! The adventures of Penny Nichols and Jeremy Laidley are fun and entertaining as they solve mystery after mystery and build their life together. This adventure was the most interesting for me - not that I didn't enjoy the others - I did, it was just the icing on the cake! And.....I loved the way it ended. As of right now, there are only four in the series available, but it ends with the door definitely open for another adventure yet to come.....oh, please, let there be another.....and another!!!

Kimberly Fields says

A Rather Remarkable Homecoming was more of the same fun found in the first three books in the series. I did feel by this point the series was becoming a bit predictable. It lacks the depth of characters or story to make it a really amazing series, but it's still a fun, light read.

Julie says

Book

Paul Juniper says

I liked this book. It isn't great literature but the characters are fun the storyline moves along briskly and nobody dies. I'm very sorry that this was the last book in the series as it is clear that it wasn't meant to be the last....

Nicole says

Loved it! :-)
