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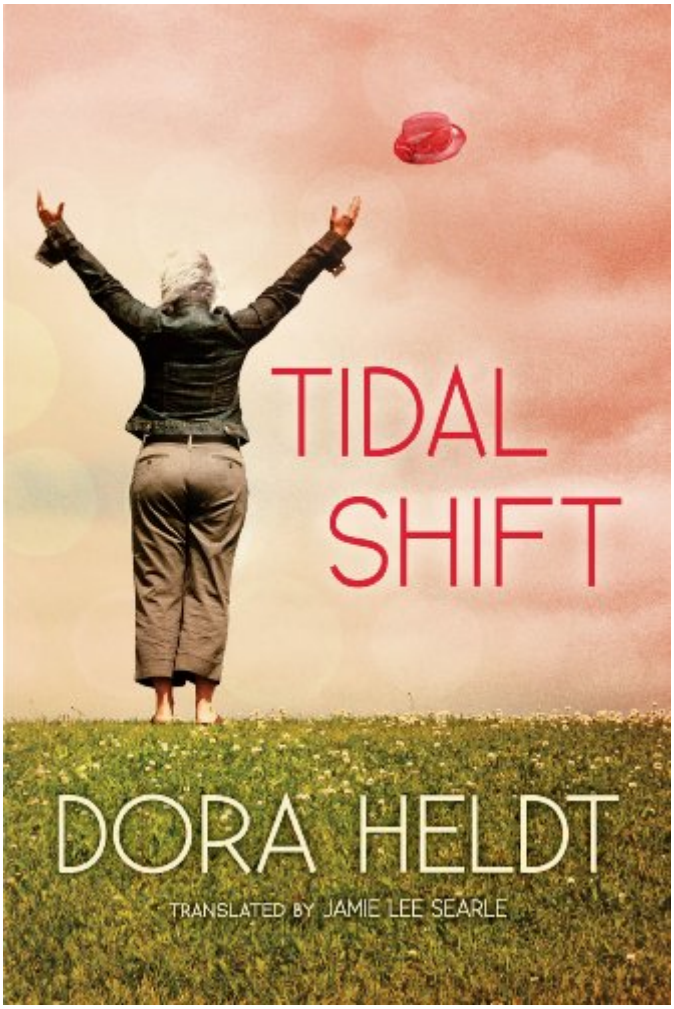

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Synopsis

To Christine, her Aunt Inge and Uncle Walter are reliable fixtures in the family, dependable and destined to be together forever. So when she spies Inge in the company of a man who is most certainly not her husband, life as Christine knows it takes a turn for the unexpected. Suddenly, what began as a blissful vacation with her gorgeous boyfriend on her native island of Sylt has morphed into a family drama of epic proportionsâ ”and a rude wake-up call for Christine. Because compared to the newfound passion with which sixtysomething Inge is tackling each day, Christineâ ™s supposedly fabulous life seems downright dull. Christine decides itâ ™s time to make some drastic changesâ |but will she ruin the great life she already has in the process?

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Customer Reviews

This is the fourth book about Christine, as it turns out, but not having read the others does not detract from this book. The author manages to fill us in on her past without getting bogged down in all the details. The Island of Sylt off the coast of Germany, sounds like a place I’d like to visit, and is the birthplace of the author, so she’s an expert on the subject.Christine and her boyfriend arrive on

the island for a two week vacation and immediately get drawn into the crazy, mysterious drama that is her aunt and the rest of the family. I was a little mystified as to why Christine, in her forties, was so involved in all that was going on, when her aunt pretty much said, "I'm fine, leave me to my business, no worries." But, therein lies the story of course, and it's entertaining, particularly with a supporting cast of Christine's parents, uncle, and an over-the-top redhead who has befriended Aunt Inge. An enjoyable read.

Book appeals to me because of the main topic, a woman of a certain age going about increasing the life within her life, not "retiring." As she goes about - perhaps clumsily because after all she's never done this before - finding her way towards this goal, people around her walk their own path and in some ways find themselves. Only thing I would adjust a bit was that the book was a tad too wordy.

Christine's escapes continue, this time with her new boyfriend Johann. They are planning to go on vacation but I don't think a restful one was in the cards! When they arrive in Sylt, she thinks she sees a woman that looks like her Aunt Inge. However the lady isn't with the right uncle! Wait, but it is Aunt Inge. And trouble is brewing!You will laugh out loud throughout this whole book, but there is a serious note to it. But not so serious you can't enjoy the family once again. Especially Heinz!! You also get a warm fuzzy feeling between Heinz and Christine! I love it.Dora Heldt is such a master storyteller! I absolutely love Christine and all the gang and I can't wait until we meet up again!!!

When I came across this title while looking for something by an author new to me, it looked like an opportunity to compare a romance novel based in Germany to those I have read based in America. The introductory blurb looked interesting, and the authorâ ™s prior works were considered very good according to their reviews.Christine has arranged for a two week vacation on Sylt, a resort area along the North Sea, with her long-range boyfriend Johann. As she is meeting him at the train station, she notices an unusual woman in a red hat with a huge cart full of luggage that looks like her Aunt Inge. On second look, it IS her Aunt Inge! What is going on? There isnâ ™t room in her familyâ ™s loft apartment for another family member, and Christine wanted time alone with Johann.It turns out there are several other family members also coming to Sylt; privacy will be at a premium. Additionally, Christine didnâ ™t want Johannâ ™s second introduction to her crazy family to be while they were trying to have a private holiday. With her Aunt Inge, Ingeâ ™s husband, Christineâ ™s parents, and her father Heinzâ ™s cohorts in idiocy all participating in the story, it

looks like her peaceful vacation is in tatters.I have no idea whether the tone of the story would feel different if read in German, but it was weak in this translation. The characters did not come alive to me; I couldnâ ™t relate to any of them, so I never became interested in what happened. The main plot â “ what was Aunt Inge up to -- was convoluted and brimming with coincidences. Very disappointing.

This is the first book by Dora Heldt I have read. The others just didn’t catch my interest. Fortunately, you don’t need to have read the other books about Christine in order to understand and enjoy this one. The real star of this book is Aunt Inge. Aunt Inge is in her mid 60s and is making changes in her life. This is upsetting and confusing to her family members and they respond in various ways. This book is a mix of chick lit and mystery. The mystery is about what Aunt Inge is up to. She’s being secretive and appears unhappy with her husband. Is she having an affair? Some family members think so, some don’t want to know, some think Aunt Inge’s request for privacy should be respected. Heldt offers a very well done suspenseful novel. Aunt Inge’s desire to live life to the fullest, before it slips away, is inspiring. This doesn’t mean going off and trying to convince others that you are still young. It means being true to herself, all parts of her, not just some. I look forward to more of Inge in upcoming books! (I’ll note that I’m actually closer to Christine in age, but Inge rings more true to me.)

This is the second story I’ve read about Christine. We met Christine in Chaperoned and in that one she ended up with a boyfriend at the end. It was a hilarious story and this one is great too. Christine is taking her new boyfriend to her parents for a week so he can see the whole family isn’t a bunch of nuts (like it appears they are in the book Chaperoned). The insanity seems to run thru her father’s side, because in this one his sister is acting out of character and everyone thinks she has left her husband of many years and taken up with a much younger man. All the old gang from Chaperoned is here and it is one funny story with everyone getting the wrong idea all the time. Christine is worried that she will lose her new hunk of a boyfriend after being amongst this bunch of nuts. Very funny. Not as much romance as you’d think, more of a story of a crazy family.

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