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Aloha, romance. Aloha, big blue sea. Aloha, handsome husband.

It's been fourteen years since Justin and I got married, promptly got pregnant and buried under bills and diapers and jobs and playdates. Although our love remains steady and strong, an avalanche of daily details have taken us farther away from each other. I've lost count of how many years it's been since we were truly alone.

But here we are now, in idyllic Hawaii, on the dream honeymoon we've been--well--dreaming about for years. There's a roast suckling pig, my husband in a lei, and a sunset over the ocean that would put Bob Ross to shame. Still, we seem to be missing each other, like two hula dancers passing in the night.

I've got four days to put the spark back in this marriage and I'm bringing out the big guns: sexy dress, strappy heels, grotto sex to scandalize the other guests. But when the outside world starts infringing on this intimate scene, my husband's eyes move to a hot new business prospect instead of hot little me.

If a honeymoon in paradise can't bring us back together, do we really have a shot at this thing? Can we say aloha to each other again?

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From Reader Review Coming Together for online ebook

Misty - The Erotic Book Blog says

I absolutely fell in love with this story!

EVERYTHING in this book was so true! Married life is often spent taking care of everybody else and their needs, and it's a real treat when a couple gets some time together to just take care of each other.

Justin is the ideal husband. Loyal, hard-working (sometimes to a fault) and sexy, he's got this easy-going yet determined personality that just hits you in all the right places. And want to know the sexiest thing about him? He still loves his wife, even after fifteen years, three kids, and everything else life has thrown at them.

I completely related to Charlotte! The way she acts, her thoughts, her insecurities, her fears - I could easily see myself in her place. Her character is spot on accurate. I loved her personality! She's quirky, funny, and awkward...and she embraces every bit of it.

This book will hit you right in the feels , especially if you're married and can relate to ALL the things.

One-click worthy and ALL the stars!

Beneath The Covers Blog says

What a hot and sweet quick read!

This was the perfect story to highlight Justin and Charlotte! We were only given a small taste as to what their current marriage dynamic was like in *Come Again*, so this quick novella really showcased their love and devotion towards each other.

Marriage isn't easy. And from what little we do know, Justin and Charlotte had a lot of ups and downs in their relationship. So to rekindle their lost spark, Justin takes Charlotte on a honeymoon to Hawaii, since they never had one at the beginning of their marriage. But insecurities and miscommunication follow them to their tropical paradise, and it's not hard to realize that just because they're on vacation, their troubles aren't going to go away.

I really loved this story! I liked Justin and Charlotte's characters in *Come Again*, so it was great to connect with them more in their own novella. Plus the little cameos of Emma and Fraser were hilarious. Those two need a novella of their own, as well. *wink* The author gives us so much within the pages of this romantic short story, you'll devour it in the blink of an eye! So good!

5 Stars!

ARC provided for a voluntary honest review. ~Kelly

Becky Rendon says

Coming Together is a quick look into Charlotte and Justin's world. If you've read Come Again, you know Justin as Emma's brother and Charlotte as her sister in law. If you haven't had the pleasure of Come Again (I snickered typing that), then you are sorely missing out.

Coming Together is a quick and fun read but it is also emotional. Poppy Dunne managed to hit all the high and low notes of a relationship in this quick hit. It's naughty and nice. Sad and hopeful. It's also filled with pot heads, fire twirled, and beady eyes pigs. Oh and plenty of awkward...but mostly insecurities.

Enjoy it! I did.

Reviewed for Sweet Spot Sisterhood

Peggy Lee (Reading Keeps Me Sane) says

Coming Together had me at Aloha. It's a romantic comedy about love, marriage and life. It's about a couple looking to reignite their spark. Work, children, an insane need for organization can be a challenge for any marriage.

Charlotte and Justin have been married for fourteen years. They quickly jumped into pregnancy, bills and focusing on school and work. Over the fourteen years their relationship took a back seat. Charlotte focused on the household and taking care of the children, while Justin focused on his career. Charlotte fears she has lost her identity. While Justin struggles with his fear of failure. The plan, one overdue honeymoon to reignite the spark and to bring them back together or not.

I enjoyed this short story. Marriage is hard work and it's easy to get a little lost. Coming Together made me laugh, warmed my heart and left me a little flushed. 5 Stars

Liz says

I recently discovered Poppy Dunne and am enjoying her stories very much. In Coming Together, we find a couple trying to find their spark again after life and responsibilities got in the way. The story was funny, sexy and so realistic. I loved it.

This is a companion novella to Come Again, which was a good read as well, but can be read as a standalone. Jason and Charlotte have been married for a long time and are ready to finally take their honeymoon. But after 14 years of marriage, can they really find that spark again?

I loved Jason and Charlotte so much. It was never that they did not love each other, just life is full of responsibilities and sometimes you can forget each other with everything else piling up. We can all relate to that. Though they had many mishaps and had to find their way back to each other, it was funny and emotional and just perfect.

Coming Together had great characters and was funny, sexy and full of charm. A must-read for sure! I am loving Poppy Dunne's writing. She has a way to have readers really connect with her characters and story.

4.5 stars. Read and reviewed for Sultry Sirens Book Blog.

Happy reading.

Carol Seymour says

I love a good book that proves that there is still love, spontaneity, romance, and passion in marriage. I feel Poppy Dunne did an excellent job telling the story of Justin and Charlotte who have been married for fourteen years. Those years have included struggles, children, lots of responsibility but they have lost their direction. They have lost their reason for enduring all of this. A honeymoon in paradise should bring it all back to them but of course not everything goes according to plans. As I have come to love in Poppy Dunne's writing, she always seems to handle the angst with grace, dignity and HUMOR.

Rose He says

Each time I hear that Poppy Dunne is writing a new book, I get happy and excited because I love her writing style, I know I will smile or laugh out loud and I will get in love with her characters .

Coming Together is a short story about Charlotte and Justin from her previous book Come Again, you don't need to read that book but I strongly recommend you do, not only to get to know them but to read another great story.

This book is different because it's about a 4 day honeymoon to Hawaii celebrating 15 years of marriage. A couple who have 3 kids , a dad with a stressful job, a home stay mom, and the day to day ups and downs that their relationship has. Dealing with insecurities that felt so real that I wanted to shake them both at times.

Coming Together was so much fun to read, sweet, emotional, romantic, steamy with hilarious scenes that got me laughing .

I definitely recommend this 5 star story and looking forward for Poppy Dunne's next book.

Read.Review.Repeat Blog says

This is a story that makes you sit back and take stock of your life and your relationships. Charlotte and Justin after 3 kids are looking to find balance with each other, to change their focus from their family to themselves. This story reminds us that communication and partnership are key for any relationship.

FunUndertheCovers says

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Paige says

4.5 "Married" Stars

Simply delightful. Laugh out loud funny. A story that warmed my heart and made me sigh in contemplation because it hit so close to home.

Coming Together is a companion novella to Come Again but can be read as a standalone. It follows the secondary characters, married couple Jason and Charlotte as they take a long awaited honeymoon. Leaving behind their children and a stressful job, they're trying to reconnect in the Hawaiian sun. With a few laugh out loud hiccups along the way, reality sets in as a long married couple faces the reality of what life is really like after 14 years of marriage.

This was so much fun to read. I loved these two as side characters so getting more of them and their story was so hilariously sweet. Especially since I love stories about married couples and the struggles of day to day life that come about after kids and work. And life. Plus getting to see more of Fraser and Emma (two of my favorite Poppy characters) was the icing on the cake.

I voluntarily read an ARC of this book. A is for Alpha B is for Books.

Up All Night With Books says

*** ARC received in exchange for an honest review***

Coming Together by Poppy Dunne is one of those books that you just fall in love with. Heartwarming with a side of steamy encounters and a splash of reality.

In this short novella that is a companion to *Come Again* about Jason and Charlotte, you get a glimpse of life after 14 years of marriage. Life is moving along with children, jobs, carpooling, bedtimes and the co-existence of life. Given the opportunity, Jason and Charlotte are finally having their honeymoon in Hawaii. But things are not going the way they both planned. Four days and if things can go wrong, they will, if a business opportunity arises you take it. Can they survive and bring back that something special they once had?

SO well written, you just feel the desire they have for each other jumping off the pages, the struggle to get back what you feel is lost. You become a part of them and at the end you are left wanting more.

This is not your typical romance of boy meets girl and life happily ever after. This is what happens after that and the haphazards of life.

5 aloha Stars

Review by Lisa, Late Night Reviewer for Up All Night with Books

Cindy says

Coming Together is a companion novella to Come Again, however can be read as a standalone. We get to see married couple Jason and Charlotte as they go on a long overdue honeymoon. We see them trying to reconnect in Hawaii.

I LOVE stories about married couples!!! All the struggles that come from real life, kids, jobs, everything! Not only do we get this, Coming Together had sooooo many laugh out loud moments. It was so much fun to read, I really enjoyed every moment of it!!

I voluntarily read an advance copy from the author. This is my honest review.

Rita says

Really loved this. Justin and Charlotte on a belated honeymoon learning how to communicate with each other again having left their children at home. Some hot and steamy moments even after 15 years of marriage as well as some hilarious moments. Great story. Read an ARC for an honest review.

Kelly Emery (Beneath The Covers Blog) says

Full review can be found at **Beneath The Covers Blog** --> <https://www.goodreads.com/review/show...>

ARC provided for a voluntary honest review.

Melissa says

ARC provided courtesy of the Author and Candi Cane PR

It's no secret I love Poppy Dunne's writing. I have truly enjoyed each and every one of her previous books so when I saw the blurb for Coming Together I didn't have to think twice about wanting to read it. This novella was sweet, emotional and funny-which you'd think would be difficult to pull off in a novella, but Poppy Dunne manages to get it done.

If you've read Come Again by this author then you've met Charlotte and Justin. If you haven't read that book (go buy it now!) you can absolutely still enjoy this standalone novella.

Charlotte and Justin have been married, with kids, for years. I love that this focus is on the couple AFTER that happily ever after moment. There's still the funny scenes, sure, but this peek into seeing these two reconnect for themselves as husband and wife really resonated with me. Maybe it's because my husband and I have also been married 14 years...nah, it's just the brilliance of this author's writing.

I really did love this peek into Charlotte and Justin's life. I thought this novella was fun, sexy, and emotional. I appreciate the author letting us have a look into what happens after the happily ever after, and I loved this novella. I absolutely recommend it.

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