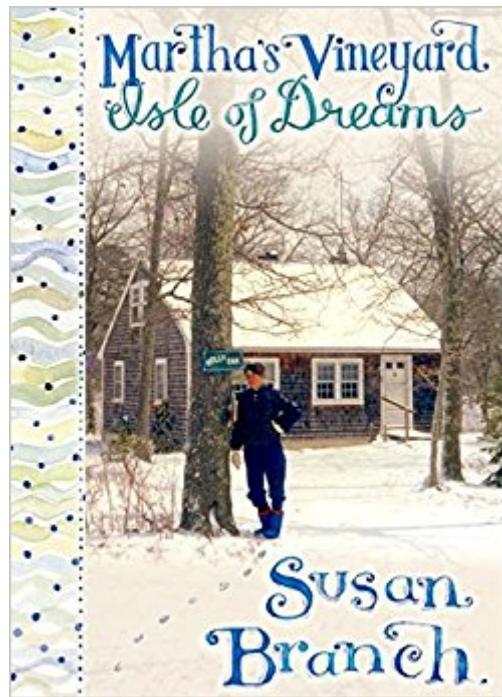


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# Martha's Vineyard - Isle Of Dreams



## **Synopsis**

New York Times Bestseller, Travel    In the winter of 1982, long before she became the watercolor artist and author we know today, Susan Branch, 34-years-old and heartbroken from the sudden and unexpected end of her marriage in California, "ran away from home" to the Island of Martha's Vineyard hoping to gain perspective. It was meant to be temporary, a three-month time-out from the daily grind of being broken up and miserable, but within days of her arrival, alone and not quite in her right mind, Susan "accidentally" bought a tiny one-bedroom cottage in the woods ~ which is how she discovered she was moving 3,000 miles away from everyone and everything she had known and loved. Funny, observant, touching, and addictive (you are not going to want this book to end), based on the diaries she has kept all her life, Susan Branch relates her inspirational tale of lost love and self discovery, her search for roots, purpose, and destiny with laugh-out-loud honesty. A road map for overcoming loss, following your heart, and making dreams come true, charmingly hand-lettered and watercolored in Susan's inimitable style, there are diary excerpts, recipes, and hundreds of photographs. Printed in the USA, in full color with a ribbon bookmark, Martha's Vineyard, Isle of Dreams is book number two of a continuing story . . . Book one was The Fairy Tale Girl which came out October 2015, and book 3, which was written first, was A Fine Romance, Falling in Love with the English Countryside published in August 2013.

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With honesty, courage, and beauty Susan Branch has written another wonderful book called

Martha's Vineyard, Isle of Dreams. This is one woman's journey of independence, self discovery, and facing of fears. It is a story of perseverance, finding your dreams, and enjoying the little things in life that make it beautiful. All of Susan Branch's books make life more beautiful and her latest is no exception. It's full of wonderfully detailed watercolors and photographs that, as a reader, you wish you could open a door and walk inside. The writing is fantastic, just imagine having a conversation with your best friend because that's what Susan's writing is like: comfortable, witty, honest, an eye for the little details and exchanging of recipes. This book belongs with other beloved classics and kindred spirits of the literary world like Anne of Green Gables, Little Women, and Bridget Jones's Diary to name a few. This book will be a heartfelt inspiration to a person of any age because everyone must go on a journey to find their true self at some point in life. This book is part of a trilogy, the other two are The Fairy Tale Girl and A Fine Romance:Falling in Love with the English Countryside, both of which are also amazing books and highly recommended. Susan Branch has also written numerous cookbooks that showcase her art and delicious recipes. Read Martha's Vineyard, Isle of Dreams, you won't be sorry!

I have just finished this book and could not get over here fast enough to write a review. You will laugh. You will cry. You will be reminded of everything good in the world. It reaches into your soul and dances on your heartstrings. A "memoir" that reads like a novel and like nothing you have read before. It's like talking with your best girlfriend on her way through self discovery. The highs... the lows... It's funny and light and heartbreakingly deep. Her struggles and triumphs are lived like they are your own. Handwritten type, with gobs of Susan's original watercolors, photos, recipes, and inspirational quotes. You will fall in love with Susan on her brave journey and how she reminds you of what is really important in life. I raced to the end and read it all in one long sitting. I will go back and reread it to savor all the gorgeous details. And I will read it again and again throughout the years because it will be like an old friend. Destined to be a classic. I cannot properly put into words how beautiful this book is and a perfect book to give all the women in your life. The 3rd release in a trilogy including, The Fairy Tale Girl (prequel) and A Fine Romance: Falling in Love With The English Countryside (sequel). All just as wonderful. Buy this book!!! You will not be disappointed!!!Not familiar with Susan? Checkout what started it all... Heart of the Home: Notes From a Vineyard Kitchen. And her glorious blog where all her Girlfriends meet and share. [...] You can buy her books there and get an autographed copy!!!!

I am in the middle of this book, and already know this is another gem from Susan Branch! The

journey of a grieving woman learning to know and love herself again is universal, and this is Susan's journey. In reading this, I am also learning to rediscover myself, as life is constantly changing, and we must grow with that as well. Susan's handwriting, quotes, paintings and photos are amazing! I loved reading about her first 2 pages in Heart of the Home (her first book), and how she began, and encouraged the reader to "just begin." There is something for all readers to enjoy in this book. It's like having tea with an old friend, and who doesn't need an old friend? I had been looking forward to this book for a long time, and am loving every minute of it.

Love, Love, Love this book! I did not buy it here, but direct from Susan Branch's site, because I just couldn't wait for it to be available elsewhere. This story is so detailed, telling how Susan came to Martha's Vineyard all the way from California after the breakup of her marriage, how she started over in a tiny little cottage that she made into a cozy home, learned about what a real fall and bitter cold winter was all about! She knew no one when she got there, but quickly made some friends, learned to cope with her new solitude in the little house in the woods and learned to listen to her own heart and soul to realize what she really wanted out of life. This book goes into great detail, and she tells everything in such a way that you feel like you're right there with her as she tells of her life and experiences on the island. She also tells how her dream of writing and having her first cookbook published became a reality. The story ends just as she's met her Joe, the true love of her life, but that story is told in A Fine Romance, the third book in the trilogy. The books were written out of chronological order, and if you haven't read any yet, I'd start with The Fairy Tale Girl, then Martha's Vineyard, Isle of Dreams and finally A Fine Romance: Falling In Love With The English Countryside. If you want to feel as if someone you know, a really good friend, is sitting with you over coffee or tea and telling you their life story, with all the joy, tears, fears and wonder of life they've discovered, this is the book for you. If you would love a book that is handwritten, beautifully illustrated with watercolors and actual photographs, and told from the heart, this book is for you!

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