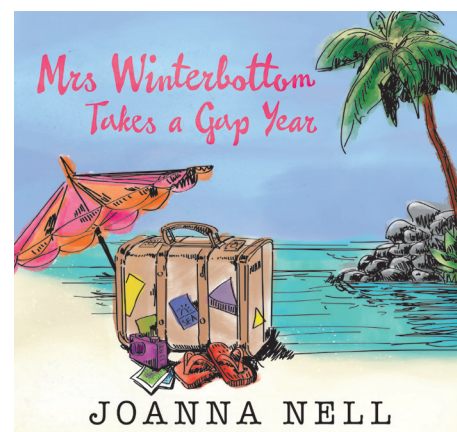


Mrs Winterbottom Takes A Gap Year

Joanna Nell

In short

A gorgeously poignant, hilarious story about how it is never too late to forge a new path.



Synopsis

Heather Winterbottom has worked side by side with her husband as GPs in their idyllic rural practice for over forty years. But as the time comes to hang up their stethoscopes, the Winterbottoms discover that they have rather different visions of retirement. Heather dreams of exploring the Greek Islands, of escaping the shackles of her routine life and embracing an exciting new adventure. Alan dreams of growing his own vegetables. When things come to a head at a family lunch, Heather announces that she has decided to take a year off. From her old life, from her marriage - from Alan. Alone in beautiful Greece, Heather embarks on her very own odyssey - complete with peak experiences, pitfalls and temptations. But what if coming home is the biggest adventure yet?

Discussion points for *Mrs Winterbottom Takes A Gap Year*

1. *Mrs Winterbottom Takes A Gap Year* is a heartwarming tale of second chances, love and friendship. Did any of these themes resonate with you?
2. Elements of Homer's *Odyssey* is interwoven into the story. How did you find the inclusion of a classic in a contemporary novel?
3. Joanna Nell's books often advocate for positive ageing, e.g. making the most of the benefits of being old. Did you think this came through clearly in this book?
4. After the events of *Mrs Winterbottom Takes A Gap Year*, what do you imagine will happen next for Heather and Alan?

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