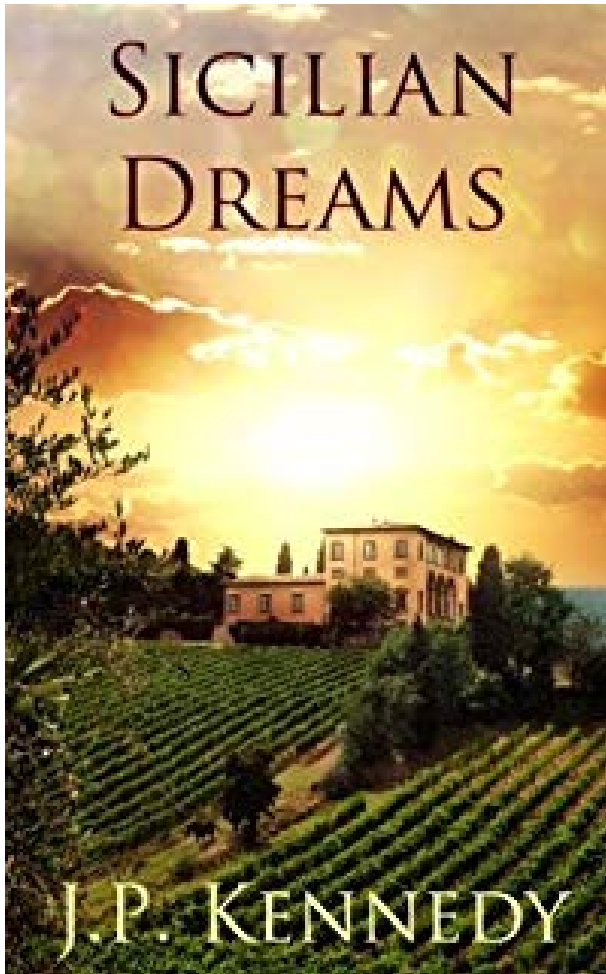


Sicilian Dreams



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When busy lawyer Cassandra Hayden travels half way around the world for a weeks reunion in Sicily with her two best friends from her university days, she isn't looking for romance, she's looking forward to a holiday in the sunshine. They rent a villa on a large olive oil and wine estate in the hills above Cefalu and when Cassie meets Marco, the heir of the estate, sparks fly between them and they begin a passionate affair. Although Marco is unbelievably handsome and charming, he is also highly intelligent, and runs his own successful architectural business in Palermo, as well as managing the estate in the interim for his father, who is living in Palermo with Marco's crippled mother. The family is estranged because of his mother's unfortunate accident, which was caused in part by Marco when he was a troubled youth. Throughout the novel, Cassie struggles at times to understand Marco's quick changes of temperament and hidden secrets.

Cassie has to contend with an ex-girlfriend who looks like a Miss Universe contestant; (but that has an unfortunate stalker mentality); a charming housekeeper who seems to be on her side, and Marco's friend Davide, who runs a boat charter and befriends the girls. In between her increasingly complex relationship with Marco, Cassie relies on her two friends to confide in, and they drink wine, eat fabulous meals, and frequently shop until they drop on excursions into town.

Marco and Cassie have fallen madly in love by the end of her holiday, but time is not on her side and she must return to her home and job.

They part with a promise that she will return again soon to live life with Marco in Sicily.