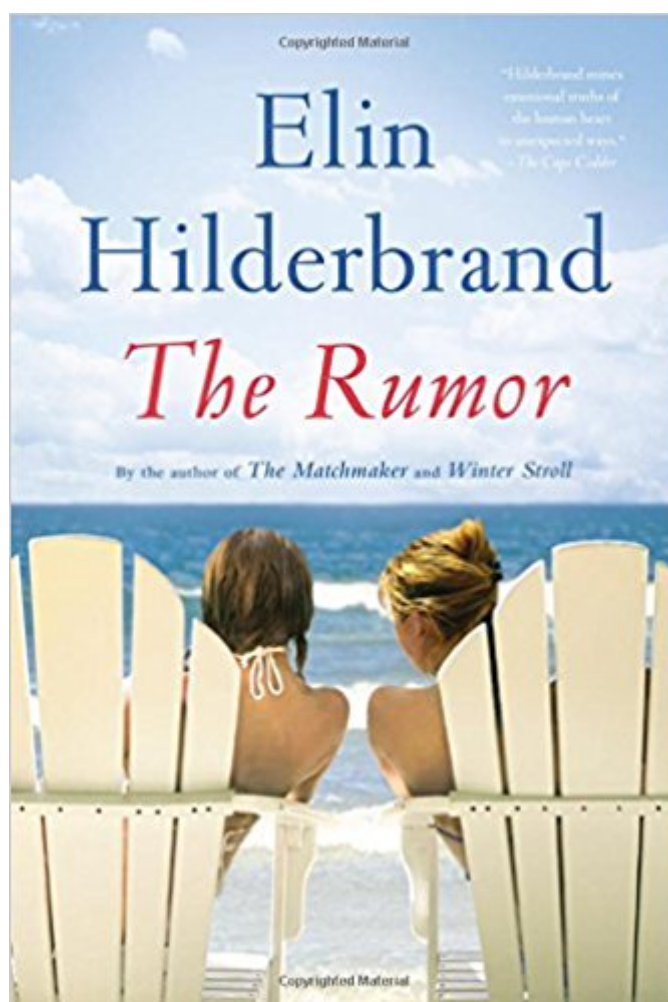


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# The Rumor: A Novel



## Synopsis

A friendship is tested in this irresistible page-turner from New York Times bestselling author Elin Hilderbrand. Nantucket writer Madeline King couldn't have picked a worse time to have writer's block. Her deadline is looming, her bills are piling up, and inspiration is in short supply. Madeline's best friend, Grace, is hard at work transforming her garden into the envy of the island with the help of a ruggedly handsome landscape architect. Before she realizes it, Grace is on the verge of a decision that will irrevocably change her life. Could Grace's crisis be Madeline's salvation? As the gossip escalates, and the summer's explosive events come to a head, Grace and Madeline try desperately to set the record straight--but the truth might be even worse than rumor has it.

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Elin Hilderbrand's 15th novel, *THE RUMOR*, is ablaze with gossip, gossip and more gossip on Nantucket. No one can seem to mind their own business, and people are talking on street corners, in the dentist office, restaurants, public events and anywhere you can imagine on this small island. News certainly travels fast! Madeline King and Grace Pancik have been best friends for 20 years; they share everything and chat often. Madeline, a novelist, has writer's block and can't think of a subject for her next book. She needs to come up with an idea fast as her publisher is getting quite impatient for her to deliver something. Meanwhile, Grace's friendship with Benton Coe, her good-looking landscape architect, develops into a passionate love affair as they turn her yard into a garden paradise. As Grace dishes out the details of her blossoming romance, Madeline writes it down in full throttle as their relationship unfolds. As the bills pile up, Madeline is desperate to

write about anything, so she decides to base her next novel on their hot and steamy romance. But what about her friendship with Grace? What will happen when Grace finds out the truth? Madeline's publisher is absolutely thrilled with the direction she's taking, and there's no turning back now. Rumors begin to fly that her forthcoming book is about Grace and Benton. Madeline decides to rent an apartment seeking peace and solitude to write the novel. Eddie, Grace's husband, visits her there; naturally, rumor has it that the two are having an affair with each other. However, Madeline is happily married to Trevor, an airline pilot, and she's the mother to Brick, their teenage son. Although Madeline and Trevor have financial problems, their marriage is solid.

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