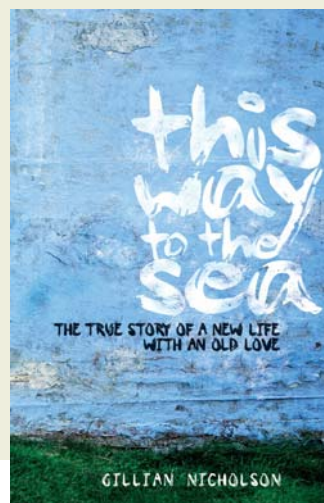


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Description

'How do you like the view?' the real estate agent asks. As if he doesn't know. Horses grazing on flat land below, hillsides of tall trees, uninterrupted ocean views, plumes of sea spray smashing against Grassy Head's north face. My heart is pounding. I'm elated, not just because it's so beautiful but because I sense this might, just might, be the alp by the sea Christo and I have always dreamt about.

Having long thought of making a new life away from the city, Gillian Nicholson and her husband, Christo, impulsively buy a 20-acre banana farm at Grassy Head on the stunning NSW mid-North Coast. Then they have to figure out how they are going to make this heart-over-head sea-change decision work.

Their knowledge of banana farming? Zero. Their knowledge of how to work the land in general? Minuscule. Their irrational joy and confidence that things will work out? Total. This is Gillian's funny, involving and moving account of their journey from being city slickers to finding contentment on their piece of paradise. Along the way it chronicles a husband and wife who are closer than ever after 25 years together.

Sales Points

- This is a funny, charming and appealing story about the kind of sea-change that millions of people dream about every day but very few actually follow through
- Gillian's writing skilfully weaves together a strong sense of place, an affectionate and humorous look at the characters who live far from the big smoke, an understanding of her and her husband's naivety and the scrapes it gets them into, and a loving appreciation of a strong marriage
- A memoir to feed the fantasy of where life might just take you
- Advanced reading copies available

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Gillian Nicholson is a highly experienced journalist and magazine editor, now working freelance since her move to Grassy Head. This is her first book.