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Sunshine Beach (Ten Beach Road Novel Book 4)



Synopsis

In this brand-new summer read by the USA Today bestselling author of *The House on Mermaid Point*, three women join forces to bring a historic seaside hotel back to life. There's nothing that a fresh coat of paint and a few glasses of wine can't fix. After losing their life savings in a Ponzi scheme, Maddie, Avery, and Nikki have banded together to make the most of what they have left, using their determination, ingenuity, guts, and a large dose of elbow grease. It's Maddie's daughter Kyra who stumbles across a once glorious beachfront hotel that has fallen into disrepair. The opportunity to renovate this seaside jewel is too good to pass up—especially when they come up with the idea of shooting their own independent television show about the restoration. What could possibly go wrong? Everything. With the cameras rolling, Maddie's second-chance romance with her all-too-famous new boyfriend gets complicated, Avery struggles with grief over the loss of her mother, and Nikki's reluctance to commit to the man who loves her could leave her to face the biggest challenge of her life. Even the hotel seems to be against them, when their renovation uncovers a decades-old unsolved murder which just might bring their lives tumbling down all over again. |From the Trade Paperback edition.

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Customer Reviews

I have been waiting for this Ten Beach Road installment and preordered to be sure I didn't forget to download it when available. Well, there was no hurry. The characters were the same, of course - Maddie, Avery, Nicki, Kyra, Joe, Jeff etc. - and they didn't change or grow much. While a revisit to Bella Flora was pleasant and the Do Over of a mid-century motel had real promise, the sub-story of the mysterious death of Renee and Annelise's father (who "happen" to be the wife and sister-in-law of their original realtor, John) didn't add up. Dates were off when you consider that WWII was over in 1945. Some of the characters, including the sisters, would be elderly to decrepit. Annalise, especially, seemed like a caricature in the vein of Baby Jane. Joe and Nicki's love spat was over the top and got pretty boring with page after page of angst. One reviewer suggested that there was a publishing deadline - perhaps to become this year's best beach read? - and that may be so, given the lack of plotting and character development. I hope that Ms. Wax will return to the story development as evidenced in the earlier books.

I really liked all of the other books in this series and Wendy Wax had moved up my "favorite" authors list, but this book I found so tedious with all of the whining going on it.....oh my goodness all of the ladies worked my patience in this book. the very married "Brad Pitt" aka Daniel Deranian, was not a believable good daddy to Dustin, while trying to pretend that he was still in love with the boy's mother but just really trying to make another baby with her and where were his other children so they could get to know their baby brother?????? Yes, I can see a mother letting her 2-year old child go to a movie set with his dad while a phone interviewed nanny took care of him. "Mick Jagger" aka William Hightower was not a believable rehabbed druggie in love with the ordinary 50-year old Maddie. While I had an ex-husband that I loved to paint in inglorious colors, was Steve that bad and Maddie that good??? I think not! Just one person's opinion and I could be wrong. The ending let you know that there is definately another book or two (at least) in the works about zillion dollar Florida renovations/love triangles/mysteries involving long dead owners blah, blah, blah with the original ladies and gents of construction. And oh yes, I do expect now that Maddie's ex has made an appearance at the Bella Flora mansion that can house an entire Guatemalan village and shows no sign of leaving he will have more than a cameo role in the next novels.....also Troy the "hated" cameraman. Who will Kyra choose.....really that is going to be the gist of the next books....remember where you heard it.

I have enjoyed all of the previous books in the 10 Beach Road series, but this one is a stinker.

There is no action and almost no renovation going on, Maddie's rock star boyfriend disappears after the first few chapters, the mystery of what happened to Renee & Annelise's parents is boring, and worst of all, Nikki acts like a complete idiot throughout the book. Ugh! I couldn't wait for it to end.

If you can't get to the beach this summer you'll feel like you're there when reading Sunshine Beach. Maddie, Avery, Nikki and Kyra are back together looking for a new renovation project. While on a morning walk Kyra comes across a small, partially hidden, falling-down but perfectly situated hotel and just knows it has potential. When the other women agree they assume their roles and get the wheels of renovation turning. Wendy Wax's novel hit all the marks I've come to appreciate in this series: women's friendship, perseverance when life gets tough, and the ability to get along even when they didn't always agree. There's a mystery to solve along the way and the return appearances of all love interests from the previous novels. I enjoyed it all and recommend it to fans of the series and women's fiction. This book can stand alone but I recommend reading the series in order because you'll get a deeper understanding of the growth in each character. Also, I'm the type of person who can get sucked into a HGTV marathon so I loved reading about the project at the center of each novel.*I received a review copy in exchange for my honest opinion.

I'm at a loss of words at how bad this book is! I purchased it by accident when I was reading the book reviews! After mistakenly purchasing it I realized it was part of a 4 book series. There were so many raving reviews about the author Wendy Wax I felt I had nothing to lose! The story is blotchy, choppy, trite, immature, doesn't flow. If you don't already know the characters from the other books forget about getting to know much about them in this book. Really stupid! A Reality TV show, a really lame unsolved murder mystery, a Rock Star, a famous married Actor, A handsome FBI agent, a ponzi scheme, and a bunch of clueless bimbos that work on renovating a family owned 1950 beach motel. The most shallow characters!!! Definitely the worst book I have ever read! So bad!!!

I waited for this book for a long time and was very disappointed in the storyline. What happened with Maddie and Will, and the whole Nikki story line pissed me off! Needs another book to close some of the relationships. How about Kyra and Troy? Too many loose ends!!

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