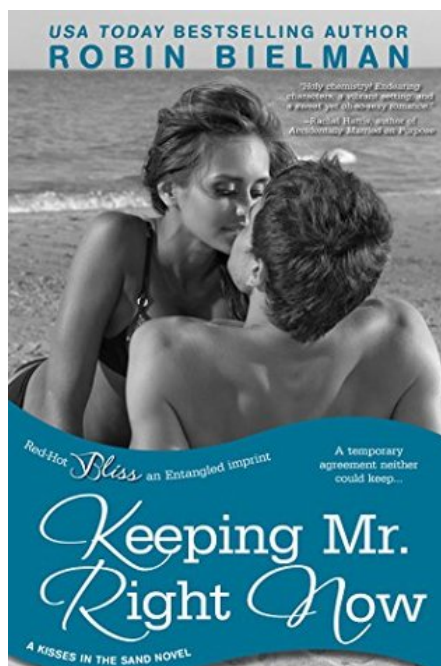




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A temporary agreement neither could keep...

Brainy, organized Sophie Birch is no beach bunny. In fact, she's totally out of her element among the sun-bronzed crowd at a film festival in beautiful White Strand Cove. When a surf lesson introduces her to Zane Hollander, suddenly she's up close and personal with the world's sexiest surf star. But what can a great-looking, experienced athlete possibly see in a klutzy out-of-towner who's never set foot in the ocean?

Zane Hollander's playboy reputation has never been a problem...until recently. Now his management team wants him on his best behavior to entice a meaningful new sponsor. Sophie Birch is the perfect girl to help reform his image. She's genuine and respected—and their relationship is purely fictional. But the more Sophie blooms under the beachy sun, the more Zane knows he'll just break her heart. Because nothing's more important to Zane than following the tide.

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Lori says

What a beautifully sweet story! Sophie and Zane (whose name I love) were such a refreshing couple. I loved the bond they built and getting to know each other. There were some cute little parts that had me smiling. There were funny phrases where you could see Sophie saying/thinking things, like really, "really" for added emphasis or like I use in normal conversation. Haven't really read that in a book before, very cute. Sophie to me is so relatable. I felt like the nerdy uncool wallflower in school and had self issues. Not that I am a beauty queen now, but definitely more self confident. It was fun to see Sophie transform into a butterfly coming out of her cocoon. But that one part, the angsty part, got me. Right in the heart. So shocking and so hurtful. Made me gulp and teary eyed. I loved this story. I hope Robin will right for some of the secondary characters in this story because Honor, Bryce and Danny are hilarious and need their own stories. Cannot wait!

Samanthe Tucker says

Keeping Mr. Right Now is an absolute keeper!

I loved everything about this story. The heroine, Sophie, is smart, slightly awkward, and, like a lot of women, doesn't see anything extraordinary when she looks in the mirror. UN-like a lot of "ugly duckling" stories, she's not maddeningly self-critical—she's just always considered her brains to be her primary asset.

World champion surf-god, Zane, a/k/a "Mr. Right Now," is everything Sophie's not—outgoing, athletic...comfortable wearing a swimsuit in public. However, he's not as carefree as he appears. He has his own confidence issues, thanks to growing up with a father who drummed one relentless message into his head: Surfing is his talent, and the only thing about him people will respect.

These characters are polar opposites in so many ways, and, as opposites often do, they attract each other like crazy. But they're also in transition, and neither is looking for a relationship at this point in their lives. Fate, of course, has other plans. Circumstances throw them together, and, before long, they're working past their preconceived notions of each other—and themselves. Their journey is laugh-out-loud funny at times, heart-wrenchingly emotional, and fan-your-cheeks physical, (buckle up, dear reader, this is NOT your grandma's Bliss!), yet, in the end, incredibly honest and sweet.

I hope Robin Bielman writes fast, because sparks were flying between a couple of her secondary characters, and after devouring Zane and Sophie's story, I can't wait for more!

Claire Robinson says

4 - *Live a little...* Stars!

The first book in the *Kisses in the Sand* series offers up a perfect balance of romance between a couple that on the surface couldn't be more different.

I loved introverted Sophie and extrovert Zane, together they seemed to push the other to move from their comfort zones to push their boundaries in an effort to experience and be more. Zane has deeply ingrained issues with self-esteem, and because of that believes he is unworthy of having someone as smart and knowledgeable as Sophie in his life as a long term thing.

"I'm starting to think I can't keep anything from you..."

But although Sophie has educative smarts, she's a little less experienced in the ways of boys and girls, and just in cutting back and letting loose in general, and Zane shows her there is so much more to life than the black and navy shades she's been living in.

There was nothing harmless about Zane Hollander. He oozed heartbreaker.

The romance takes a while to kick off, while the relationship between the pair organically develops, and I liked that the author gave this couple time to build towards the bedroom, it gave it more gravitas when it did happen, and also a lot more emotion when everything fell apart for them.

She'd made him better this week, made him see things with new, fresh eyes.

Loved it, this series has pulled me in hook, line and surf-board.

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Jessica Figueroa says

The words I would use to describe this book was fun, sweet, sexy and romantic. I loved really loved this book. I loved the characters. I loved getting to see Sophie develop as a character learning to be a little more confident and to speak out. I loved that there was a dual POV for both Zane and Sophie. One thing I would really like to see is Honors side and seeing what's her story. Overall this book was very well written with never any dull moments. It's a great summer book so you lovely readers should put this book on your tbr list and get to it before the summer is over. 4.5 of 5 stars!

Nicola says

Definition. Mr. Right Now. *a man described as the ideal romantic partner but who isn't seeking commitment.*

Aka Zane Hollander.

Keeping Mr. Right Now is a perfect addition to the *Lovestruck* imprint. Sweet meets sexy and I can officially say ***I've been Zaned***.

Our sexy rider of the waves has the opportunity of everything he's worked for coming to fruition, but he needs to reign in his playboy ways. The local film festival is the ideal opportunity and plants him in the path

of event organiser Sophie Birch, quite possibly the sweetest natured heroine I've ever come across. Clumsy, gentle and compassionate, she has never even seen the ocean and it's her total innocence to his world that simply mesmerises Zane; she sees beyond his pro-surfer status and sees him for the thoughtful, insightful, caring man he is. Convinced she's out of his league, he knows he can never be her *Mr. Right* forever, but for now is a different matter.

"I should have told you the minute I saw you that you look beautiful. I do love the way you look tonight."

With a wonderful chemistry that blossomed as they became closer, Sophie and Zane's journey was natural and brought fun, feeling and moments that made my heart flutter and ache. The build-up Robin Bielman created for this couple was simply captivating; they may not have actually kissed until just past the halfway mark, but the story was strong enough to carry us to this point without it losing any momentum.

"You're an angel to my devil and I should stay away from you, but I can't."

If you love a contemporary romance that has emotion and intimacy, a home-town feel and detail being given to developing feelings and discovery, then this is a novel I recommend. And with fabulous secondary characters I can't wait to see what lies in store for future couples.

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Elaine says

Another delightful read from this talented author! I love how she develops her characters, making them feel like someone you know well and can relate to. In this case the heroine is Sophie Birch who has left her studies into how the brain works to become an event organiser. She wasn't supposed to be in charge of this event but her boss is unable to do it because of injury so now is her chance to show just what she is capable of. The only problem is that, although an extremely bright young lady, Sophie is somewhat introverted, has never been to the ocean before and is now in charge of the prestigious film festival in White Strand Cove. Not only that but she's been tasked with fulfilling all the arrangements made for her boss - including a surf lesson with the hot, sexy and famous surfer, Zane Hollander - and she's never been in the sea before!

Zane is an extrovert, attractive and a brilliant surfer, winning competitions and a highly popular and accessible star. He's also wanting a new role, one that he cares passionately about, but to do that he also needs to change some aspects of his image, especially those aspects regarding his relationships with women. Sophie is the perfect person to help with this! As the klutzy brainiac and the sexy surfer get to know each other, they help each other - she becomes more outgoing and confident in her looks and personality whilst he becomes more willing to talk about his past and the impact it has on him now, opening up to her and she helps him go for his new goals. There has to be something go wrong with all this, of course, but you'll have to read it yourself to find out what - and how things are resolved in the end!

There are multiple threads running through this with some difficult issues, too, including child abuse, being diagnosed with thyroid cancer, the need for women's refuges and so much more. It is emotively written, making it easy to relate to the well portrayed characters and I thoroughly enjoyed escaping to the beach in this heartwarming read.

I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Elena says

Zane is a superstar in the surfing world, hot and popular. When he gets to be an ambassador to the largest non profit organization, he needs immediately to change his bad boy image. So what a better idea to have the perfect shy girl at his side?

When Zane meets Sophie, he sees a woman the opposite of him, from a totally different world. Sophie is called by everyone a homebody, a brainiac, a plain girl. Soon though he discovers that she is more than that. She is a woman sweet, genuine, compassionate. She is nothing like anyone he'd met before.

When Sophie sees Zane, she sees a man sexy, a playboy. When she gets to know him though, she finds a man funny, kind, caring.

Zane and Sophie really click and complete each other. Sophie makes Zane overcome his insecurities and doubts about himself and she makes him want to be good at something besides riding waves. Zane on the other hand makes Sophie throw her sensibilities into complete disorder and he makes her feel more comfortable about herself.

Their relationship is amazing and what I loved is that we get to see its stages, from friendship to love. I adored that Sophie makes Zane feel worthy and she likes not only the outside but the inside and Zane makes Sophie to blossom and open up.

This book is a perfect start to this new series and cannot wait to read more about the secondary characters.

Robin once again wrote a story romantic, cute, funny and sexy and I loved it!

Irene says

4.5 stars

Another great read by Robin Bielman, Keeping Mr Right Now was a very entertaining and fun read.

I truly enjoyed reading Zane and Sophie's love story.

Loved both Zane and Sophie, I found myself connecting with them both especially Sophie and her insecurities.

Loved how these two people started off as total opposites, one full of confidence yet hiding the mental scares left by his fathers words, the other having no confidence and a very low opinion of herself because of her upbringing and the high expectations placed upon her because of her IQ.

Together they find inner peace, love and happiness.

So much love for Sophie and Zane and for Robin Bielman for writing this heartfelt story.

This book is a perfect start to this new series and cannot wait to read more about the secondary characters. I highly recommend it!

Thank you Netgalley and to Entangled Bliss for the advance copy in exchange for my honest thoughts.

Ana says

A hot surfer. A beautiful California coastal town. A nice, believable romance. What more could I possibly want?

Jessica Alcazar says

Well that just warmed my heart and made me feel all kinds of good inside. Talk about opposites attract! SO the writing was really well done. I read the book in just one afternoon. That should tell you something. As characters in a book go, I think both Zane & Sophie were people you can relate to. AND that says a lot about Robin Bielman's style and character development. The story could have gone to the 'cheesy' side very easily, but it didn't. It was very fun loving and nice to read. My only hope is some of the secondary characters that brought humor and life to this book, get a chance at their own story ,, hint hint LOL

I highly recommend this book for an easy breezy afternoon read!

Thank you NetGalley & Entangled Publishing, LLC for providing me with this ARC in exchange for an honest review! :)

Bette Hansen says

Oh how I LOVED this book! Such incredible characters and a story that moves along at a great pace! Zane is outgoing and charismatic but slightly broken, Sophie is shy and reserved but trying desperately to put herself out there. Together they are magic! Plan your day to read this book because once you start you won't want to put it down. I HIGHLY recommend this one.

Maria Rose says

This sweet and sexy story is a wonderful addition to the Entangled Bliss Red Hot line and features the romance between Sophie and Zane. Sophie is an event organizer who has come to White Strand Cove to help with a local film festival. There she meets Zane, surf-god extraordinaire who is out to improve his image in order to have his philanthropic desires taken seriously. Having Sophie as his date will make him look serious about his plans, but neither counts on their mutual attraction to each other. Can a summertime romance become a real and lasting relationship?

There were so many enjoyable aspects to this story! The setting of a California coastal town, with its tourists, sun, sand and surf is the perfect holiday location and already gives the reader the impression of warmth and relaxation. Sophie is delightful as a shy, pretty young woman, travelling for the first time away from her

home in Montana to this fantasy location. She's used to being behind the scenes and not garnering attention so when Zane fixes his sexy eyes on her, she can't quite believe he would really be interested in what she has to offer. Zane is equally engaging as an affable, handsome, talented man, an expert surfer and also experienced in handling his fame and popularity. He likes what he sees in Sophie, and even more than that, he likes that she sees beyond his public persona and seems genuinely interested in him as a person. Being around Sophie makes him feel smart and special and it's a feeling that scares him a little when he thinks of her discovering that he isn't really those things at all. Yet he can't help but be drawn in by her quiet charm and soon finds himself sharing the intimate details of his life with her, a move that draws them together emotionally as well as physically. The sexual tension is evident from their very first meeting and the slow buildup of their romance is deliciously written. The culmination of their kisses is an open door bedroom scene (hence the red hot Bliss label) that is steamy and heartwarming. Having the book alternate points of view between Zane and Sophie also heightens the tension between them and gives insight into the emotions each are experiencing as the story plays out.

Secondary characters add a wonderful dynamic to the story, with humor, witty dialogue, and camaraderie between friends entertaining the reader and equally as important as the romance. The overall tone of the story is lighthearted and fun with some emotional tension in the mix, a well written and engaging story from beginning to end. 5 sweet sexy and tender stars!

Dianne says

What do you consider your greatest asset? Sophie believes it is her brains, because she is not a beach bunny, not a snow bunny, not the girl that guys fall all over. Taking a job to prove her worth as an event coordinator, becomes more than a mental test for Sophie as she meets the hot and handsome, bad boy surfing machine that is Zane. What could these two possibly have in common? Turns out they both have insecurities and pasts that have left their mark, but neither seems to wallow in their own pain, but work hard to overcome their "issues." Both see themselves as not "good" enough for the other, but the attraction is undeniable, because the heart always knows better, right? Can Sophie learn to listen to her heart or will she run from the best thing that has ever happened to her? If she runs, will Zane follow?

Keeping Mr. Right Now by the talented Robin Bielman is completely charming and captivating as a light, wonderful romantic read. The tension and banter between Sophie and Zane is perfect as they dance around their attraction in a sun and surf setting that feels warm and breezy. The inner battles they fight felt real, with all of the sparks that new relationships have and all the denials of how deep the feelings are growing. Ms. Bielman built a world that sparkles and populated it with completely likeable characters that can be humorous one moment and completely endearing the next. She writes with a pace that never rushes, but blooms and grows with each scene, and taking her time to get to the sizzle was perfect. All around, a wonderful read from a talented author.

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Dirty Dayna says

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This is 212 pages

Take off your dress. Leave the pumps on. Lie down with your hands above your head, dont move..... oh sweet sugar snaps!

Im a vanilla guy nuh-uh there is nothing ordinary about you... oops you meant the shake You let me know when you are ready to discover my other flavors and ill deliver

This is a story about Sophie whos socially awkward/shy because she believes she is because people say she is

This is also about Zane Hollander who is a pro surfer but thinks hes stupid because people say he is.

And this is also a story about how the two of them discovered eachother and themselves by allowing love of friendship and eachother into their lives.

And lastly this is a story about breakups and heartbreak

Little miss Sophie has a dirty mind and I love it!

tell me you ache to have me inside you and I will

Holy hot tamales the words that are thought and said are deliciously sexy

I only get one first kiss with you ---Oh zane you steal my heart

I love the under characters Bryce and Honor.. that would make an interesting story

Holy Hot Sauce this was an amazing little story... perfect summer read!=[

and then he kissed her, with his heart, his soul his everything

OMG I AM HAPPY CRYING SOOO MUCH RIGHT NOW!!

Geri Reads says

3.5 sweet stars!

Zane Hollander is a world-famous surfer with a bad boy reputation. Sophie Birch is a brainy and organized young woman who comes to White Strand to further her new career as an event organizer.

Zane is pursuing a spokesperson gig but before he can even begin to entertain the idea, he must clean up his bad boy image. Enter Sophie. She wasn't the type of girl he hangs out with but she's respected and safe. Just the kind of girl that could convince the non-profit organization Zane is courting about his reformed lifestyle.

I have to say I really enjoyed this one. Sophie and Zane looked so different in terms of their lifestyle but when you look closer, they actually have a lot more in common. Zane, despite his good looks has some insecurities about his 'smarts' due to his father's constant verbal abuse. He doesn't really see himself as the kind of man that a smart woman like Sophie would love. Sophie is insecure about her looks especially when she compares herself to the more glamorous beach bunnies that seems to be Zane's type.

They had to work out their underlying issues throughout the book. It's fun for me as a reader because I see Sophie trying to fight off her obvious attraction while thinking that the Zane couldn't be really interested in her and vice-versa.

I also liked the fact that Zane and Sophie took their time to get to know each other. The sexual tension was definitely on point as was the banter among the two MCs. I especially enjoyed the hint of what's coming for Bryce and Honor.

My only peeve was that there were times where it just gotten too slow for me. I'm all for slow building but there were times when I was tempted to transport myself in those pages and give these two a nudge--or maybe a push to get things going. And when they finally got it on, it was derailed by a major conflict, which is a plot point I can't divulge because it would be a spoiler. But I wish we would have gotten more Zane and Sophie as a "couple" doing couple-y things before shit hits the fan, so to speak.

But other than that, this was a fun and enjoyable read. Definitely another winner from Ms. Bielman. :)
