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Kiki says

Hero leaves heroine for job.

Didn't chase her.

Heroine's boss offered him a lucrative job offer to get him back in her life.

Nah, pass.

Greg Howard says

Great start to a beautiful breezy romance series set along one of the most charming stretches of beach towns in Florida. You'll feel like you're right there, sitting on the white sandy beaches watching the world (and all the hot men) go by! Recommended!

Coco.V says

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Blurb:

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Megan | A Page to Turn says

I adored this little love story - Seanna is coming out of a relationship that was so unhealthy that she has told herself she doesn't deserve love, or another man. Blake is dead set on ignoring the chemistry - but when these two finally set aside the past and open themselves up for the future, it's just so sweet. I really enjoyed these two broken characters coming together and falling so hard. It was such a cute story, with an amazing southern setting. I loved it.

Cristina says

A heartwarming love story about second chances, new beginnings and the power of secrets.

I loved the story and lived every page of it. The writing style is simple, the characters are well developed and with a bit of crazy side attached to them, but also strongwilled. It will make you laugh, cry and live it with intensity.

Seanna's life is a long way from being the one she dreamed of at the beginning. In order to find the strength she needs to start her life over, she moves for a while in Seaside, to stay with her aunt.

Here, she meets every woman's dream guy. Sensitive, hot and good at everything. Sounds like a total dream, but he exists... even if just for our main heroine.

Slowly but surely, their fling becomes more by the day, and they find themselves in a love game which has an uncertain ending for them.

Everyone has something they don't want to tell people. But when the secret you hold is coming back, what are you willing to do to win back the love of your life ?

Katherine Paschal says

Seanna escapes her current painful living situation to go visit her favorite Aunt Cassidy in Seaside Florida. She was looking for just a few days to avoid her deadbeat ex-fiance but what she finds is love from her aunt as well as new friends that she completely belongs with. Blake moved to Seaside to get a fresh start, a place where nobody knows the horrors of his past, and he can be a simple handyman. He never planned on Seanna, the first person to make him want to share his past and hope for his future. But can their relationship potential withstand the disasters of their pasts?

This was my second read by Melissa, my first being the super cute Falling For Forever, the second in her YA series Beyond Forever (and if you heart A contemporary reads I HIGHLY recommend you pick this up to read- you can read my review of it [HERE](#)). So anyway, going into this book I had pretty high expectations that I was going to get an enjoyable romance and that I would be entertained. Well, Melissa did not let me down- she delivered on my hopes and I received a fun romance about two people weighted down by the baggage of life.

I found this read to be lighthearted and fun, a perfect lazy-beachy-sunny-day book- which I was a little surprised by since both main characters have a lot of bad things happen to them, and we are not talking about a spilled cup of coffee kind of bad thing, but theft, addiction, suicide, and accusations kind of bad things. I blew through the book in just a day, enjoying the characters and the world. Hands down my favorite part of the story was the dynamic and camaraderie between all the friends. I loved all the quirky people that made up family to Blake and so easily adopted Seanna in to their fold. Sebastian was a sweetie, Chase awesome and even Marigold had her charms. I can't wait to read more in this series and see the others get their HEA too.

A side effect from reading this book is the craving for some delicious baked goods and the desire to go find

some sand to stick my feet in asap. I found this to be a cute read and I would love some more of Melissa's romances, be it adult or YA. Pick this up for a book full of easy to love character. Ans ps, Melissa's playlist is the perfect mix for the story, I can easily imagine each song fitting somewhere in the book.

I am reviewing a complementary copy of this book. Review posted on <https://smadasbooksmack.blogspot.com/>

Angie Hackett says

Meh

At first this book was deceptively good, well written with colourful characters.

As the book progressed I found myself getting annoyed and frustrated with it. The characters were still interesting, well the surrounding characters were. Blake and Seanna, however, not so much. I thought this was going to be a romance but it seemed to be more like an erotic book with the heapings of sex.

Sara says

Did you know that Melissa Chambers is one of my favorite authors? I loved both *The Summer Before Forever* and *Falling For Forever*, so I don't know if I could've possibly been any more excited when she reached out to ask if I'd like to review an ARC of her latest adult title. This book actually helped pull me out of a several-week-long slump and I am forever grateful for that. Slumps are the worst.

As expected, I really enjoyed this book! I felt like I could've driven down to Seaside, Florida to hang out with this whole cast of characters. Seanna was really well-developed and I related a lot to her struggle with what she wants to do with her life. Blake's big secret ended up being a little different than I'd expected and helped explain why he was so hesitant to start a new relationship. I loved the side characters too (particularly Sebastian!) and I think it's so great that the books for Bo and Chase are already out.

I'd definitely recommend this as a fun beach or poolside read. If you're looking for a light romance with just enough conflict to keep things interesting, definitely give this one a shot!

Head over to my blog for an exclusive playlist and an excerpt from the blog tour!

D.M. says

Melissa Chambers returns with a brand new book series. Mmm... yes please sign me up! I'm a book addict and Melissa always delivers great fixes. *Seaside Sweets* is a great story which takes dating disasters to a whole new level.

Seanna has to get away from her ex-boyfriend he is literally draining her life. She is low on cash and has just lost her job. She decides to visit her Aunt in Florida. *Seaside* is picturesque and the perfect getaway break she needs. Seanna easily fits into the town's lifestyle and soon is seeing a future she had never imagined possible.

Blake has already run away from his life. 3 years ago he gave up everything and moved to the town of Seaside. He's now working as a handyman and taking the easy option. He doesn't date. His last relationship left him with too much damage. When he meets Seanna he can admit she's beautiful, but he wants to leave it at that. The problem is that she's more than beautiful. She has her own bad dating story and even though he's not ready to share he wants to help her.

Fate had brought these two together. Sparks fly and it becomes hard to resist. They both need to get their life back on track and open their eyes to what is right in front of them.

This book sets up a whole town of the lovable character. I really enjoyed this book. 5 stars out of 5.

*I received an ARC in exchange for an honest review.

Sandra Adams says

New series

Another great romantic series by Melissa Chambers. She does not disappoint with Seaside Sweets. Blake and Sienna's romance does not happen without some drama and little hot sex. The seaside town is ideal for rebuilding Sienna soul and life. There she meets such a collective group that accepts her into their fold as a new friend. Blake carries secrets that hold him back but he also unbeknownst to him has found a family in this unusual group. Friendship and love for each other no matter how different we may be is well written into this book. Somewhat disappointed the aunt did not play more into the book.

Kim says

Wish washy romance with tragic baggage

This is a slow wishy washy romance where one of the couple has baggage and the other one has tragic baggage. The story is made up of constant denial, avoidance, lies, martyrdom & lots of self doubt. The plot was ok but the story reeked of a first attempt at writing. Not bad enough to be a 1 but not good enough to be more than a 2.

books are love says

Seanna and Blake are going through so much in this book. For Seanna she is coming out of a really horrible relationship-her trust is shattered and she is angry. Angry at herself and at all men. For Blake he is beating himself up about something in his past and it is keeping him closed off and eating him alive. So when they meet and there is attraction, Blake fights like heck to ignore it and Seanna doesn't really know what to think. She knows she feels safe with Blake. That she wants to open up to him and does. He doesn't judge just listens and understands. He is also afraid. For as they grow close and he can't deny his feelings any longer, he knows that he is keeping something from her that can really harm where they are in their relationship.

For Seanna, Blake helps her heal and find her way out of a tough situation. She begins to feel and trust herself and others again. She sees his friendships and things he has endured and gathers strength from it. She

sees the man on the inside and even though she knows hes hurting doesn't push. For Blake, Seanna helps him move forward but also has him stagnant. It is the push he needs to confront his past and see how those around him will react when they find out. And they always find out. Only for them it was an unlikely source and one that snarls out the hurling accusation and rumors. Before this it was a attraction that heated the kindle and had you smile at the give and take these two went through. You could see they loved one another but were scared. When Blake's past comes out Seanna definitely didn't react how he would hope. And he is definitely shattered once again. ONLY his friends are there for him. They comfort him and show him that they know who he is and know his heart.

I love how Blake does fight but also knows that love requires you sometimes to let go and let time heal wounds first. His friend Bo I loved. And chase was great as well. The whole cast and crew were wonderful. Blake kind and caring a good all around guy. Seanna a sweet determined girl and their attraction wow. Told in both views it is Blake's I love because we truly see all of him and he doesn't hold back his thoughts.

The story is steamy at times but filled with love and friendship. We see how friends rally together for each other and become one's family but also how love makes you heal and stronger.

Shalini says

It's a beautiful heartwarming tale of love. It is all about second chances and new beginnings. Her writing is simple and eloquent at the same time. It was a breeze reading this book.

Suze Lavender says

Seanna is in Seaside Florida to escape her ex. He's emptied her bank account, maxed her credit card, cost her her job and he's living in the apartment she has to pay for until the end of the year. Because of him Seanna is completely broke. Spending time with her favorite aunt will heal her and in the meantime she can look for a job. Seanna is done with men, but then she meets Blake. He's everything she's ever wanted. However, after all the drama and low times she went through, love is the last thing she's looking for. Seanna's friends have different ideas though, will they successfully push her in the right direction?

Blake experienced something traumatic that he can't seem to process. He lost everything in one single moment. He went to Seaside to start over and while he has plenty of friends nobody knows his history. When he meets Seanna Blake finally starts looking at the future again. He's no longer just a scared and broken man because of his past, but he's also not ready for something long lasting and deep. While his friends encourage him to take a step in the right direction Blake constantly fights the urge to run away. Do he and Seanna have a chance together or are they both too damaged to embrace true love when it's presenting itself?

Seaside Sweets is a wonderful romantic story. Seanna is a strong woman. Her ex stole from her and even though she doesn't have much money she's determined to find a solution to her problems by herself. She works hard, so she can earn the last amount of money she owes because of her ex. She's finally finding herself in Seaside and is slowly discovering what it's like to feel happy again. I loved the beautiful friendships she has. The same goes for the gentle and caring, but wounded Blake. Seanna and Blake are lucky with their fabulous kindhearted, caring and constantly interfering friends, it's something special that made the story truly stand out for me.

Melissa Chambers has a warm and welcoming writing style that easily drew me into her story. Seaside

Sweets is fast-paced and often entertaining, combined with the exact right amount of depth. I couldn't put it down and effortlessly read the story in one sitting. I love it when a book manages to grab me like that. The setting is amazing, the main characters are fantastic and the summery feelgood vibe is delightful. I highly recommend Seaside Sweets, it's a gorgeous sexy story filled with real love, unconditional friendship and unbreakable bonds.

Jessica Calla says

Besides offering up a wonderful love story, this book made me want to hop in my car and drive down to the Florida panhandle! Heck, if Blake were real, maybe I would :) I loved the story of Blake and Seanna, and how they overcame their pasts to find love with each other. In the enchanting setting of this beautiful Florida beach town, Blake and Seanna's love is anything but perfect. They both have things they're running from that they are afraid to face. Still, the attraction between the broody, mysterious, gorgeous Blake, and the straightforward, smart, curvy-hot Seanna is undeniable from the start. The additional side characters, Cassidy, Sebastian, and the 30A group of tight-knit, quirky friends were written perfectly, and they, too, were rooting (and scheming!) for Blake and Seanna to get together. Highly recommended for fans of contemporary romance, beach reads, and books where the setting takes on a character of its own, SEASIDE SWEETS is the start of a wonderful new reading adventure by Melissa Chambers. I'm already itching to get my hands on Bo and Chase's stories.
