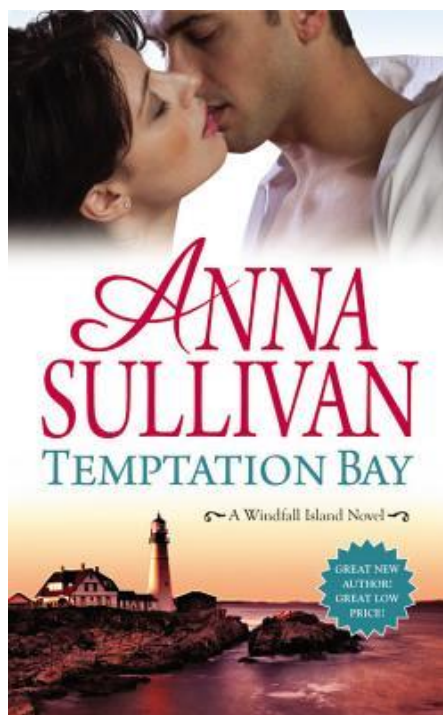




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Anna Sullivan brings us the first book in her witty new contemporary romance series set off the coast of Maine.

Temptation Never Tasted So Sweet...

Maggie Solomon has always been one of Windfall Island's favorite daughters. A beautiful, passionate charter pilot who loves this remote Maine island, Maggie has never cared much for outsiders—until her latest passenger arouses the curiosity of the town . . . and something hot and irresistible in Maggie. With his long, lean looks and razor-sharp wit, the man is temptation itself.

Cop-turned-PI Dexter Keegan is on a covert mission to solve the case that will make his career: uncovering the identity of the Stanhope heir, kidnapped nearly a century ago. No one on this fiercely protective island can know what he's doing, not even the spirited, blue-eyed beauty who infuriates—and excites—Dex. As the desire between them ignites, Maggie becomes the key to the case . . . and the target of an unknown enemy. Now Dex will do anything to protect the woman he's come to love—even risk his own life.

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Les Romantiques says

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Reviewed by Rinou

Review Copy from the Publisher

I didn't know Anna Sullivan before NetGalley suggested her first book to me (and the first installment in a series whose second is scheduled for next year). Romantic suspense is one of my favorite genres, but in spite of certain qualities I was never really pulled into the story.

Maggie is the owner and pilot of the air transport company of Windfall Island. Her father, high-ranking military man, always reproached her for being a mere girl, and she's retained a deep distrust of men. That can be understood. Dex is an ex-soldier became cop became PI, who lands on the island to try and solve the mystery of the disappearance during the Prohibition of a baby heir of a big and wealthy family. For the needs of the investigation, he lies about why he is on the island, and the heroine will not be pleased when she learns about his lies.

My main problem with this book is that I had trouble connecting with Maggie and Dex. From the start they are at each other throats, they are really aggressive one towards the other, and after a while I was irritated by them both. And I didn't understand how they could go from all this mutual animosity (leading sometimes to disproportionate reactions) to love when they don't even seem to like each other the slightest bit. And even the first sex scenes didn't touch me as they were rather I hate you-I jump your bones-I hate you still.

There are after all not so many characters in spite of this enclosed space, and the small town atmosphere isn't really used, except for the fact that everybody knows everybody. The two most present secondary characters will logically be the heroes of the next book (on the other side the other characters left are really old or already married or suspicious-looking).

I thought the pace was quite slow, and the plot was not used to its potential. We dwell too long on trifles and arguments and the story doesn't move. It was probably done to have the reader focus on the couple, but that didn't work for me as they were rather unpleasant. However the author was able to confuse me about a secondary character with several status change: villain, not villain, villain again. Answer in the next book...

As it's a series, the mystery of the disappeared baby goes on in the following book. Unfortunately the publisher put the beginning of it to tempt us, and the prologue is in fact the rest of the prologue of Temptation Bay, and it lifts the veil on this affair (or at the very least gives a solution that's enough for me). So I'll stop there for this series.

Romancing the Book says

Reviewed by Allison

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Review originally posted at Romancing the Book

This book has several things going for it: It's set on an island in Maine (which I love), the author has created very strong characters, and I liken the story as having a "Nora Roberts-esque" voice. I LOVED this book,

and I'm dying because the next book in the series is not out until next March!

Maggie Solomon has lived on Windfall Island since her teen years, when her overbearing Navy officer father banished her and her mother there because Maggie wouldn't fall in line with his orders. She has an ordered life, one she loves, where she runs the local airport, flies charters on her airplane and helicopter, and is fiercely protective of the islanders.

Maggie's orderly life is thrown a curve when she flies in "lawyer" (but really a PI), Dex Keegan. He's very closemouthed about what he's doing on this tiny island, and won't tell her anything until, in frustration, he has to take her into his confidence to get her help. He's trying to find descendants of a baby kidnapped during prohibition, and that person is going to end up very rich. But he can't ask questions outright because he'll either have a flock of pretenders descend on him, or it could mean death – for him or the not-so-lucky Stanhope heir.

And sure enough, someone is out to stop Maggie and Dex from finding the truth. But what no one foresees, least of all Maggie and Dex, is that these two are drawn to each other. Yes, they drive each other to distraction, contention, and arguments, but there's a bone-deep passion between them.

Anna Sullivan, the author, has a great voice. She pulled me into the story from the first paragraph, and wouldn't let me go until I finished the book. She has created very strong characters – people you want to get to know in real life. They are strong, quirky, and talk like real people. The dialog is excellent – Maggie's snarkiness comes to life!

The story is told from two main POV characters – Maggie and Dex. But a few times there are other minor characters telling the story. I believe the author has set it up this way as they will become the main characters in subsequent books.

Besides a great love story, there's a compelling mystery. WHO is the Stanhope heir? While one mystery is solved in this book, that compelling question is not (aargh!).

The author also writes incredible love scenes – it is at those times that her "Nora Roberts-esque" voice shines. The love scenes are far more than insert A into slot B. They are written with heat, passion, and most of all EMOTION. As an aspiring author myself, I know how difficult that can be, and this author has a gift for love scenes.

So to summarize – GO! Now! Read this book! You won't regret it.

Bea Charmed says

"Temptation Bay" was appealing - small town romance; sassy, smart heroine; hero with a sense of humor (actually they both had a good humor); a strong mystery; and heat that sparked off the page.

Dex is on Windfall Island to find a missing heiress, but his work is a secret. Maggie is an islander who owns a plane service on the island and flies him over. There's an immediate physical attraction but they bump heads, particularly over the truth about his stay on the island. Maggie is spunky, quick-witted, and not afraid to speak her mind. Dex is also quick-witted and they enjoy sparring with each other. Maggie is frustrated with Dex's secretiveness about his visit to the island while Dex finds the locals aren't as easy to milk for information as he expected. There are some humorous scenes where some of the single island women

aggressively pursue Dex. The islanders are independent, quirky but not overly so, and fiercely loyal to each other. Well, most of them. As in any population, there are predators and worms to gum up the works.

Maggie and Dex are great together and I was rooting for them to make their relationship work. Maggie has some emotional brick walls and Dex is determined to demolish them but respectfully. Things move quickly between them and there are some clichés but I could overlook them as I just loved Dex and Maggie together. I really liked Maggie and how she handled herself. She's nobody's doormat, a great friend, a skilled mechanic, and has a soft side.

Sullivan doles out clues and hints about the missing heiress and at least one of the locals is actively working to prevent Dex from finding her. Or is he? I can't decide if he is or if Sullivan is misleading us. He seems like a good guy and that's one of Sullivan's strengths; most of the characters are all good or all bad, but they fall somewhere in between. No one is perfect, but they're all real; each is distinctive, they're not interchangeable. The romance for the next book is set up in this one and I'm looking forward to it. The mystery is slowly being uncovered but Dex still has a lot of work to do and more answers to find. I have some ideas and can't wait to see if I'm right or not. Happily, I have book two sitting on my kindle. :)

Jacob Proffitt says

This was an ARC acquired through Netgalley.

The book is an extremely strong showing for a new author. Though fictional, the setting feels real enough that I had no trouble picturing the island of Windfall and its inhabitants—both shaped by the cold North Atlantic location. The characters are strongly evocative, with a good balance of the unique and the universal to make the reader feel that they know people just like this (even though you might wish you didn't).

I rather enjoyed the romance, too, though not without some hesitation. Maggie Solomon is difficult to like, even knowing the reasons for her abrasive personality. Having a manipulative jerkwad for a father, even one who uses your love overtly to manipulate you, only buys you so much slack. It doesn't help that Dex is so *very* adorable (if occasionally tragically stupid). Sparks fly, of course, and things heat up in marvelous ways. Still, there were a couple points where the friction seemed like a bit much (from both of them, really).(view spoiler)

The plot holding the action together was interesting, though a little thin, in the end. This isn't helped by the resolution being put off until a later book. It isn't a cliffhanger or anything so foul, and I *liked* the way things wrapped up, here. But I can't help feeling like the whole lost heiress plotline has been ridden about as far as it can go without tipping over. In the end, while I find the mystery intriguing, I have to admit I'm just not that invested in finding the answer. I'm looking forward to the next book, mind, but that's because I like Jessi and Hold and it looks like they're next.

Which shows that for however rocky the story was, I liked the characters and can't wait to return. It was a good romance and I ended up liking the two main characters a great deal (even if it took me a while to get there). It's a solid 3.5 and I'm thinking I'll round that up to 4 for a new author and in acknowledgement of being anxious for the next book.

A note about Steamy: This one is upper-middle range on my steam tolerance. Three and a half (two blend together with a mild interruption between) explicit sex scenes of short to moderate length. They were *very* well done, though, and appreciated.

? Sassy ~ Amy ? says

This is the first book in a new series... It was a great introduction to a new author!

The main undercurrent of a plot is that Dexter Keegan comes to the Island to find the descendants of the kidnapped Stanhope heiress... BUT someone doesn't want them found...

Dexter comes to the island via helicopter flown by Maggie who owns the tiny airport on the island... Dexter Likes Maggie right away & she is pretty smitten with him, but he's an outsider hiding something...

It was a good story that I couldn't put down. I did pause a couple times because I got tired of the back & forth slamming & snarky comments & kept thinking... "Get on with it, already!" Once it happened though it was a fast paced mystery...

I enjoyed it & cannot wait for George's book!

Jane says

Windfall Island, Maine is the setting for the mystery of what happened to Eugenia Stanhope, a baby kidnapped in October 1931. PI, Dexter 'Dex' Keegan comes to the island posing as an attorney but does not tell the close mouthed community what he is looking for. Maggie Solomon comes into his confidence when he figures he will not solve his case and make a name for himself without help. As they get closer to the truth, a break into his room at the local inn, a mysterious rock slide and finally an attempt on his and Maggie's life when the fuel line is cut on a plane brings Maggie and Dex closer and closer. Dexter's need to protect Maggie becomes his only concern as the two finally admit their love and this part of the story ends. The fate of Eugenia Stanhope is still a mystery, although they now know that she did come to Windfall Island and not perish in a ship explosion off the Maine coast. Another novel is to follow this one to continue the investigation...

My thanks to the author Anna Sullivan and Goodreads First Reads Giveaway for a copy of *Temptation Bay*.

Kathy says

Interesting! Kooky characters and a small town make this feel a little like a cross between a cozy mystery and romance. There's also an interesting long-term mystery that will presumably be dealt with in future books.

Dianne says

Take one sexy hunk, working undercover to solve a mysterious kidnapping that took place almost a century

before, bring him to the close-knit community of Windfall Island and kick in one beautiful, hard-headed and independent local favorite and watch the fur fly! Maggie is distrustful of outsiders, protective of her island and her attraction to Dex is something she is determined to fight. Meanwhile, every woman on the island wants Dex's attentions, but there is just something about Maggie that draws him in. When she becomes a key to solving the mystery and her life is in danger, Dex will stop at nothing to protect her. Too bad they seem to mix like oil and water. Can they set aside their prickliness long enough to 1)solve the mystery or 2) just admit their feelings and go with it?

Temptation Bay by Anna Sullivan is pure entertainment, from the classic bantering between the two main characters to the quaint "small town" attitude of the island's residents. This isn't a soft and cuddly romance, but it is steamy and often the chemistry is off the charts! If you enjoy when the hero has an uphill battle with most of the characters, and amazing one-liners, you'll find that you won't even mind if the mystery isn't completely solved!

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Marilyn Rondeau says

Even though Maggie Solomon hadn't been born on Windfall Island, she was one of the island's favorite people. Beautiful, passionate and loyal, Maggie loved Windfall and its inhabitants with all her heart. As a charter pilot who just happens to bring 'outsiders' onto the island she was happiest when she brought them back to the mainland. However, her latest passenger Dexter Keegan was more than just a passenger arousing the natural curiosity of the island natives, as well as arousing feelings in Maggie that she hadn't experienced in a very long time. Feelings that were both exciting and scary for a woman who was deathly afraid of being perceived as weak.

Dex, cop turned PI is on a covert mission to solve a 100 year old cold-case that could make or break his career: attempting to find information on the identity of the missing Stanhope heir, kidnapped nearly a century ago. And didn't Maggie's bright blue eyes seem to resemble exactly the same eyes as the very wealthy Stanhope clan? But when sabotage to Maggie's Piper cub almost led to disaster - Dex will do anything to protect the woman he firmly believes is the only one for him.

*** In this contemporary mystery romance, author Sullivan created a delightful locale with a lovely bunch of quirky secondary characters - the kind of characters that you love and add a full richness to any story. In spite of the originality of Maggie, a beautiful charter pilot, it took me a bit to warm up to her as Ms. Sullivan created her with both a big chip on her shoulder and attitude galore. Naturally, it took a little while to discover the reasons why Maggie had such a bad attitude, but then it made sense and easier to relate to

Maggie's childhood pain and begin to understand her.

Dex was also a nice addition with an enormous amount of patience when it came to dealing with the abrasiveness of Maggie's off-handed and sometimes nasty comments. All he really knew in the beginning was that he was terribly attracted to Maggie and his 'lust' hormones were raging. Obviously, his commitment level was a bit 'lost in space' when faced with Maggie's honesty when she chose to announce her feelings.

All in all, the mystery and research of trying to discover what happened 100 years ago from a very close-mouthed and close-knit community was the basis of the plot and the mystery. Having Maggie and Dex fighting the sensual pull was more or less secondary. Early on you know who 'one' of the bad guys is, then towards the end it seems as though the ending gets rushed leaving the reader with a choice to either go ahead and pre-order the next book in the series or just assume by the prologue of the next book that you know where it's going and who the actual heir is which is why I am not giving this a higher rating. The book gives too much away.

Bottom line: Good but it honestly did not engage me as much as other mysteries have. Personally, I don't like to know so early in the book who the bad guy is - I like to try to figure it out myself or be surprised.

Marilyn Rondeau, for www.ck2skwipsandkritiques.com

Wendy says

Temptation Bay is the first book in a new series about the kidnapping of a baby, an heiress, in 1931 and the investigation to find her descendants.

Sexy Dex Keegan, PI, was hired by the Stanhope family to question the inhabitants of Windfall Island and he is flown in by charter pilot Maggie Solomon. Windfall is Maggie's home, where she has her business and she is very protective of it's tight knit community. Realizing he is getting nowhere with the residents of the island Dex asks for Maggie's help. Once he breaks through her icy exterior the sparks fly and romance ensues. They work together even when their efforts are being sabotaged by someone unknown.

I was intrigued by the mystery and suspense and I look forward to the next book in this series.

Jo says

A century old missing person case, a remote island off the coast of Maine, a sexy female favorite daughter and the handsome ex-cop turned private investigator makes *Temptation Bay* a action packed romance.

I want to thank Anna Sullivan, the author of *Temptation Bay* and Goodreads First Reads for my copy of this book.

Jonetta says

The set up

Maggie Solomon is a charter pilot living in Windfall Island, Maine. Her life changes the moment she picks up her latest client to transport him to the island from nearby Portland. Dexter (Dex) Keegan, a Boston-based private investigator, is posing as a lawyer in order to investigate the possible ancestors of a baby abducted over 80 years ago. They stand to be entitled to a family fortune. Maggie and Dex have an immediate chemistry but she's highly resistant.

The issues

The island has a history of bootlegging during Prohibition and salvaging, creating a culture where its residents are tight lipped and distrustful of outsiders. Dex has his work cut out for him as no one will open up to him and he can't be forthright about what he's up to. He has to rely on Maggie for help and it's an uphill battle. Their sparring is constant, with relentless back and forth banter as they battle for control in the relationship and denial of their obvious attraction.

What I liked

The story is very well written, with an intriguing mystery underlying the romance. It is an extremely interesting premise that was mystifying. The style of language seemed authentic to northeast islanders and the descriptions created vivid images in my mind of the setting and lifestyle. Dex and Maggie are also well developed characters as you get a very good sense of who they are that is highly consistent with how they behave and react to each other. Their steamy moments are hot and passionate, connecting them when conversation failed. When Maggie's walls were lowered, their romance worked.

Where I disconnected

Maggie has a troubled family history that's left her wary, caustic and relationship phobic. Dex is constantly trying to push in and she's got walls that rival Ft. Knox. Their banter was initially clever and entertaining but it went too far and too long. It bogged the story down and I struggled to hang in there with the abrasive Maggie, to the point where it was hard to see what Dex found appealing about her. The first half of the book focused too much on these silly conflicts when the real story was so much more interesting, fighting to rise above dialogue I found tiring. The second half moved at a much better pace when the emphasis was on the mystery and a more adult relationship, saving the story in my opinion.

The bottom line

Despite my issues with the first half of the book and Maggie, the second half really captured my interest. This would have easily been a 4 or 5 star rated book if those issues I outlined could have been limited to only a third of the story. I have to reemphasize the quality of the writing, however, as it's skillful in all other aspects. The mystery isn't completely resolved but the ending is by no means a cliffhanger. I definitely plan to read the next book in the series.

(I received an ARC from NetGalley)

Brooke says

Wow. I am TOTALLY sucked into this story and SUPER BUMMED that I didn't realize it's the first in the series and not a stand alone at that. Now I can't WAIT for Ms. Sullivan to finish writing the series!

I love a good romance and I love it even more when there's a crime/mystery intertwined in the story that the leading couple is working to figure out. Temptation Bay had everything my heart could desire in a good story and then some.

Dex is a private investigator who comes to Windfall Island to investigate a cold case kidnapping from the days of Prohibition. Maggie owns the island's airport and the small fleet of aircraft used to ferry tourists and islanders to and from the mainland. They meet when she brings Dex to the island. It doesn't take long for them to cozy up to each other and for Dex to enlist Maggie's help in solving his case. The only problem is there is a lot of money involved since the missing child was the daughter of one of America's wealthiest families and if she survived the kidnapping, her heir(s) stand to inherit a substantial amount of money. And when money is involved, especially this level of money, greed inevitably takes over and some people don't want the case solved and any potential heirs located.

Dex used to be Army Special Forces which means he's an alpha, he's fiercely protective, and sex as sin with a killer body... Maggie is gorgeous, of course, and she's tough as nails since she didn't have the most loving upbringing but that also makes her VERY guarded when it comes to her emotions.

I absolutely LOVED Dex and Maggie, both as individual characters and as a couple. They send each other constant (and hilarious) sarcastic jabs, making me thoroughly enjoy their banter. I also loved the supporting characters, Jessi and Holden, and I can't WAIT for them to get together in the next book as the story continues (and hopefully concludes since I NEED a resolution to the kidnapping and heir mystery).

There were plot twists and at least one "oh shit" moment that threw me for a loop. I felt like the story was well written and had a great flow. The book was obviously edited which is ALWAYS a bonus for me (very minimal errors, if any, that I found)! Overall, this was a REALLY good book that I will add to my list of books to reread.

I received this ARC in exchange for an honest review.

Laylaw says

This honest review was done in exchange for an Arc

Temptation Bay had a great start to the book, I was hooked on the story of prohibition, a mysterious baby, a boat explosion, and rum runners. Gripped from the get go- Maggie is a pilot on a small island who handles all the charters and has the business of everyone coming and going.

She is hauling special forces-turned cop-turned PI Dex Keegan to the island for a mysterious reason. He has a front as a lawyer and doesn't provide Maggie with his reasons for his trip. They immediately are at each others neck and have to fight their attraction with Maggie does with her tough girl image.

Finally realizing he is getting nowhere with the natives, Dex enrolls Maggie's help. He is looking for a lost heir of the Stanhope fortune who was kidnapped as an infant.

Maggie and Dex both get a chance to work through their attraction and slowly Maggie's walls begin to crumble. I found myself liking Dex more than Maggie throughout the book because she seemed to not have a clear cut path in her actions. She admitted loving Dex but immediately cut him out and quickly went back to sarcasm and distance even when he tried to right a wrong. The book did drag and some parts seemed to be a little redundant where as others stayed hidden. I know more books are forthcoming for Windfall Island series, which is good because at the end of this book we don't have a lot of answers other than Maggie and Dex finally "growing up" somewhat and realizing their feelings.

Misty says

Loved this one! Cannot wait to hit book two.....great story with great characters. Loved the cliff hanger ending
