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A summer in Aruba, on the beach, in the sun—what else could a girl want? A summer romance, of course!

Imagine spending your entire summer vacation on the beautiful Islands of Aruba. Who could ask for anything more? Well, for Morgan Callahan, spending her entire summer in Aruba with the father, she hardly knows, is barely anything to look forward to. In fact, she is dreading the next few months.

Nonetheless, she is in for the time of her life! From secret operatives to finding romance. Morgan is in for some international intrigue!

## **Tropical Kiss Details**

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## From Reader Review Tropical Kiss for online ebook

### Ally says

This book was hilarious! I love Morgan and her klutzy, spunky self. The author really knows how to make a person laugh. It was serious yet funny. I would love it if the author would make a sequel about her living in Washington D.C.

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### Sherry says

This book rocks! It deals with a girl who is sent to Aruba to live with her father for the summer, while her mother is on her honeymoon in India. She doesn't know her father very well but by the end of the summer learns to save herself (That sunglasses dude!) and a little bit more about her father. And maybe just maybe falls in love.

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### Kathy Davie says

This will appeal to those who fantasized about an "older man" while they were in high school. I can remember back to my high school years....dating a college guy was hot stuff.

#### My Take

Very much a young teen romance with an irritating heroine. She is rude, self-absorbed, crude, and such a child. Ah, well, I guess you could say she's a typical teen, and I shouldn't condemn the story for that.

And stupid. God, she's dumb. It's more as though Coffey couldn't really be bothered to work at this and just took the easy way out. Too bad for Morgan. The shower scene? Oh, duhhh. Morgan is just such a stupid bitch. I wanna smack her with her own crutches. She takes off without saying a word to Cy that first day, and he ends up...nope, no, you'll have to read it for yourself. If you can be bothered. She leaps to erroneous conclusions faster than a crooked journalist, and seems to think she can smack anyone and anything with no regrets. She whines and complains about how awful the Callahan track record is with relationships and proceeds to fulfill all of her whiny complaints.

Of course, Dad isn't the brightest tool in the shed either. Since Aruba is so safe, obviously his daughter is too. Yup, uh-huh...and I got this bridge I'd like ta sell ya...

Gag... "Every inch of Morgan's body was tingling, and she couldn't understand why."

Parents will appreciate Morgan's morals; Coffey is very careful to keep the sex out of this story. Oh, there's plenty of kissing and fumbling. And talk of desire. But she also has Morgan and Cy carefully taking those cold showers.

What's with that mom? She doesn't trust her kid herself, but she expects Philip to have complete trust in her.

It was sweet to read of Philip and his hopes and worries for his daughter.

This is a juvenile story with a juvenile heroine; and I mean it in the tackiest way.

### **The Story**

Forced to spend the summer with the father she hasn't seen in three years, Morgan is positive she'll simply be closer for him to ignore.

### **The Characters**

**Morgan Callahan** is seventeen years old, a klutz, a cold fish, and one of the rudest characters I've come across who is supposed to be the heroine of the piece. I'd like to drop her off the end of the pier with a few anchors tied to her feet. **Philip Callahan** has spent his working career moving from country to country, pushing paper as an official in the U.S. Department of Energy, ignoring his daughter. **Jean** is the mother who has just remarried. **Kabir Shuklah Shah** teaches engineering at MIT and is a perfect counterpoint to Morgan's mother.

**Cyrus Reed** is the son of an old friend of the family; his dad, John, was best man at the Callahans' wedding. Cy's interning with Morgan's dad in Aruba.

**Jack** is the ex-boyfriend, annoyed because Morgan wouldn't put out. **Becca** is Morgan's best friend.

**Kate Leicester** and her pack of Lizards: **Liz**, **Beth**, and **Ellie** have it in for Morgan. They're determined to prevent anything happening between her and Cy. **Mackenzie** is the antithesis to the Lizards. A nice person interested in **Nick**.

**Lorenzo the Chin** is the jerk Morgan first met at the airport who has some Colombian connections. **Tony** and his partner are hired goons.

### **The Cover**

The cover is a solid colonial blue background with cartoonish graphics of two fish meeting up as though to kiss, bubbles swirling up and about, framing the title and author's name.

The title is accurate enough as they do share more than one *Tropical Kiss*.

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### **Jennifer Wardrip says**

Reviewed by Me for TeensReadToo.com

Morgan Callahan is a seventeen-year-old girl with a life in turmoil. She's still recovering from a broken leg, hobbling along on crutches. Her mother has just remarried and is indulging in a little private honeymoon with her new husband. Her father, who she hasn't seen in three years, is currently in Aruba for business, and she's passed along to him for the summer. Arriving on a tropical island for a little summer vacation should be calming, but from the very beginning, it's anything but.

Her father is so busy with work-big surprise!-that he sends his twenty-year-old assistant, an intern for the summer, to pick Morgan up at the airport. Heaven forbid Phillip Callahan should take even an hour break from his busy schedule to pick his own daughter up upon arrival on an island in the middle of nowhere. To make matters worse, Phillip is detained in a late meeting, and the only person Morgan has for company is Cyrus "Cy" Reed, that cute assistant of her father's.

Determined to get to know her father better, to get to know Cy a whole lot more, and have a relaxing vacation beneath the Aruba sunshine, Morgan gets a bit more than she bargained for. When a battle begins to erupt between some drug lords and CIA agents, all hell breaks loose on Aruba.

TROPICAL KISS was a sweet story that has it all-suspense, intrigue, a nice island setting, comedy, and a summer spent learning about romance and family dynamics. Morgan is a typical teenager from a broken home. She's struggling to find her own identity, trying to get closer to a father who has always put his business first. With Cy, she finds a man who is both irritating and attractive at the same time, and she has to learn to come to grips with those conflicting emotions.

A well-paced young adult book with down-to-earth characters, TROPICAL KISS is a great read for a summer afternoon spent out in the sun.

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### **Jackie says**

Another great book buy this writer! We'll plotted amazing realistic characters. This is my least favorite of the books by Jan Coffey but I think it is still a great read. This is one of my all time favorite writers and I am so greatful for all the greatb books!

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### **Nancy says**

Funny! What a fun book to read! Geared towards young adults but I loved it. A great summer read.

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### **Morgan says**

loved it!! it had a little mystery in it too which is fun and unusual

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### **Caroline says**

This book is very good so far. It is about a girl who has to stay in Aruba with her father who she doesn't know that well and a young man while her mother honeymoons in India with her soon to be step dad.

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### **Ariana says**

This book was a sweet, light read. It was funny and nice for when you want your spirits lifted up. Morgan was strong and she didn't want any help and I loved that about her. I loved, also, how Cy didn't push her and helped her slightly. I thought the romance was a bit gooey in places and I wished it wasn't so sickly sweet.

I really liked Morgan as a character and how she wasn't so vain, but I don't like it when characters are all "whoa, I'm beautiful, ohmygosh, nooo, \*blush\*" and even though Morgan didn't go all the way there I think

that it was implied. Cy was funny and sweet but gushy. But the whole book was gushy. i mean, your in the carribean on an island with beautiful waters and so many mentions of sunlotion, it has to be gushy.

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### **Natalie says**

A cute summery romance, but major suspension of disbelief required. I didn't care for the age difference between the girl and the love interest. It didn't seem believable that a guy in his second or third year of college would be interested in a high school junior. There was also a lot of instalove.

I did like that Morgan mended the relationship with her father. I was surprised to see a few chapters narrated from the father's point of view, which is pretty unusual for YA books.

I really enjoyed Morgan's friendship with Mackenzie. The two of them were supportive of each other and cared for each other a lot.

I also enjoyed the descriptions of Aruba. It's clear the authors love it, and that love really came through in their writing.

I also read this book while on a small island paradise of my own, so that was really cool.

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### **Vicki says**

What a cute book! It had everything I wanted for the summer, nice summery location (Aruba), cute boy (Cy), romance (amazing romance every girl dreams of), intrigue/mystery (who are those people following Morgan?!?) ahh very good :)

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### **Clare says**

So romantic! Great summer reading.

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### **Mandy says**

Best \$1.00 book I've bought! This was such a funny, light read. The characters are written so great and I love the way Cy and Morgan are complete opposites but bonded and ended up in love. I was so happy that Morgan and her dad ended up close in the end and that she decided to move in with him. With a bit of a mystery/spy theme this book really is a dish! A great light read that I highly recommend!!! Fun for summer :)

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### **Geli says**

I found this book to be very cute. Its a very quick read, which surprised me. I did not find it that all exciting though. I thought there could have been more excitement in this book especially towards the end. But Overall, like I said its a cute novel. If you're looking for a quick romantic read this would be it.

~After three years of not seeing him, Morgan is going to visit her dad in Aruba. Expecting to be alone and bored out of her mind she finds herself having the time of her life and even falling in love. The relationship between she and her father is getting better but she can't help but think that he's dealing in something illegal. She fears that now finally their relationship is how it should be as father and daughter that he may once again be ruining it.

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### **Mickey Reed says**

I thought this was totally cute! There were times when it was light, a chunk when it went a bit heavy, but the overall feel was fun. I liked the little mystery in there, and the romance part was amusing. Plus, Morgan's broken leg and overall clumsiness lead to some laughter.

Morgan is going to stay with her father in Aruba for part of the summer while her mother goes on a honeymoon with her new husband in India. Morgan has never been close to her father and expects this trip to somewhat be a waste. That's until she meets Cy. Morgan also meets Mac and some others on the island. The trip could possibly be worth it after all. However, her father's job hits home and creates some drama. What doesn't kill us makes us stronger, though!

Morgan is a clumsy girl, and she gets herself into some crazy predicaments. Cy is all suave and smooth and comes to her rescue. Plus he sounds pretty awesome and hot, so it's not surprising that she falls for him. Mac is a cool girl, while the Lizards seem like total B's. And Porcupine Butt was scary from the beginning. I knew he was weird from the airport. Her father's job was a little confusing, even when it's all being explained. Parts of it still don't make sense, but I suppose I understand enough to know what happened in the end. And the very end of this novel made me a little giddy. :o)

I really enjoyed this novel. As YA novels go, this one had quite a few references to sex, but it was always about responsible, safe sex. A couple swear words were peppered in, but they weren't totally inappropriate. This is a pretty good read, so check it out! Thanks to Ren for recommending it!

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