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There's nothing left for Tara Sweet in landlocked Dexon, Missouri. Her fiancé called off their wedding, her sister is moving to Manhattan, and now her mother is marrying a much younger man with plans for a yearlong honeymoon in Europe. Tara believes a move back to her childhood home of Otter Bay, California, will help restore the fun and fearlessness she's already missing in her twenties. Playing back memories of idyllic times spent there with her father along the majestic coast, a fairytale seems just around the corner. Better make that a soap opera. After Tara finds a job in Otter Bay, makes friends at The Red Abalone Grill, and perhaps even a new flame in firefighter Josh, she begins to uncover shocking secrets about why her family left this heaven on earth all those years ago. And though she will have to question everything she has ever known, the faith that Tara must depend upon will be sweeter than ever before.

## Sweet Waters Details

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# From Reader Review Sweet Waters for online ebook

## teresa pogue says

Tara Sweet is a practical and predictable older sister whose life has just been turned upside down. Her Mother has just married a younger man and her long time boyfriend dumped her. She moves back to her hometown of Otter Bay to fulfill her promise to her Dad. She promised him before he passed away that she would return. She hopes by doing so that she might relive some of the good memories of her youth.

Upon arriving in Otter Bay Tara meets a sexy firefighter named Josh. She also learns some troubling information concerning her father. Tara has to face her past which causes her to question everything she has ever known. Through the turmoil, she learns to rely on God who is always there even when life is spinning out of control.

This book is an easy read with a great message!

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## Cheryl says

Tara Sweet never thought that she would be moving back to her hometown of Otter Bay, California. After Tara's fiancé' calls off their wedding, there isn't much left for Tara to do in Missouri, so moving back home for a new start is exactly what Tara needs.

It seems that Tara isn't the only one looking for new adventures. Tara's sister, Liz is planning to move to Manhattan and their mother will be traveling the European countries with her new younger husband of eight years her junior, Derrick. They will be gone for about a year.

Tara comes back to Otter Bay with dreams and hopes of happy times like it used to be when she grew up. Yes, Tara makes some new friends and even meets sexy firefighter, Trent but Tara also gets more than she bargains for when she learns some secrets about her family.

Tara was a bit of a disappointment for me. I found her to be a bit dull. I found her mother and her new husband had me more interested in what they were going to do. I can't comment on Tara and Trent's chemistry as I stopped reading this book about a third of the way in, before things really picked up. I did think though that the people of Otter Bay seemed nice and a nice place to go to visit. For anyone who likes chick lit than you might like Sweet Waters.

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## Randy Tramp says

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Tara leaves Missouri and goes to Otter Bay. She meets Josh Adams, a firefighter. Both have mysteries in their past that need to be solved in order for their relationship to blossom or not.

My Thoughts

Sweet Waters is a romance story by the sea. Those two elements make for a good read. Add to that complicated and a few quirky people and you have a great story.

We're introduced to a mystery early in the book, thickening as pages are turned. I enjoyed the way the story played out, showing the power of truth. This was a fun read with a surprising ending.

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### **Laura says**

I really enjoyed the story and characters. The only complaint I had is that some of the dialogue was really unnatural. Great summer beach read!

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### **Kay Fief says**

It was a good story of a family with lots of background and it kept my attention to read for several hours. Through GOD we are going to find our home as to where HE wants us to be. Take the time to listen.

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### **Julie says**

I wrote this story a few years back for B&H Books. With that in mind, I didn't rate it, but I admittedly love the story and I'm grateful for those who have added it to their own libraries. I recently had the ebook reformatted for a better reading experience. Here's the story's synop:

With her well-planned life in disarray, jilted Tara Sweet leaves Missouri to chase after the fairy tale life her family once knew in Otter Bay. Soon she meets handsome but complicated firefighter Josh Adams and a host of mysterious faces from long ago. But what happens when truth is one secret after another, and the fairy tale turns out to be a soap opera?

Despite the vivid backdrop of their budding romance by the sea, Tara and Josh soon find themselves at odds with their families, their faith, the quirky townspeople of Otter Bay ~ and each other. Can they face the truth together ... and be set free?

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### **Amber says**

The three sisters moved and learned bad thing about their father. The sibling Dina i s were good. The most disconcerting thing I found was no breaks between paragraphs when the time period changed. You read a bit and don't understand for a bit. Definitely need asterisks or something between those paragraphs. I agree with another reviewer that the three sisters have terrible Knick names. But after I got into the book I enjoyed the story. Good Christian story.

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## **Deborah Boutwell says**

Returning to a safe place after several major changes in her life...that safe place isn't what she remembered. I thought Julie was writing about my life. Very easy read.

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## **Barbara Fox says**

This book kept me engaged from beginning to end. My heart went out to poor Tara who was tasked by her honeymooning mother to watch over the girls. She's in for a lot of surprises when she decided to visit their childhood town in California. One of her surprises is meeting handsome, troubled Josh. He's a good tortured hero. There are lots of twists and turns and a few surprises. I especially enjoyed the way Julie Carobini makes you feel what's going on

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## **Patti B says**

I really enjoyed reading this book. It had lots of twists and turns, and I came to really care about many of the people in it. The author did good work in showing the power of forgiveness, and that none of us are perfect. God used past lies in the book to draw people to the truth, His truth.

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## **Lori says**

Tara Sweet, a sensible, predictable, older sister had her life turned upside down when her Mother suddenly marries a very younger man and Tara's long time boyfriend dumps her. She never thought that she would be moving back to her hometown of Otter Bay, but before her Dad passed away he made her promise to return. With no ties to keep her in Missouri, and in hopes to relive some of the good memories of her youth, she takes off for Otter Bay.

Tara's mom leaves for her whirlwind honeymoon and her sister Liz moves to Manhattan. So Tara and her cousin try to find their way around. Upon arriving in Otter Bay Tara meets the sexy, firefighter Josh, but the longer she is in Otter Bay the more she finds disturbing information concerning her family's past. As Tara faces her past she is left questioning everything she has known. But through it all she learns to rely on the One who is faithful and who never changes.

I found this to be a fun book to read with a great message: God is there when life seems to be spinning out of control.

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## **Lori says**

I enjoyed the premise of this book: Tara returning to Otter Bay to fulfill her father's dying request and discovering things about her parents she never could have imagined. However, her discoveries were a bit drawn out...it seemed to take forever to get even the smallest (and usually very vague) pieces of information.

Tara's relationship with Josh was quite juvenile and the nicknames that she and her sister, Melanie, had for each other (Tare-Tare and Mel-Mel) made me crazy.

Overall, it was a fairly enjoyable read, set on the beach in typical Julie Carobini fashion. A light "beach read," perfect for summer.

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### **Mary Anne says**

Enjoyed the book. The book needs spaces or asterisks when there is a time change within a chapter. It was very jarring to be reading a long, then suddenly two sentences into a paragraph you discover 2 days have elapsed since the preceding paragraph! Also, a 'reality' show is basically a character in the book, though I think it should be referred to as a soap opera not a reality show. The main characters is basically 'Erica Cane' - show is on 5 days a week, with outlandish things happening - how is that a 'reality' show.

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### **Sarah says**

Waaaaaay too much God and Jesus mentioned for me. I did not know that the story would be Jesus-y in any way. The first time God was mentioned figured it was a random thing that that one character (on a plane) said. Toward the end it just got a lot more. Finished the book anyway. It is not my thing so was not expecting it in my light summer/beach read. I enjoyed the setting which is why I kept reading it. Easy read.

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### **Reina says**

A nice little story, with great characters. Some of the drama was a little too dramatic for my taste, and the editing for an ebook could have been much better- there were breaks in the story without breaks even between paragraphs, and it got a little confusing several times. But overall it was an enjoyable read. I really did love the descriptions of the ocean and town, and I totally want to go live there for a month or so!

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