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Under summer skies, New York Times bestselling author Sherryl Woods evokes family, friendship and heartfelt emotion

With her two younger sisters heading for the altar, will Samantha Castle exchange old dreams for new ones? Lately she'd rather be on the North Carolina coast with family than in New York with agents and actors. Though she vows not to let her teenage crush on Ethan Cole influence her decision, it's hard to ignore her feelings for the local war hero.

Ethan lost more than his leg in Afghanistan. He lost his belief in love. Even being surrounded by couples intent on capturing happily-ever-after won't open this jaded doctor's heart. It's going to take a sexy, determined woman—one who won't take no for an answer.

Sea Glass Island Details

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From Reader Review Sea Glass Island for online ebook

Kim Smiley says

Probably my least favorite in this series, but still entertaining to listen to on my drive to and from work.

When listening to this, I found that I imagined the oldest sister Samantha to remind me of Samantha from Sex & the City. Only this Samantha is the eldest Castle sister, an actress of commercials and soap operas, although of late, her career is tanking at the ripe old age of 35. So she's been in Sand Castle Beach a lot more often, helping her sister out w/ wedding plans, helping her Grandmother with her restaurant, and her other sister w/ her new baby.

Two weeks before the wedding and she finds out she is paired in the wedding with Ethan Cole. He's the local Dr. who had a stint in Iraq/Afghanistan and lost the lower part of one of his legs. She had a huge crush on him in high school when he was a football player. In fact, she still has and wears his jersey, (never explained how she actually got it). Anyway, the Castles and their spouses are doing everything they can to get these two together, and they're not even subtle about it. The worst part of it is, Ethan's fiancée left him 3 yrs. ago because she couldn't be w/ a man who wasn't "whole." So he's sour on relationships and love.

This is why this book is my least favorite. We spend a huge part of this story having Samantha literally throw herself at Ethan, and he's always trying to "do the right thing" and "not take advantage of her" and using about every excuse known to man to not even have a fling with her, even though she was all for whatever he wanted whether it was a one night stand, relationship, friends with benefits, whatever. She came off as pathetic and he came off as a wuss.

But being a Sherryl Woods book alls well that ends well. Right? I'm surprised this is just a 3 book series because the author did bring other supporting characters into these three stories and it seemed like they could eventually have their own, including the Castle sister's father and a couple of women in town Gabby befriended in book 2. Who knows, maybe in a year or so she'll expand on this series.

Dana says

I was so happy to be a lucky recipient of free copy of "Sea Glass Island" through Goodreads. This was my first book by Sheryl Woods and I was impressed with the strong writing that highlighted the realistic characters. I instantly liked Samantha and Ethan- the main characters who are initially forced together through their mutual friends. Their budding romance was the focus of the book and was enjoyable. Ethan was a strong character and I appreciated that he had many layers i him beyond just being a vet returning from Afghanistan. The subplot involved Samantha's sister's impending wedding, which was on again off again. I liked the dialogue between the characters because it was informative but natural. One thing that bugged me was the emotionally focused conversations between the male characters. I just don't think guys think or talk the way they were portrayed. I would also liked to have seen the setting have more of a role in the book. The cover and title evoked a place that seemed so relaxing and magical, yet this wasn't highlighted enough for me. This book really focused on the emotional dynamics between friends and family. In this way, it was a great mature adult love story. This was a perfect summer read!

Carol [Goodreads Addict] says

Sea Glass Island was awarded to me as an ARC. First, I am a sucker for a pretty cover and this book most definitely has that. All my best vacation memories involve the beach so this appealed to me right away. This is the story of Samantha Castle, whose acting career has pretty much died out in New York. She is coming home to Sand Castle Bay, North Carolina, for her sister's wedding. She used to spend her summers there as a child with her Grandmother. She had always had a crush on Ethan Cole who was a couple of years older than her in high school but he didn't know she existed at the time. Ethan was a war hero who lost his leg in an explosion in Afghanistan four years prior. When he came home, his fiancée ended their relationship because she couldn't see her future with someone that wasn't "whole." So, Ethan has lost his beliefs in love. When he and Samantha are thrown together with all the wedding festivities, and some meddling from Samantha's family, she slowly starts to break through his hardened heart. This is a very sweet story of how a war veteran has suffered and a very strong woman's perseverance to show him that he can open his heart to love again. The only thing I didn't like about the book was that time and time again, Samantha breaks through his barriers but at the very first kink in things, he bails, convincing himself that he is doing it for the best of everyone involved. This is the third book in a trilogy but I had not read the first two books and it was still fine so it can easily be read as a stand alone. All in all, I enjoyed this book.

Dorothy says

Samantha Castle left home to become a famous actress. Things are just not working out for her and now she has a chance to come home for her sister's wedding and think about her future. However little does she know but her sisters and grandmother are going to push her and one of the town doctors together hoping for romance. It was a fun book that I enjoyed.

Gail says

I loved the last adventure of the Castle sister's. Samantha and Ethan really had an adventure with all of their ups and downs. They both had a lot of insecurities they had to overcome. I hated to see this series come to an end. I wish there were more.

Teresa says

A cute little fun read. I liked this series. The 3 sisters are a hoot in many ways. And I simply love Cora Jane! I wish she were my grandma! (I loved my grandmothers - but they are gone now and I'd be overjoyed if Cora Jane would "adopt" me!) It was nice to see their father developed a little more in this book as well. In a time when we have many veterans coming home with injuries, I loved the character of Ethan. He fought for life, as so many soldiers have done, and was able to integrate back into his community. The news is so full of those who struggle, and yet there are many who come home and do just fine. Both groups deserve our respect and to be highlighted.

Denise says

The title and the picture on the cover made me think this was a good summer read. Unfortunately, it was only an ok summer read. 2.5 stars

Audel says

Ce tome est le troisième et dernier de la série le souffle de l'océan.

Contrairement au tome 2 dont l'histoire faisait directement suite au premier, ce tome-ci se déroule un an après le tome 1. Il y a donc une ellipse de quelques mois entre la fin du tome 2 et ce tome 3.

Ce tome est un cran en dessous des deux autres, pourtant le passé d'Ethan semblait annoncer une romance tout en émotion ce qui n'est pas particulièrement le cas. En effet, on se concentre plus sur son précédent échec sentimental plus que sur les conséquences de son passé de soldat. En fait, cet aspect d'ancien soldat est davantage abordé avec le personnage secondaire qu'est Greg.

Ainsi, les deux héros se résignent très vite aux manigances des uns et des autres pour les réunir. Cependant bien qu'ils semblent avoir très envie de concrétiser, l'intrigue amoureuse ne progresse pas vraiment sans qu'on en connaisse réellement la raison. Par conséquent on éprouve quelques difficultés à adhérer à leur romance.

Par ailleurs, du point de vue de l'héroïne, on retrouve sensiblement les mêmes ingrédients que le tome 2 : c'est-à-dire, une jeune femme qui se rend compte qu'elle n'est plus vraiment épanouie dans son métier et qui envisage une reconversion professionnelle. De même, elle songe à s'établir chez sa grand-mère et à fonder une famille. Bref une situation dans laquelle on retrouve beaucoup d'ingrédients de celle de Gabi.

En outre, en plus de retrouver la quasi totalité des personnages des deux tomes précédents, de nouveaux personnages font également leur apparition. Le tout ne laissant donc pas beaucoup de place pour l'intrigue amoureuse.

Il s'agit surtout dans ce tome de voir l'évolution des différents personnages des tomes précédents et d'apporter une conclusion à la trilogie au détriment de l'intrigue du roman. Aussi, on assiste à l'achèvement de la transformation du père des trois soeurs, au mariage de Boone et Emilie...

En conclusion, il est très appréciable de découvrir ce qu'adviennent les personnages des tomes précédents mais il est dommage que cela se fasse au détriment de l'intrigue principale.

Dee says

Two-haiku review:

She had crush on him
Can she make him notice her?
Can he love again?

Third of trilogy
Nicely wraps up all loose ends
Well written romance

Inés says

El susurro de las olas en general me ha gustado. Es una novela que sin ser una obra maestra me ha parecido una lectura amena e ideal para estas fechas.

Reseña; <http://novelasqueapasionan.blogspot.c...>

Suzanne says

While I really love the Chesapeake series and enjoy the Sweet Magnolias, this is not nearly as good, or at least for me. The male dialogue was just not believable . Guys just don't talk to each other about romance the way Ethan, Wade and Boone do. But then this is a romance novel, so.....The last installment was ALMOST the perfect wrap up I kept thinking Lisa might show up so Samantha could deck her! I would have liked for Cora Jane and Jerry to have gotten hitched after all the waiting. AND it would have been great if Jodie Farmer had been put in her place once and for all.

Janice says

Once again Sherryl Woods drags out the tension and back peddling in the main characters' (Samantha and Ethan) romance so far that I'm ready to throw the book across the room. Only in the final three pages of the book do they reconcile AND decide to marry that very weekend. Please. . .
Ethan's character is unbelievable and Samantha often come across as pathetic.
The Ocean Breeze series concludes, nicely tied up with wedding bells for all three sisters, all returning Sand Castle Bay, NC to live happily ever after.

Kristi says

Everything Moves Fast in this One

To really enjoy this novel it may be necessary to suspend reality for the duration. Though the conclusion were telegraphed well before the ending, the timing of the events was well beyond believing.

Kim says

Predictable but pleasant read. Title was deceiving as I was anxious to read about a collector of Sea Glass or something and nothing about it was mentioned in the book at all. It was just a location as far as this writer

was concerned.

Jess says

This is the third book in the Ocean Breeze series and it features Samantha and Ethan. In the last book Samantha was trying to jump start her acting career in New York City and now she's realizing that everything is cooling off despite all the PR work her sister Gabbi did for her. She is returning to Sand Castle Bay for her other sister Emily's marriage and decides to use that time to think more about what she wants to do with her life. Enter Ethan Cole, ex military who returned home with an injury. He is also the town doctor and a self described forever bachelor. Ethan is the best man in Emily and Boone's wedding and Samantha is maid of honor so the two are inevitably going to be pushed together. What's also influencing their relationship is that Samantha used to have a crush on Ethan when they were younger and her whole family knows it. Since they are all in a marriage frenzy they want Samantha to be happy as well and decide to try to get the two together.

I enjoyed seeing everyone (although I really DISLIKED Emily in this book. She was acting like a spoiled princess and was driving me crazy with all her fighting with Boone and Samantha) and I liked the plot line but I thought things ended up rushed in the end. Samantha and Ethan took over half the book to figure out what they wanted so I felt like the end everything just got shoved into the remaining pages despite needing some more time to be fleshed out.

Samantha was a great character and I loved how she stood up for herself when she needed to and made sure Ethan knew he was being an idiot. Ethan was a little boring for me. He was so concerned about not falling in love and maintaining order that really there was not much to him. He just wasn't appealing to me. And here I thought he was going to be a good alpha macho man. But no, kind of wussy in the end. Especially after that whole newspaper article where he could have helped Samantha and instead just let her deal with it and used that as an excuse for his lack of interest.

This was definitely not my favorite book in the series but overall I enjoyed the series and I'm wondering which book will be next since there was a mention of newer releases coming out. I guess we'll see.
