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Rebecca says

ARC received in exchange for an honest review

I read this book not realising it was the second in a series. This didn't matter one bit! I absolutely adored this book. It was easy going, loved the back story of the small town of Star Harbour which weaved effortlessly into the story. I loved Theo, a gentle man who turns into a confident alpha sort as he finds his way to Avery. You really believe they're made for each other and really root for them to have their HEA. I honestly can't fault this book one bit and will be reading the others in the series ASAP.

Jess says

Review posted: Happily Ever After - Reads

Theo is back in his hometown of Star Harbor trying to find inspiration for his new book after hitting a mental roadblock in San Francisco. He's surrounded by his brothers, a small town that knows everyone and everything but the only person who Theo wants to get to know better is Avery. Avery is on leave from her job in Boston to help take care of her aunt, who is recovering from chemotherapy, and taking a break from her job as a counselor after she lost a patient who relapsed with drugs. Both Theo and Avery are trying to find a new direction in their lives, they love their careers but something's missing and Theo knows for sure that something is Avery.

I love the Grayson brothers more and more as I get to know them better. Theo is such a good guy, he's a famous author, well off but never once acts out of place in his small home town. He's a guy described as wearing jeans, shirts and glasses - there's just something sexy about a hot guy wearing glasses. He's in a new situation with Avery however; she makes him work for it. He's used to having women come in and out of his life but he wants Avery to stick and he has to pull out all the stops with her. He always ends up being wherever she is, be it staying at her aunt's inn that she's helping run, helping her ice skate, being a shoulder for her to cry and lean on, he spends the whole story slowly proving himself and I thought he was very charming and sweet.

“I d-don’t want you,” she said, but her lower lip trembled.

His eyes warmed. “Oh, you do.” He bent his head until his mouth was nearly touching hers, but he didn’t span that small distance. It took all his considerable willpower not to seal his mouth to hers, to show her exactly how hot she made him. But this time she needed to be the one to come to him. “Tell me to go away. Tell me you don’t want me again,” he whispered. “Just say it and I’ll leave you alone for good.”

Her gaze wavered and she closed her eyes. “I can’t,” she whispered back.

“Then kiss me like you know you want to.”

I had a hard time at first trying to understand why Avery was so against anything permanent happening

between them. I get that she believes that Theo is only in town for a short period of time and she knows that it'll break her heart when he leaves so she keeps him at arms length. Beyond that, I didn't really get why she was so anti-relationship and anti-Theo, especially towards the end. But that small thing aside, Avery is a friend you'd want to have. She loves her family, she doesn't think twice about helping her aunt out and she comes to appreciate what a small town means. Yes, there's the gossip, but the town is close knit and helps each other out and Avery, her aunt Kate and her sister all benefit from that.

Even though Avery is hesitant when it comes to thinking long term with Theo, she doesn't ever try to deny their attraction and their scenes together were more on the sweet and tender side, if you don't include the sexy romp in a storage closet *grin*. Their scenes didn't lack any heat and they ended up being perfect in intensity for this couple.

There is a small suspense storyline tossed in that's an extension of the same storyline from book one, Deep Autumn Heat, centered around drug running through this small harbor town. This book reads fine as a standalone, so nothing is lost if you start with this story and it ended up not having much impact for me. It added a little mystery element, but the romance and family relationships overpowered it from start to finish.

I thought this story was charming. I had fun reading it and getting to know the Grayson brothers a little better. Avery and her family were great characters as well and the mix of Avery, Theo and the characters of Star Harbor combined for a satisfying read.

Wanderlust says

Cover & Title - 3 out of 5.

Favorite Line - "All I want is for you to stay with me" he said firmly. "It doesn't matter where we are, as long as we're together."

Favorite Character - Avery (such a beautiful name)

This is my first read by this author, so unfortunately i haven't read the first book in the star harbor series. It didn't affect my enjoyment of this book as it is perfect as a stand-alone book. I will most likely go back and read Seb & Lexie's book as they seem like a really lovely couple when they appear in this book.

Theo is "sinfully beautiful" & Avery looks like a "very sexy librarian". They are quite different in personality but they work well as a couple. They don't fall into the relationship easily and have to work at it through out the book. The chemistry is there from the beginning & the sex scenes between them are realistic & certainly sexy. The story was good and it contained enough surprises to keep up the intrigue. I was happy with the way everything came together and i loved that is was a happy ending.

Oh my favorite thing about the book is Lexie's Coconut Cake recipe at the end of the book. I laughed out loud when i saw this was included & thought to myself *I wonder if Seb has the recipe yet?*

I would recommend this book & I plan on reading more by this author.

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Jaime Arkin says

Probably 3.5 stars but I liked this much better than the first in the series! What a difference a little time makes - I was hesitant to start this one simply because there were a lot of things I hated about the first in this romance series. BUT I'm happy to say that all of the things that irritated me in the first book - were NOT here in this book!

The story itself was streamlined - no tangents that didn't have anything to do with the story, no words that took me out of the story because I was cringing and characters I truly ended up liking... a lot.

Don't get me wrong, this is your typical romance - new girl in town, they fall for each other, she struggles to NOT fall for him and pushes him away and so on and so on, but it's written well.

Theo, has come back to Star Harbor hoping for some inspiration for his next book and Avery is there to help her Aunt who is recovering from cancer run her Inn... but also to get her life in order. She works with struggling addicts and recently lost someone and is questioning whether she can continue in the same job.

These characters, especially Avery were really well done. I actually liked her, which for me is sometimes a struggle in romance stories. I tend to find the heroines a little on the irritating side. NOW don't take that to mean Avery and I were BFF's because in all honesty, at times I wanted to flick her in the forehead and tell her to just listen to Theo once in a while.

Theo - I can totally get on board with him. Seb's twin brother, dark hair, 6'4"(or 5" I can't remember) sexy sexy ... Writer, thinker, very much into history... I loved this picture from the start. He was the planner of the Grayson boys and he proved that in several situations in the book. He wooed Avery HARD. Once he met her he was all in and I really liked that about him. Even when she pushed him back he never gave up... I like persistence :)

The secondary characters were all wonderfully done as well - everyone had a purpose and I really enjoyed this story and I'm so happy I gave this second book a try. I'm looking forward to the stories of the other brothers... especially if they're as wonderful as Theo. OH... and seeing what these keys have to do with anything. Did I mention there is a bit of a mystery element to these books as well!

Fans of contemporary romance like the Lucky Harbor series will definitely like this series - but please see my notes on book 1. You might do yourself a favor and skip right on to book 2 to start - Though this is a series, the second book touches on things in book 1, but I don't think at this point it's imperative to read the first to understand the story.

This review can be found on Fic Fare

Michelle the Romance Witch says

This was the first story I've ever read by Ms. Barrett and I can definitely say I will be looking forward to future releases by this author and am awaiting the next in this series with baited breath. Blaze of Winter was

the second book in the Star Harbor series about the Grayson brothers. Set on the beautiful wintry Coast of Massachusetts, this story is rich in imagery detail and makes me really wish I lived somewhere I could play in the snow and snuggle up with my man and a mug of hot chocolate.

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Vanessa theJeepDiva says

Theo and I got along so much better than his twin Seb and I did. I loved Theo. He is a writer who is experiencing a serious case of writers block. He is hoping that spending some time in Star Harbor with his brothers might loosen him up a bit. The problem is that he is living on a boat with his two older brothers cramped into a tiny room with one of them. The lack of personal space is not helping him find his missing muse. He is one the right path to finding the missing muse in Star Harbor though.

Following the advice of a friend Theo checks into the local inn. Like everything in and about Star Harbor it is small and intimate. That is one of the reasons Avery is seeking solace there. She is trying to find herself. She is trying to figure out what she wants in life. Avery has spent so much time helping others that she no longer knows how to help herself. She is killing time while helping her aunt.

Most of the time Avery and I got along just fine. She is uptight. She had her moments where she annoyed me to the point that I wanted to tell her to grow up. Her behavior before and after the first sex scene makes her appear childish, to the point that I was positive she was going to turn out to be an untried virgin. Her character is just actually very guarded. Avery just gave me too many mixed signals to really enjoy her thoroughly.

I love Star Harbor. Elisabeth has created a wonderful little town. She has written in an impressive amount of secondary characters that are so real. Anyone who has ever experienced life in a small community knows these people. These secondary characters know Theo and Avery sometime better than they know themselves. I enjoyed reading the little pushes that the Star Harbor natives gave Avery. They seemed to know that she needed just a bit of guidance to find what she was actively looking for.

I love how the Siren Lorelei played into Blaze of Winter. I can't wait to see where that part of the story line is going. Theo weaves pirate lore into his books. He is from a town that is deeply immersed in its own pirate lore. Readers of Elisabeth get little snippets of there being something big coming with the legend. It is a nice added bonus to the steamy romance.

Favorite quote: Theo to Avery. This shows just how much he knows her and deeply cares for her.
"Been seeing that shrink in Boston. I know. It's good for you. You have some issues to work out. So do I, but we're doing it together."

Marlene says

Originally published at Book Lovers Inc.

This book drove me bonkers. More specifically, Theo and Avery drove me bonkers. I like Star Harbor, and I like the people there. Deep Autumn Heat, the first Star Harbor book, was a lot of fun. And although the relationship between Seb and Lexie had its share of ups, downs and misunderstandings, the reasons made sense. They worked. Or when they didn't, the reader knew why they didn't.

Avery comes home to Star Harbor because her Aunt Kate, the woman who raised her, is recovering from cancer and chemotherapy. Kate needs help running the Star Harbor Inn. And Avery needs a break from her position as a social worker in Boston. Avery handles substance-abuse cases, and she just lost a client that she thought was going to make it. She's questioning her judgment, and her ability to stay detached enough or invest herself enough. Or where that line is.

Theo Grayson is a big-name author. T.R. Grayson. He left Star Harbor for San Francisco years ago. But he seems to have lost his spark, and writer's block has set in. He's come back to Star Harbor to see if he can find himself, his real self, again.

Both Avery and Theo are home for two months. In the winter. In a small town on the New England coast. With every single person in town shoving them together. And Christmas is coming.

Verdict: The reader gets a fairly clear picture of what is going on in Theo's head. He comes home and gets a handle on what's been wrong with his writing. He writes nautical historical fiction in the same vein as C.S. Forester and Patrick O'Brian, so he needs the inspiration of the water, the coast, and the New England history he grew up with. Coming home unsticks him.

He also falls in love with Avery pretty much at first sight.

Avery has stuff to work out. She's not sure whether she's cut out for social work. She emotionally invests in her clients a lot. It's what makes her good at her job, but it also devastates her when a client relapses or fails. She's decided that her time back home will be spent without relationships. She clearly has other issues, but she doesn't articulate them, even to herself.

She doesn't want to get involved with Theo. She's attracted to him, very, but not interested in a relationship. Even a fling while they're both in town. The reader doesn't get any clear picture of why not.

And Theo decides that he's going to override any objections she has and seduce her anyway, because he's decided that's what he wants. Since she's physically interested, her mental and emotional reservations aren't important. He figures he'll get her to overcome those later.

And that's where the story derailed for me. Even though I couldn't figure out why she didn't want a relationship, she was clear that she didn't want one. I couldn't get past that, as much as I like the people and the town.

The secondary story between Avery's Aunt Kate and the man who seems to have been pining for her forever was wonderful. The suspense plot that almost seemed like the Inn was haunted, not bad at all.

But Theo and Avery? I couldn't get past the beginning. He knew best, and he decided that her objections didn't matter. That plot went out when? The 80s?

I give Blaze of Winter 2 sadly disappointed stars.

Tina "IRead2Escape" says

Blaze of Winter is the 2nd book in the Star Harbor series by Elisabeth Barrett and was every bit as good as the first. These books take a bit to get you warmed up. They start out very wordy and detailed, but by the time you are halfway through you can't finish it fast enough and then find yourself hating that it's all done.

Avery Newbridge is rethinking her geography. She loves being a social worker, but is feeling strained and maybe a bit burned out. When asked to come to Star Harbor and help her aunt, recovering from chemotherapy, out with her Inn she welcomes the opportunity. Her aunt helped raise her after her own mother died of cancer, so the chance to return the favor is a no brainer, but the added benefit of taking a step back is even better. When Theo takes up residence in her Inn and catches her attention she fights it every step of the way. She has no idea what to do with her life as it is and she has serious doubts of her own judgment, a man would just make things even more confusing.

"You never need to hide from me. I'm here for you."

Theo Grayson is back in his hometown of Star Harbor. Life as a famous author in the big city has given him writer's block and he can not seem to get out of his slump. At his brother's suggestion to come back home and write for awhile he finds himself sharing a boat with his brothers and going crazy in the close quarters. To save his sanity he checks into the Star Harbor Inn to gain some distance and begin writing, again. He had no idea of the added benefit of the beautiful Inn Keeper's niece being there. The attraction he feels for her is distracting, but freeing. His writer's block is gone and he can't write fast enough. He also can't fight the feelings he feels for Avery. He just has to find a way to show her that they are worth the leap of faith.

I really, really enjoy the characters in this series. I was so happy to get the chance to visit with Sebastian and Lexie, from book 1 and to see their story continue. And I can't wait to learn more about the remaining two brothers and see what life has in store for them.

Avery and Theo were so cute together. I loved reading how Theo came up with ideas to show Avery how great they were together. It was heartbreaking to imagine the helplessness that Avery felt when she lost her patients back to the addictions that they tried so hard to fight and how she couldn't do anything to stop it herself.

I would like to thank NetGalley.com, Susan Grimshaw and Random House Publishing for the loan of this book in exchange for my honest review.

You can find this review and others at <http://riverinaromantics.blogspot.com> and <http://tinar1121.blogspot.com>

Liz F says

Blaze of Winter is the second book in Elisabeth Barrett's Star Harbor series. I could only give this one 3 stars but I still enjoyed a majority of the book.

In this installment, we meet Avery Newbridge. Her aunt owns/runs the Star Harbor Inn, the local hotel/Bed

and Breakfast, and is recovering from her final treatment after beating cancer. Avery comes to Star Harbor to help her out so that her aunt (Aunt Kate) can relax and get her strength back. Its perfect timing for Avery because she's having some tough times at work. She's a social worker and helps people kick drugs and get treatment. One of her patients has recently relapsed and OD'd on drugs. It hit Avery really hard because she really thought this girl had beaten her addiction. So Avery is questioning her ability to continue on as a social worker. She's taken a two month leave of absence and is getting her thoughts in order and figuring out what she wants.

Theo Grayson has come back to town, trying to refocus himself as well. As a successful author based out of California, he has tired of the grind and the parties and all of the fakery that comes with success and fame. He wants to get back to his roots, get back to himself and work on his new book. He's staying with his brother on his brother's boat but its so cramped and small that he just can't take it anymore. His only option is the Star Harbor Inn.

He and Avery meet and there are sparks. Sparks all over the place, actually!! The rest of the book is them getting to know each other, getting to know themselves and figuring out the mystery of the strange bumps in the night at the Inn.

I enjoyed this book. It was really hot. Avery and Theo are pretty great together. I just had a hard time liking Avery. Right off the bat, she tries to dissuade him from taking a room at the Inn. Now, I suppose I sort of understand that this totally hot guy is standing in front of you and you don't want any distractions as you figure out your mental problems. But to try and turn this guy away in the wintertime? I mean, this is Avery's aunt's living here!! No one comes to Star Harbor in the winter, tourist-wise. So here's a paying customer who wants to stay indefinitely and she tries to get him to leave because she gets the belly rumblies when he's around??? That turned me off of her in a big way.

Then later, towards the very end of the book, when Avery and Theo are clearly in love (come on, that can't come as a surprise to you, right?) but they haven't said it to each other, she deliberately misunderstands him and storms out of the room. That launches like a 2 week silent treatment for each of them. I was like, "Sweetie, GROW UP!" I felt that Avery was being obtuse about Theo and obtuse about her feelings for no good reason. I don't know. I just never connected to her and couldn't care less if Theo was able to bring her around or not.

Having said that, I swear I enjoyed the book. I loved Theo. I love this little town. I love the story being sort of set at this Inn. It was great and sweet and quaint. I really think most people would enjoy this book so I would certainly recommend it. The Grayson brothers are high on my list of extremely readable heroes!!

When you read this, hit me up and tell me what you think!! I'm interested how everyone else feels about Avery. It would be nice to know that I'm nitpicking! LOL!!

Coco.V says

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Blurb:

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Pat says

Blaze of Winter.....by Elisabeth Barrett

This is Ms. Barrett's second novel in the Star Harbor Series. In the first novel we met Seb and Lexie...two very competitive chefs who learn they can pursue their own career, but still love each other.

In this novel we meet Theo, Seb's twin, but a very different man. Theo is a famous novelist who writes adventure stories about swashbuckling pirates. He is suffering from writers block, living on his brother's boat, and sharing a cabin with his police officer brother. The arrangement just doesn't work. Theo is doing research at the local library, and Emma, the librarian suggests a room at the Inn. It's December, quiet in town without many tourists. Sounded like a great idea!

At the Inn we meet Avery Newbridge, Emma's sister, who is in town helping to run the Inn for her Aunt Kate, who is recovering from breast cancer. At least that is what she is telling herself. She is a social worker in Boston, counseling drug addicts in recovery. After a tragic incident with one of her clients, she needed time away. Star Harbor, with her aunt and her sister seemed like the best place. At Theo's and Avery first meeting she feels the pull. "The small quaver in her belly told Avery one thing: this man was trouble with a capital T." She sees him as tall dark and handsome and way out of her league. Theo is immediately taken with Avery, so different than the women he knew in San Francisco. After a dinner, and some conversation, he's intrigued. "His titian haired beauty was like one of those wooden box puzzles-one he wanted to solve layer by layer, to find out what was beneath the surface."

We encounter all our friends from Star Harbor, and a few new ones. The mystery of the Siren Lorelei is still unsolved, and there are strange unexplained noises, and drafty rooms at the Inn. Theo is relentless in his pursuit of Avery, and she is frightened he will leave. This novel is heartwarming, with a bit of mystery, and, oh yes, some hot scenes in a pantry, car, and yes a bedroom or two.

I recommend this novel to readers who enjoy small town stories, with a lot of heart.

Ms. Barrett has more Grayson brothers waiting for their story....I can't wait!

Pat Fordyce.....Four Bright Stars...

KatLynne says

3 Stars

After reading the synopsis, I was anxious to get to this one. This is the second installment in Elizabeth Barrett's Star Harbor series. Theo Grayson is another one of those sexy Grayson brothers. A successful writer, he's returned home for a visit hoping to regroup and spark his writer's block. Somewhere along the way to success, he's lost sight of what's real and finds that his writing is also taking a toll. He's ditching his intellectual lifestyle in San Francisco and hoping to reconnect with his roots as he spends the Fall Season in Star Harbor.

Avery Newbridge finds herself temporarily living in this small seaside town. Her Aunt Kate, owner of the local Inn, is recuperating from the treatment of Breast Cancer and needs her help. As a Social Worker, Avery suffered a setback with her latest case in Boston and is hoping this time away will help to overcome her doubts and decide on her future goals.

And this is where I struggled. Avery keeps herself walled off from emotional commitment, trying to save herself from any pain and disappointment. While I do understand the heartache and loss she's suffered, I never came to understand the depth of her emotional withdrawal. I felt it was contrived. With the constant reminders throughout, I became quite flustered and found myself wanting Theo to run!

I never came to like this heroine and it distracted from my overall enjoyment of the book. I would like to add that *The Blaze of Winter* has received wonderful reviews and I am the minority here.

Theo Grayson is a swoon worthy hero. I liked everything about this big, handsome, sexy as sin man and he kept me invested in this story. The author has done a wonderful job with the Grayson brothers as well as giving us a lovely setting. This small New England resort drew me in and I found myself wanting to visit.

While I haven't had the chance to read the first book, this did not detract in any way from following this story. There's a mystery included with a twist near the end. We get to catch up with Theo's twin brother, Seb, along with his lovely Lexie, who were featured in the first installment. And of course, there's Cole and Val Grayson. I'm looking forward to their book.

My Rating: 3/5 Stars

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Annie (Under the Covers Book Blog) says

Posted on Under the Covers

Famous writer, T.R. Grayson aka Theo is finding it difficult to find his muse. Stuck in a rut, he takes his

brother's offer to spend some time in his hometown of Star Harbor to regroup and find some inspiration. Instead, he finds a sweet woman in Avery Newbridge, a social worker from Boston who is also struggling with finding out who she is.

As Avery delays and works at the Star Harbor Inn, the bad-boy-turned-good-boy Theo takes it upon himself to spend the rest of his time in Star Harbor at the Inn where he can write solidly for hours. Except distraction comes in the form of Avery's sweet body and now, not even the swashbuckling adventures he writes is enough to hold his attention.

BLAZE OF WINTER easily became my favorite of the series so far. This book had it all: dynamic characters, interesting plot and a sense of honesty and simplicity that I love in all my favorite Contemporary Romances.

The romance builds at a slow pace, but don't get me wrong. There is plenty of sizzling sexual tension to keep you satisfied. Barrett does a fantastic job of bringing two people who are searching for something more in their lives together and gives them the gift of love. With a touch of sweetness and a lot of chemistry, Barrett delivers the best of the Star Harbor series yet! I cannot wait for the next book!

*ARC provided by publisher

Jennifer Probst says

A fantastic addition to one of my new favorite series - loved this book!

Inga says

My review:

After I finished Deep Autumn Heat I turned to the publisher to ask when the next book by Elisabeth Barrett is coming and luckily I did not have to wait too long time. Blaze of Winter is going to be published in few days and I am so glad I got the chance to read it!

Blaze of Winter is well-written contemporary romance. Actually, it is much more than just a romance novel. It offers solid side stories to the main story line which makes Blaze of Winter to very enjoyable read. It includes little bit of suspense, little drama and this is brought together into a beautiful love story between the main characters - Avery and Theo. Blaze of Winter is smoothly written, it flows, it is easy to read and you cannot put it down until you have finished it. Even then you keep wanting more and not because the story does not end, but you will ache after the next story written by the author!

Plot:

Blaze of Winter by Elisabeth Barrett takes the reader back to Safe Harbor, where one of the Grayson brothers - Theo - is back in home town trying to concentrate writing his new novel. Theo is tired of city's superficiality and only back in Safe harbor he realizes that he needs some improvisation and something else which he cannot point his finger at.

When he meets Avery, he knows exactly what has been missing in his life. But it's not that easy because Avery has a lot on her plate - an aunt who is fighting with breast cancer, the Inn which she is taking care of, a past which she needs to face and deal with. Avery feels that she has failed others and does not understand that the truth is somewhat different.

As mentioned, there are very well created side stories in the book. There is Avery finding her music, there is break-in and something weird happening in the Inn, there is a story about her aunt finding love, ice-skating scenes - *Blaze of Winter* is filled with heart-warming characters which seems to be very characteristic to Elisabeth Barrett's books. I truly admire her for that, she is a master of contemporary human storytelling.

Characters:

Theo was by far my favorite character in *Blaze of Winter*. He is smart, somewhat lost in his career, he struggles to find his way back to his writing. He is kind and supportive, hot and has a weak spot for Avery who keeps pushing him away.

Avery was a character I liked, but there were features in her, which I was slightly annoyed about - her insecurity. I think it was necessary for the story and the story development in order to grow Avery as a character, but the insecurity still annoyed me. I think she annoyed me also because I understood her and could relate to her. I know what it means to be lost and not to know how to continue. She was kind, too kind sometimes, giving away everything she had to others, not thinking so much about her needs. When she finally got there, it was like having a "Hallelujah-moment" where you are so happy, that she finally saw herself as she was - a warm, helpful and loving person.

I was happy to meet characters from the previous book, Lexie and Sebastian and truly enjoyed new characters, too. Elisabeth Barrett is amazing at creating characters in my opinion, she has an admirable ability to make the characters alive, colorful and interesting!

Generally:

Blaze of Winter by Elisabeth Barrett is a fantastic and heart-warming read. It has humor, captivating characters and a wonderful story. You will enjoy every minute of it!

I highly recommend *Blaze of Winter*!
