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After a painful divorce and failed acting career, Francine Tanner packs her things and moves back to her hometown of Sanctuary Cove. There, she will join her mother in the family business as a hairstylist at the Beauty Box. Putting her LA dreams behind her, all Francine wants is to focus on rebuilding her life.

Keaton Grace is an independent film writer and director looking for a great place to open his own studio. After happening upon the small-town, he buys an abandoned building and surrounding lands to start his company. But he doesn't expect to bump into the beautiful Francine Tanner when he walks into the Beauty Box for a haircut and shave. Remembering her from a performance years ago in an off-Broadway show, he knows exactly what role she will play in his life.

Sparks fly between the two until Keaton reveals his plan—he wants Francine to star in his upcoming film. Tortured by her Hollywood past, she refuses to have anything to do with the film, even if it means letting go of their budding romance.

## **Magnolia Drive Details**

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## **From Reader Review Magnolia Drive for online ebook**

### **Sharon Simmons says**

**Amazing as always!**

I love when a book grabs you from the beginning! So glad Keaton didn't give up on Francine. And her friend was honest with her and push her to make right decision.

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### **Teresa Scott says**

Another great one from Rochelle Alers. I am truly enjoying this series. All the characters on Cavanaugh Island are likable and relatable. I can't wait to start the next book in the series. I am dying to see what happens next to the residences of Cavanaugh Island. This is a must summer read. You do not have to read this series in order, but it helps.

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### **Marie Buccellato says**

A Goodreads winner - I'm so happy I won this book b/c I've never read anything by this author. I will definitely be looking for her other books.

Great storyline, loved the characters very much.

Thank you

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### **Lori says**

I finished this book so I'd know what happened for the characters.

I think these books rush the romance though, but maybe I'm looking more for a story than a mushy romance.

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### **Tia says**

One of my new favs in the series. The development of the relationship between Francine and Keaton seemed very realistic. They'd both been hurt in the past. I liked how everyone was linked in some way and again all the back history about slaves from Cavanaugh Island.

I believe, this is one of the first books I've read that discussed the wives of slave owners having babies with the enslaved men. I guess many authors find that part about history too taboo. I've also been searching for books that discuss homosexuality during slavery between slaves and the slave masters. Of course I'm referring to the rape of the men and boys.

Great to see how the previous cast of characters are getting on. This series is fantastic and I've enjoyed the journey.

Thanks to Netgalley and the publisher for providing me with this book for review

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### **Felita says**

I love these Lowcountry romance novels. Rochelle researches the area and make you want to visit the locations. Francine had to realize that every man wasn't there to take advantage of her. There are still some good men around. Keaton Grace proves himself to be one of those good men. I'm looking forward to the next installment in the Cavanaugh series.

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### **Beachbum7805 says**

I really enjoyed this book. It was well thought out and the details of the story really made it come alive. It will let you relive Francine's past as well showing you her future. It's funny, sad, and enjoyable throughout. Thank you for making this book available on goodreads and for picking me to review it.

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### **Sharon Eikenberry-Deary says**

Francine was turned hard towards men. While in NY to work she made a hit off Broadway play. She meet Aiden with who she fell in love with, married, and divorced in a very short time frame. He married her and turned around and deceived her. After 8 yrs Francine didn't realize what unconditional love was. Until she meet Keaton, he saw her numerous times on the off Broadway play Sisters. Never thought he would see her again and when he walked into the salon/spa on Cavanaugh Island he was so pleasantly surprised.

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### **Hazel Robinson says**

#### **Awesome**

I love this series. I had read all of the previous books in the series, but I kept passing this one by. Loved It. Francine/Red to her friends had been used by her ex-husband Widen. She was done, she left New York moved back home to the Low Country helping her mother run the Beauty Box. One day a man came in for a haircut and a shave someone that knew her, but she didn't know him. Keaton Grace moved to the Low Country for a slower pace and run into the woman he could not forget. Awesome love story. Hopefully there will be a story about David and Devon I will be waiting for my next visit to the Low Country.

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### **Margaret Sholders says**

I am glad I chose this book to read. I have found another good author. I don't know how I missed her before. She set her story in the true South. Everyone in this book is real and the reader falls right in with them. Francine is working in her mother's day spa salon after giving up acting off Broadway. She was burned by an ex husband. Keaton saw her in a play and lost his heart. Surprise when they meet in Sanctuary Cove. He is an Indie movie maker. He wants her to work for him but she says she will not act anymore. There are family issues and friend's issues. I would recommend this book to anyone. I couldn't put it down. Now it's your turn to pass this story along. I have this book for an honest review for NetGalley.

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### **Toni says**

I'm really enjoying the Cavanaugh Island novels, great reads - romance and history. Magnolia Drive is the story of Francine Tanner (Red) and Keaton Grace. Unknown to Francine, Keaton has had a crush on her ever since he saw her perform in a play. The attraction between them is powerful and takes place in the Lowcountry of South Carolina.

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### **Carmen Lang says**

Had mixed feelings about this book. It was my least favorite of the series, not because it wasn't well written. I was expecting a "lighter, summer" romance. This book was more serious in tone. The main character was damaged from childhood bullying, a bad marriage and feelings of inadequacy. I enjoyed seeing her open up and let love in. I also liked seeing Morgan, my favorite character from the Sanctuary Cove series again.

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### **Pat Arnold says**

I actually liked the story line etc. but the author used too many graphic sex scenes for my taste.

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### **OpenBookSociety.com says**

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Brought to you by OBS reviewer Jerjen

magnolia-drive-cavanaugh-island-rochelle-alersMagnolia Drive by Rochelle Alers is the story of Francine and Keaton. Francine is an actress and Keaton saw her perform in an off-Broadway play many years ago. He was infatuated with her then, and when he unexpectedly runs into her again, his feelings have not changed.

Francine Tanner has returned home after a failed marriage to live with her parents and grandmother. She is

working at her mother's beauty shop and spa. She is happy that she's there and has vowed to never return to acting. She has built walls around her heart and has no plans to ever remarry. After she meets Keaton and begins to get to know him better, she wonders if this may be her second chance at love. But does she have the courage to forget about her past heartbreak and go after a relationship with Keaton?

Keaton Grace has moved to Cavanaugh Island to open his own movie studio. He cannot believe his luck when he realizes that Francine lives on the island. He attempts to get her to take a role in a movie that he has written specifically for Francine. When she declines the offer, he accepts her decision but he still wants Francine in his life. Can he break down the walls around her heart so that they can live happily ever after?

The characters are well rounded, well developed and three dimensional. I really enjoyed reading about Francine and her family and friends and how close their relationships were. They were people that I would like to get to know better and spend time with them. The secondary characters played an important part in the book, and they were likable and realistic too.

The writing style flows easily and this book is a very easy read. Rochelle Alers is a very descriptive writer and she made Cavanaugh Island come to life for me. I could feel the small town setting with all the quirks as though I was there. The Gullah culture was described well, along with the superstitions of the area. There is a lot of history concerning the area and the culture which I found very interesting. There is even a touch of paranormal due to the fact that Francine has visions into the future. I really enjoyed this aspect of the book.

I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys a well developed romance. There is a very interesting plot to this book and it is much more than a romance. It's a book about second chances and having the courage to go after what you want. I have not read any other books by Rochelle Alers but I look forward to reading the others in the Cavanaugh Island series.

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### **Lisa says**

I enjoyed this novel and the intensifying love story between Fran & Keaton. They overcame their past hurts from failed relationships and took a chance on love. I really enjoyed a glimpse into the Gullah culture and the happenings of the other couples in Sanctuary Cove, Havens Creek and Angels Landing. I'm really looking forward to Devon and David's story next month. Really enjoying the stories from Cavanaugh Island but I have noticed that the author makes reference to the same styles of dress in each novel as well as some of the descriptions are repetitive but I really have enjoyed the novels so far.

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