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Determined to seek his fortune, Percival Taylor leaves behind his sleepy hometown and sets out to become a legendary pirate only no one at the roguish seaport of Blackshore will allow him anywhere near a ship! Percival must find other means to win the heart of the beautiful Tuppence Magrathia-Paddock, who has mistaken him for a pirate rogue out of one of her romantic tales. She is entirely willing to swoon into his arms if he can prove his buccaneer soul and she is willing to arrange her own kidnapping to prove it. Percival eventually finds himself captain of a broken-down ship, complete with a crew of pirates

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## **From Reader Review Swept Up by the Sea: A Romantic Fairy Tale for online ebook**

### **Katherina says**

It was a bit odd and sometimes it jumped around so much it could be hard to follow, but overall I liked it. I enjoyed seeing the different sub-stories.

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### **Katie W says**

I was expecting something a little more serious and was pleasantly surprised at how funny this story was! The humor was subtle in places and the overall tone was pure fun.

Percival Taylor is told he's pirate's long-lost son and must go on an adventure. He sees the beautiful governor's daughter, Tuppance, and decides to make her part of his fate, despite the fact that he's expected to marry a local girl. Vestia, the local girl, is sent by her mother to try to win him back, with the help of the Dragon's Bard. Total chaos, adventure, romance, unique and eccentric characters explode to life in the course of this adventure.

I loved how each new character was introduced. They were all so much fun and cleverly done. I loved how the fantasy parts of the story were not over the top, but blended into something that could be construed as real life. Why shouldn't I see a naiad the next time I'm at the beach?

It's hard to pick a favorite part--I think my two favorite parts were the hidden treasure and the kidnapping. Both had me laughing.

For a light-hearted, delightful adventure with all the fixings--pirates, comedy, fantasy creatures, adventure, and romance, be sure to check this one out!

\*\*I received this from NetGalley for review and this in no way influenced my review.\*\*

Katie's Clean Book Collection blog

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### **Susan says**

I thought it was very clever. I thought I was reading a play--now there's a thought!

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### **Susan Schembri says**

I couldn't finish this book. I wanted to like it because it has mermaids in it, but it just fell so flat for me. The characters were simple and the plot was slow. I was hoping for more mythical creatures like mermaids and

more adventure on the sea.

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### **Dallin Perry says**

A thoroughly enjoyable read. Quick paced, funny characters. I recommend this book.

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### **Aimee (Getting Your Read On) says**

Swept Up by the Sea is a tale full of different characters each trying to accomplish their own goals, coming together by happenstance and needing each other to see things through to the end.

It really took me awhile to get into this book. At first I didn't think I would make it. There was nothing compelling, pushing me to want more. I'm glad I stuck with it though because probably a little better than a third of the way through I finally became interested and wanted to read more. It just took awhile to get there.

I would call this a book for all ages. It is innocent enough to be read aloud to younger children and will certainly entertain the younger set in the YA age range. There is a lot of silly humor and Percival is about as naive as they come. The book description compares this story to Princess Bride. Having just watched that movie again recently, I would say not so much. That's sort of a big claim to live up to. But, this was a good story.

What I enjoyed more than anything were the stories within the story. The shipwright and the professor's back stories were my favorite parts of the book. It's what pulled me into the book, I think.

I enjoyed the end of the story- it had a satisfying ending for all. And, as I mentioned before, it is clean. I'm a girl that really appreciates a good, clean read. This is a book I will hand over to my daughter. She loves fantasy and romance.

My thanks to Shadow Mountain for allowing me to read and review for them. They are a great publisher turning out some fantastic books. I'm happy to be a part of promoting them.

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### **Susan Phelan says**

So many POV's it took me a while to get into things, but enjoyable in the end.

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### **Ionia says**

This book was a lot of fun to read. Whereas some of the "Magical" books that have come out really do not contain much in the way of actual magic, this one certainly does and it was also very original.

I did not realise this was part of a series when I began reading it, but now I am curious to read the rest of these books. I loved the setting and that each character had a valid point and place in the story. Each of the

characters also have their own story going on in the novel but it all ties together really well in the end.

The way this novel is written is beautiful. The language the author used gave way to some wonderful quotes and the story progresses in such a way that you just keep telling yourself "only a few more pages and then I will go do such and such." Chances are, you won't. I read this book in mostly one sitting. It demanded my attention. I love that.

I like that there is romance, love and some excellent examples of magic and fantasy in this title.

I did think some of the dialogue felt a little stilted at times, but then some of it later in the story was truly magnificent, so it balanced out well.

I would recommend this book to anyone who is looking for a book that is a bit different from the normal fantasy books out there and likes an author who is very good at storytelling.

This review is based on a digital ARC from the publisher in cooperation with Netgalley.

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### **Krista says**

I didn't really like this book. I didn't get it. I mean I guess the storyline was ok but I just thought it was weird. The premise of the book was intriguing but I didn't really enjoy the way it was carried out. Just not my kind of book I guess. Here I think we're talking about humans then a random fairy, or giant centaur or whatever was thrown in and I don't know why it was necessary. It didn't seem like a romance either. It was just odd I thought.

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### **M R says**

A swashbuckling story chalk full of (mis)adventures and fun characters. The Hickmans create a charming tale about a town full of people who have a lot of unrealistic expectations for themselves and life. An adventure on the high seas seems the only way for everyone to get what they want. So, as a reluctant crew they set out to each find the treasures they seek. But when danger and love get in the way they all come to realize the greatest treasure can't be found on the sea and that real life can be better than pretend.

Percival wants Tuppence. Tuppence wants her Rodrigan. Vestia wants Percival. The Dragon Bard and Mistress Zoltana both have their own agendas. Add to the mix a shipwright whose heart set sail years before, a professor with a dangerous secret and a band of cheating pirates, and you get an adventure that will leave you Swept Up by the Sea.

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### **Carla says**

The adventure and tongue-in-cheek humor really blend together well and go right along with the title of this tale. I enjoyed how all the sub-plots came together.

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**Tara says**

A fun and entertaining read with a sense of humor and an unsterotypical romance line.

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**Ane says**

You have to appreciate the humor & depth that come from any Tracy Hickman writing!! Although I was skeptical because it was touted as "A Romantic Fairy tale" I found it hardly the main storyline!! In fact, the story begins with a young man who believes his destiny is to become a pirate. He is laughable and hopeless but other story lines come into play and you are off on an adventure you never saw coming!! I really enjoyed this book!! I would even recommend for my preteens & teens to read!

It's like the Princess Bride meets Pirates of the Caribbean and Legally Blonde!! :) How can you go wrong? :)

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**Andrea says**

2.5 stars

I'm not a huge fantasy fan, but when I read the description for *Swept Up by the Sea*, I thought it sounded interesting. And, the comparison to *The Princess Bride* also helped me decide to give it a try.

It took me awhile to read *Swept Up by the Sea*, at least partially due to the story jumping around quite a bit as new characters were introduced. Once everything came together about half way through the story I found myself much more interested in it.

Overall the story is silly-I couldn't help but think of the recent *Pirates of the Caribbean* movies while I read it, although this isn't violent. I typically prefer stories that are a bit more serious, but I was intrigued by the shipwright's story and Vestia's situation.

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**Danielle Primé says**

This book was all over the place. I didn't care for it.

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