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In this new novel from the author of *Ten Beach Road* and *Ocean Beach*, three unlikely friends who were thrown together by disaster get a do-over on life, love, and happiness . . .

Maddie, Avery, and Nikki first got to know one another—perhaps all too well—while desperately restoring a beachfront mansion to its former grandeur. Now they’re putting that experience to professional use. But their latest project has presented some challenges they couldn’t have dreamed up in their wildest fantasies—although the house does belong to a man who actually was Maddie’s wildest fantasy once . . .

Rock-and-roll legend “William the Wild” Hightower may be past his prime, estranged from his family, and creatively blocked, but he’s still worshiped by fans—which is why he guards his privacy on his own island in the Florida Keys. He’s not thrilled about letting this crew turn his piece of paradise into a bed-and-breakfast for a reality show . . . though he is intrigued by Maddie. Hard as that is for her to believe as a newly single woman who can barely manage a dog paddle in the dating pool.

But whether it’s an unexpected flirtation with a bona fide rock star, a strained mother-daughter relationship, or a sudden tragedy, these women are in it together. The only thing that might drive them apart is being trapped on a houseboat with one bathroom . . .

The House on Mermaid Point Details

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Belinda Joyner says

Right off I have to say I have two regrets, one is that I regret that this is my first Wendy Wax book and the second is I wish I had read Ten Beach Road first now I have to read that one to see how these four amazing women because friends and what troubles brought them together.

I loved The House on Mermaid Point from the very beginning, it is packed with every emotion that a woman can have and these ladies can handle just about anything that comes their way, from a difficult producer of the tv show they are part of called Do Over to a rock-and-roll legend.

I have to say tho be prepared to laugh, have a little anger and cry because that's what I did.

I'm ending with this short review because you really need to read The House on Mermaid Point to enjoy like I did..

I will be reading more from Wendy Wax, very talented writer!

Mary says

The perfect beach book - or the perfect book to make you feel like you're at the beach.

I loved The House on Mermaid Point. The women find themselves intrigued and challenged by the new project on the private island. They're all getting along better than ever which helps when it comes to tackling the renovation as well as personal issues. With each renovation project the women have experienced personal growth and become more confident.

In this book, Madeline shines as she overcomes her shyness and reaches out to help the owner of the island, William. But will she be glad she took the chance? Deirdre and Avery (mother and daughter) are getting along better than they'd ever thought possible. Maddy's grown daughter Kyra and her toddler son, Dustin, continue to try to ignore the paparazzi who hound them in hopes of getting photos. Dustin's father is a famous film star that Kyra met on a movie project. Nicole is still in love with Joe but, given her two failed marriages, doesn't want to marry him.

On top of all they're going through they are expected to reno the buildings on the island in a few short months – the hottest months of the year. I loved how Wendy Wax brought the women back together and through the project. Their television show is titled Do Over - and, to a certain extent, that's what each of the characters is doing with her life. The House on Mermaid Point is an entertaining novel that packs an emotional punch and left me hoping for another Florida project for the women ASAP.

Coleen Mcconnell says

Wendy did not disappoint with this one. Descriptive, each character was interesting, and the start line entertaining. And relatable today, as I could see a reality show like this! Easy read, I totally enjoyed.

Jencey/ says

The ladies of Do Over were asking, and waiting for the network to answer this very question. We revisit with some of our favorite characters Maddie, Kyra, Dustin, Nikki, and Deirdre; in Wendy Wax's book *The House at Mermaid Point*. Get your tools, some sunscreen, and luggage and head to the Isle of Mermaid Point.

Synopsis:

Maddie, Kyra, Dustin, Avery, Nikki, and Deirdre prepare for their next assignment with Do Over. It is a reality television show they are all under contract to Lifetime network. The head of the network Lisa Hogan enjoys humiliating them in some way during each assignment. The Maddie and the rest of the group thought this would be a home improvement show rather than reality television. William Hightower has just left rehab. His son informs him that changes will be made to his father Wild William Hightower's life. The plan is for William's residence to become a bed and breakfast for him to earn more income. They sign on with the idea of participating in this Do Over for a discount on the renovations. Will the network succeed in making it happen? Does William Hightower find more in his future than a bed and breakfast?

My Thoughts:

I really enjoyed this book! Wendy Wax has a way of writing her books that make them such easy reads. I also listened to it, and Amy Rubinate did a fabulous job of bringing all the characters to life. The story is set in Mermaid Point down in the Florida Keys. I loved being back with some of my favorite characters. I felt there was one character that I was most proud of it would be Maddie. Her character really blossomed in this book.

One spoiler I loved how she told off her ex-husband. The next book in the series is *Sunshine Beach*.

Nicole says

I didn't realize this was a 3rd in a series until after I started reading it, however, I enjoyed it as a stand alone. I liked the humor and resilience of these characters, who each had experienced some sort of difficult event that drastically changed their life. Their friendship brings to light how women can lift each other up instead of tearing one another down. I look forward to reading the first two in the series!

JMV says

The won this book in a Goodreads contest from the author and was very excited when I received this. I have read the first two books in this series and again enjoyed these women. The struggles again help the become closer friends all the while they remodel famous homes. Thanks Goodreads!

Mrslimp says

Love the premise. Loved the first book, but my enthusiasm is waning as the series goes on. I was initially drawn to Ten Beach Road by the mix of "he done her wrong" mystery and home renovation diary, all set in a southern Florida setting. Perfect beach read. But as the characters become broader, the situations more absurd and the plot lines and writing increasingly formulaic and repetitive (how many times is Wendy. Wax going to talk about a lover "cupping her buttocks"? I swear it's a phrase used in every single romantic scenario - he couldn't pinch, grab or swat her rear, ass, or butt? Why is it always "cupping" and "buttocks."?), I'm losing patience and my willingness to suspend not just disbelief but reason. Which is a shame, because the story and the characters -- many of whom receive scant attention in this outing - deserve better. That having been said, I would read the next installment of the series hoping for better results or, at the very least, a few different turns of phrase.

June says

Mermaid point belongs to rock-and roll legend William the Will. His Son has arranged for a crew of women to turn his home into a bed-and-breakfast for a reality show. All of the people involved have relationship issues which makes the book interesting to read. I won this book on goodreads.

Sandra says

After losing all their money in a Ponzi scheme, Maddie, Nicole, Avery, Kyra and Deirdre stick together to survive.....the 3rd in the "Ten Beach Road Series". Really enjoyed the story and the characters.

Dianne says

this is such a fun series to read so far.I think this is book 4 in the series, it still feels fresh and I am wondering what is going to happen next

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Sheree says

4.5 stars

Back in my happy place with *Do Over* crew Maddie, Avery, Nikki, Kyra and Deidre ... I keep saying these women could renovate a garbage can and I'd be along for the ride.

I love the reno/rehabbing details, the beautifully described surrounds, sunrises and sunsets. Most of all I love the womens' personal do-overs, their growth individually and in their relationships. Read the books in order and you see that progression, feel their frustration, laugh and cry with them, cheer them on.

Their latest assignment in Florida Keys is the run down estate of former rocker, William Hightower aka *William the Wild*. I honestly didn't think the whole aging rock star - ego -rehab - recovering alcoholic 'thing' would do it for me but I'm happy to admit I was sooo wrong, and I loved that the spotlight was on Maddie in this installment.

This series is all about transformations ... The House on Mermaid Point takes an unexpected sad turn, an emotionally real one but through laughs and tears, I'm hooked. I love these women and I love their connection ... can't wait to see what they're up to next.

PS *Booyah!* for the **up yours** to bitch production head Lisa Hogan :)

Kathryn says

Rich descriptive details bring the setting alive, the character development was deeply satisfying, and while every little detail was not tidied up and made into 'happily ever after', each woman was on a satisfying journey and the place they found themselves in was perfect for now.

I do so hope we will have further adventures with this group of women.

BJ says

I enjoyed this book, the same as I enjoyed the first 2 in this trilogy + a novella, although I'm hoping the author writes another in this series as I enjoy the settings and the characters. This is a book about women's friendships, house renovation, reality TV, romance - endings and beginnings of, relationships between Moms and daughters, sisters and brothers, moms and son, paparazzi, celebrity and just life in general at different stages. Enjoyable read!

Vickie says

Wow! It felt so good to be back with these five ladies and watching them redo another south Florida estate. Deidre and Avery (mother and daughter) have finally found their place in each other's lives; Kyra and her toddler son Dustin are cute as ever; Nicole is the grounding one; Madeline shines in this installment! I really loved the private island setting; the "old" rocker trying to find his place post-rehab as well as his relationship with his son. Of course, the side cast of characters are great! This was a good read!

Judy Collins says

Wendy Wax is the Queen of Do Over! As you can see by my reviews—have read every book in this incredible **Ten Beach Road** series and each, A 5-Star Winner; however, I believe **THE HOUSE ON MERMAID POINT** is my favorite thus far!

From the stunning front cover (*hats off to the designer*) to the last page— these characters grab you by the heart and do not let go for a page-turner. A group of kick-ass, talented, and smart women, you will grow to love, for a must read series. Ten Beach Road, Ocean Beach, Christmas at the Beach, and The House on Mermaid Point, (you have to read them all)!

Wendy Wax has found her calling! Humor, wit, interior design, architecture, reality TV, renovations, fun girl time, celebrities, sexy tropical locations, beautiful homes, hot men, good food and drink, and juicy love connections (*what is not to love*)?

A well written, much-loved series of transformations and peeling back of the layers of not only homes, and mansions, but the personal lives of those involved.

Even though I love all the women, **Maddie is a very special** woman, at age 51, many readers will relate to her, as I did. The self-confidence and image factor, in an age of dating when compared to younger women, especially when they have given their life to their former husband, now divorced, having spent their life raising a family.

Was super glad **THE HOUSE ON MERMAID POINT** offered Maddie some limelight, and happiness, as she is the rock of the crew and her relationship with Hot William was dynamite (*please let this couple continue*), as they are not done—they sizzle!

Wow, **William was such an interesting** powerful and sexy character (*former rock star musician*) and loved seeing his transformation. His relationship with his son Tommy was very similar to the parent-child dynamic between Deirdre and Avery. A story of redemption, loss, and love—priceless!

Do Over is the show at the core of the story; however, each of the women's lives (*Kyra, Nichole, Avery, Deirdre, and Maddie*) have been on a long journey filled with obstacles, and frustrations, as well as bonding and a great sense of accomplishment.

Each of these women from their twenties to sixties have faced challenges which have led to self-discovery as they have grown in so many ways. And oh, the banter between sweet little Dustin and William melts your heart!

Wendy, please do not let the series end! Rooting for Hot William and Maddie to continue on . . . Islamorada was a perfect setting for this book and the surprise ending, as one of my favorite spots in the Florida Keys!

Possibly the reason I loved this book the most, could be due following these lovable characters from the beginning. Plus having lived and worked in Islamorada, and the Florida Keys selling real estate opening two

projects: A waterfront marina club (condos for boats) and a condo hotel, from construction to completion, with much knowledge of all the fishing, reefs, boating, marinas, and all the hot spots and attractions mentioned in the book.

I know the true beauty of the area firsthand, *of course, Checca Lodge, Moorings Village and Spa, Cottages, Pierre's and Morada Bay Beach Café are my favorites*, as have experienced many sunsets on the Adirondack chairs with my feet in the sand and a glass of wine—it is heaven and could image myself there with the ladies--They love their sunrises and sunsets.

Wendy does an outstanding job with all the local descriptions and would love to see a movie based on this book! *Can you imagine the cast?*

Even though I visit the west coast of Florida often, the east coast is still my home. It was so much fun revisiting mentions: *Lazy Days, Bud n Mary's, Robbie's, Theatre of the Sea, Hog Heaven Sports Bar & Grill, Lorelei Restaurant and Cabana Bar...* and boy was it hard to get contractors to work on a beautiful day when they call in sick to go fishing! And is heck traveling to Miami on your day off if you want to go shopping, can relate. . .

Readers will love revisiting with Bella Flora, Chase, Joe, and of course the nightly chardonnay and cheese doodles! **Yes, it was that good!**

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