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A deceitful trick by a coworker slash lover leaves Jayden Clark looking for a new job and vowing to never again engage in a relationship with a workmate. Of course her promise never mentioned a boss.

When Jayden accepts the position of girl Friday for Regent Realty, she knows she is overqualified, but a month in Tahiti, and Nick Regent, the six-foot-four, incredibly appealing owner of the company, make the job too tempting to pass up.

She flies to the island, knowing full well that she is at risk of losing her heart, but never could she have predicted the danger she would face in paradise.

## **Paradise Details**

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## From Reader Review Paradise for online ebook

### Tiffany says

\*\*I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review\*\*

Paradise was just an okay read to me. After getting screwed by a coworker/lover, Jayden is forced to leave her job and answers an ad for a position as a Girl Friday at a real estate agency. Meeting the 6'4", long dark hair and green eyed owner of Regent Realty, Nick Regent, has Jayden accepting the position and leaving on a plane to work in Tahiti with him for the next month. After arriving in Tahiti, Jayden soon realizes that there is a lot more going on than just real estate. Secret meetings that don't include her, sketchy business deals and the mention of pirates has Jayden wondering just what she got herself into. In the meantime, her feelings for her new boss continue to grow and he admits to having the same attraction to her. A whirlwind of events soon takes place, a disgruntled ex-fiance storms onto the scene, a "friend" comes to help out when Nick's brother goes missing and then the kidnapping.... Overall, Paradise was full of mystery and adventure with a nice dose of romance. It took me a while to feel the connection between Jayden and Nick but once I did, I have to admit, the chemistry was hot! I really liked Jayden, her independence and humor mixed well with Nick's laid back, mysterious, sexy, alpha vibe. At times it felt like too much was going on in the story but I liked the way it wrapped up in the end. Hope the author writes a followup to Nick and Jayden's story or a book on some of the secondary characters because I loved them as well.

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### Jamie Rhodes says

I found this on Amazon as a free book. Sometimes those free books are duds and sometimes they are gems. This was a gem. I really wasn't sure what to expect because I have never read this author before. I totally enjoyed myself. Jayden is in need of a job. Nick has a job opening. Jayden gets the job, but she has no idea what she is in for. Let's just say there is more to this job than selling real estate. I found this book laugh out loud funny at times. There is a bit of mystery, action, suspense, and love in the book. Even within the tense moments I laughed at some of the lines. One point of view. No cliffhanger. Good read.

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### Erin says

I first came across Tess Oliver last year when I was recommended Freefall (Custom Culture, 1) on Amazon. When I saw this book had been re-published on the kindle, coupled with the gorgeous hunk on the cover, I knew I was going to love it! So much so that I broke my book buying ban to buy it!

Paradise is all about Jayden and her new job in the paradise that is Tahiti, although her new job seems not to be all that she signed up for but much, much more.

I've not read one of Tess' books that I've not enjoyed and this was no different. The story is completely told by main character Jayden, so you really get to know her well throughout. The story is fast paced and is really only focused on Jayden's life and her relationships so it's great that you get to know her so well. She's independent and strong at the same time as she is not completely impervious to the charms of her new boss. I thought she was quite a good role model for going after what you want in life, and for making lemonade

when life hands you lemons.

I liked Jayden's new boss Nick Regent. He's everything that you look for in a book boyfriend, and thankfully he's quite the opposite of Jayden's ex. The guy on the front cover makes it really easy to picture Nick as this super fit, muscular guy that he is. A real man, but a man with a real heart.

Their relationship is fast and filled with heat, swiftly turning to more than a light flirtation. Their chemistry sparks more and more with each page you turn and it's really easy to get lost in their romance.

There is a bit of a secret side to the story, an undercurrent of something that isn't quite right, going on with Nick and his friends. You don't get to know the full extent of what's going on until Nick and Jayden get closer and then there is an unexpected turn which has you guessing as to what might happen to all of the characters, not just the main two. The last third of the book is tense and exciting and will have you turning the pages to find out what the ending will be for all of the characters.

I really liked this from Tess and can't wait to read her next novel which is due for release on the 1st March 2014 – Dray (Custom Culture, 3)

Erin x

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## **Book-Bosomed blog says**

When Jayden Clark gets screwed over (somewhat literally) by her co-worker boyfriend and loses her job, she can only nurse an orange soda hangover for so long. A girl must move on and the Help Wanted page advertises the position for a Girl Friday at a real estate agency. (For those unfamiliar with the term "Girl Friday," it's pretty much a secretarial position that can include a little bit of everything but nothing specific in the job description.)

Though from the interview she doesn't know the hours, salary, or actual duties of the job, she does know it includes an all accommodations paid trip to Tahiti and a 6'4, long dark hair, green eyes, gorgeous lashes, 'no alcohol needed to bed' boss by the name of Nick Regent. What's not to love about the job?

There are a few red flag though that would give an otherwise less desperate applicant pause. The office looks fly by night and interview questions have more to do with birth control medications than job qualifications. But Jayden's a girl primed to start a new adventure in her life so she accepts the job when offered on the spot.

Is there more behind the business than just beach side real estate? Is there more to Nick than just a hot body? What are Frankie's intentions? And was Nick really talking about pirates?

Paradise (Girl Friday) is a cute and funny read with a mix of mystery and adventure. There's plenty of humor to pull you into the story right from the beginning. The airplane scene is laugh out loud. Fairy dust!

The story is told from Jayden's first person POV, and though Jayden has had her bout of bad luck, you won't find any angst ridden or damaged characters here. Jayden is upbeat and adventurous. Nick is hot and mysterious. Together they have great chemistry and a few hot scenes. Gesundheit!

The ending, while not a cliffhanger, certainly leaves the hint for more adventures for Jayden and Nick. There is definitely potential here for future books, and more intriguing adventures.

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### **Marsha says**

I don't know about you; but, I know I've stumbled onto a great series when I finish a book in one sitting, cannot wait to read the next book in the series, continue to think about the book and finally, go back and read my favorite parts over and over again. This is the case with "Paradise (Girl Friday " #1) by Rachel Blake.

Jayden Clark is in the running for a promotion on her job with none other than a co-worker she is sleeping with. However, after he plays a dirty trick on her she not only loses the promotion but her job as well. So, after her mother drops by to interrupt the pityfest she is having, Jayden takes a look at the help wanted ads in the paper where she discovers a girl Friday Job that promises travel and fun. Oh and did I mention that her new boss, Nick Regent is a 6'4', fine as can be sizzling hot tall drink of water? Well, if not, consider it mentioned!

Little does Jayden realize but this new job will offer more than she ever bargain for including 'hot monkey love, ' intrigue, action and danger. I'm just sayin.' I loved the characters, plot, and fabulous sex! The action was pretty great as well. One of my favorite things about the book was the humor.

If you are looking for something fresh that promises great sex and a mysterious twist; then, "Paradise" is the book for you. Do not hesitate put this book on your reading list my goodread friends.

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### **Honey Warren says**

This was really good! Tess always writes the BEST female characters. Jayden was one of those kick ass leads. She was full attitude and spunkiness. She made Nick laugh, which was no easy task!! Nick was hot. Tall, big and hot! I pictured Jason Momoa the WHOLE time! Which is definitely a good thing=)

Read this!

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### **Aussie Jo says**

You have to be rather clever to be humourous. This book is not laugh out loud but quite witty. However it lacks in story line and complete connection with anyone other than the main character. The relationship did not have enough background.... Or events/experiences to base things on.

The author is clearly talented but it lacked a lot.

I would describe the humour and lightness of the book as similar to, say, Kristen Ashley's Rock Chic.

It may be just me... But what is with the term: girl Friday?

I skimmed bits in the end and kept checking my progress to see when it would end.

Would I recommend it? No

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## Debbie says

This is a really good book. Jayden ends up losing her job because of a prick move by the guy at work she's sleeping with whose her competition for a promotion. She answers an ad in the newspaper for a company looking for a Girl Friday and gets hired on the spot. Nick is her new boss and he is HOT. He's tall, dark, sexy, tattooed, mysterious, drives a motorcycle, the list goes on. Jayden's first part of her job is to go to Tahiti with Nick and his partner Taylor to launch a real estate office there. It becomes obvious to Jayden that Nick is involved with more than real estate - but he assures her it's safe. I don't want to give too much of the story away, but you'll get some hot steamy scenes with Nick, a horrible ex-fiancee, pirates, ships and funny friends. The best thing you'll get is Nick! Just loved him.

This was a great book told from Jayden's POV, and only took a couple of hours to read.

I'm looking forward to the next book in this series.

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## Writer says

Unbelievable spine tingling romance full of thrill! Whoa!!, March 8, 2013

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This review is from: Paradise (Girl Friday) (Kindle Edition)

This is unbelievably unreal! I have not encountered this good a story packed with action, intrigue, laughter and hot romance. It will keep you riveted and enthralled and laughed out loud at the same time, I wouldn't want it to end. With Jayden's quirkiness and Nick's charm oozing with sex appeal, this two are so dazzling and so hot it'll fog up your kindle screen, oh my! Their steamy sex scenes were done with finesse but raw and so so hot you'd feel that spine tingling sensation from the roots of your hair down to your toes! This is one story I wish came in sequel 1, 2 and 3 to 100 series, please Ms.Blake, write a sequel and don't let this end and make it an on going adventure of this dynamic duo...more please! I've read this twice already and I'm gonna read it again, right now...I need a Jayden and Nick quick fix! :).

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## Jaime says

I hate to say it but I really did not like this book. It had a lot of potential but I just could not get past some things. She interviews and takes a job and doesn't inquire about salary or actual job function? OK I can try to overlook that. But then she agrees to go to Tahiti with 2 men who she doesn't know at all and they have her living in the same house as her. This screams "you're going to get raped and murdered and either chopped up into little pieces or sold into sex slavery." Then he sends her to show a house with a man she's never met. She goes into the house with him alone! Why not take the other guy in with her. This makes no sense! And of course the whole time you know something shady is going down and they're not just there for real estate. But then you find out that he's trying to send medicine to areas that need it so they're illegal operations are forgiven. The whole time she's now started an inappropriate relationship with said possible rapist and

murderer. Then they get kidnapped with someone who knows them and they end up on a boat. Once they make to Hawaii her mother is there and instead of wanting to kill the guy who put his daughter in such a horrible circumstance she is so dazzled by his looks that he gets a free pass. What?! I cannot stand books where guys do horrible things but because they're devastatingly handsome all is forgiven. Dumb dumb dumb. Ok rant over.

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### **Monica says**

I love the little stories that can whisk us away if even for just a few days especially when you end up in Tahiti! This was a quick little read, but even though eccentric and very fairytale-ish as far as the HEA (which are my favorites) it was a great tale full of excitement, beautiful backdrop, gorgeous characters, some intense chemistry, of course a little adventure too, and my favorite the happily ever after in the end! If you need to escape to the beautiful beach for a while and want a quick, hot, but little read with a sexy alpha male and a beautiful smart girl then this book is for you!

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### **Pamela says**

This is a simple, sexy, intriguing story that takes place in Tahiti. So far so good, right? Throw in an ex-girlfriend, a back-stabbing best friend, and a few pirates, and you've got an exciting mini-adventure that you're about to go on. I loved all the characters, not to mention all the hot, mind-blowing sex between Nick and Jayden. The sexual chemistry between the two is hot, hot, hot once they link up. This is why I give the novel five stars - the author's talent at weaving a sexual tale of a hot, gorgeous guy who goes after what he wants, and he wants Jayden. What's interesting, from my perspective, is that when Jayden meets Nick there's barely any desire that Nick has for her and vice-versa. It's not until later on when he grabs her when she returns from a bad date that all the sexual desire he's had building up in him erupts. I don't know about you, but you know that tickling feeling you have in your lower body? Well, it's at this point my tickling feeling goes into overdrive. I don't know if it's the way the author wrote it or what, but what a nice feeling. I could not get enough of Nick.

*"Nick held me against his hard chest, and he pressed his erection against my bottom. The heat of his naked body penetrated my t-shirt, warming my skin. His free hand reached up and brushed the hair from my face, and his mouth caressed my ear and neck."*

I still have that funny feeling. ;)

I wonder what the author has in store for her readers next.

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### **Cathy M. says**

Not what I thought it would be...

It was an okay read but I felt like the 1st half and 2nd half were 2 different stories. The 1st half felt more like a romance, more light, more carefree, some humor. Didn't quite get the chemistry between Jayden & Nick and I didn't really feel like we got to know him all that well. A few grunts, choice words and some dirty talk

is not much to go on...

From the beginning you knew nothing was as it seemed but the whole side business of Nick's almost felt like it came out of left field. And the "suspense" in the 2nd half just didn't meld with the 1st half IMO. Not to mention the stupid other characters who join the cast.

As I said, it was an okay read. Didn't hate it enough for 2 stars but didn't like it enough for 3 so would probably rate it more like 2.5 stars.

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### **Lorraine Oliver says**

Paradise by Tess Oliver is a contemporary new adult romance which contains great characters, and a wonderful plot, and several humorous scenes that all blend together to form a great read!

As always, what's not to like- we have a beautiful woman named Jayden who has just been tricked by her lover/co worker, so he can get the advancement they were both going after: the man she was sleeping with and trusted-she never expected him to be so low! But after days of couch surfing and drinking orange soda and eating cheese puffs, not to mention a visit from her Mother, she finally gets off the couch!

Answering an ad for a girl friday position, Jayden meets her oh so hot and great looking 6'4" new boss, and it is off to Tahiti, to work for Nick Regent, the owner of Regent Realty! They are to be there for a month and launch the new office, and along with Nick's friend Taylor and Pierre, who is staying in Tahiti already, off they go.

Jayden and Nick start having feelings for each other, and then things happen to make this supposedly great job really intense -we have an absolutely repulsive ex-lover of Nick's showing up and creating chaos, also mysterious phone calls, and incidents that cause hard feelings between Nick and Jayden. Then as if anything could get worse- something really bad happens, that causes Jayden to be in the middle of a horrible event!

Read this book, I know you will love it, there are great well developed characters, a great plot that in true Tess Oliver style keeps twisting around and leaves you wondering what is going on, and of course there are hot encounters between Nick and Jayden, guaranteed to make you want to swoon, and then there is danger, but most of all there is love! By the time you are through reading this book I know that you, like me, will want to read more by this extremely talented writer!

I gave this book 5\*\*\*\*\* and look forward to my next read from Tess Oliver!

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### **Heather andrews says**

Nick he's well a straight forward kind of guy, "besides birth control, are you on any medications?" He's also not modest about his body or his tattoo, "you can look. I don't mind." he said without lifting his head or opening his eyes. I reached over and slid the sleeve of his t-shirt up. Running along the back of his arm, the word dragon started at the top of his massive bicep and ended at the bottom of it." And well he's all man when it comes to a certain incident, "nice," he said with a lazy smile. I glanced down and was horrified to find that during the lotion explosion, my boob had sprung free from my loosely tied robe." Nick has lots of



little innuendos, "yeah." His gaze drifted over my face and lips. "Besides, I like having you pressed against me back there." I hope Pierre and Taylor get a story because they were two other characters I fell in love with the book.

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