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From the bestselling author of *The Convenient Groom* (now a beloved Hallmark Original movie) comes a heartfelt story of family secrets, forgiveness, and unexpected romance.

Following a painful betrayal, Maddy Monroe's love life is a wreck, and her restaurant career is in shambles. When her grandmother goes missing, she and her estranged sisters converge at the family beach house in Sea Haven, North Carolina. Being with uptight Nora and free-spirited Emma at the place where their family broke apart is a struggle, and undercurrents of jealousy and resentment threaten to pull the sisters under. In the midst of the storm, sparks begin to fly between Maddy and Gram's maddening neighbor, Connor Murphy.

As the sisters pack up the family belongings, memories of idyllic, slow-paced summers are resurrected. But long-buried secrets also come to light as Maddy discovers that all was not as it appeared that last summer in Sea Haven--nor today in the seemingly perfect lives of her sisters.

As family tensions rise and Connor causes tumult in Maddy's heart, the sisters must find a way to accept each other for the women they've become before the bitterness of the past destroys their hope for a future.

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S Deatrck says

I loved this novel. It has it all.

It begins with the three sisters reuniting, all with secrets and past hurts that complicate their relationships with each other. So it seems to be a women's fiction book. But then come Connor and Maddy discovering that their first impressions of each other weren't correct and romance begins to grow. Add a clever loving grandmother to the mix and it makes for a wonderful lesson of truth and redemption.

There are so many layers in this book. Denise shows totally all the flaws and problems of all the characters. This enabled me to get to know and feel for the characters. And every one of them has secrets, these people and things are not as they seem on the outside.

This is a novel with betrayal, family tension, marital strife, estrangement and secrets. But it is not a heavy read. It is full of hope for the future and new beginnings. I truly enjoyed it. It is one of my favorites that she had written.

I was given a copy to read by NetGalley and Thomas Nelson (thank you) but the opinions are entirely my own.

Paula Pugh says

Three sisters are thrown back together by their missing aunt in this relationship reconstruction story. Two of the sisters have not spoken in twenty years over a love gone bad. They have refused to reconcile. Their aunt is AWOL and it all seems like a plot to get the sisters together in one place to mend fences and finally move forward as the close sisters they once were.

Sara (Alicorn Feathers) says

The story was way too predictable--I guessed the gist of each mysterious secret hidden in the family, and usually was spot on. Nothing came as a surprise. But I still enjoyed the story and liked how realistic the romantic conflict felt, and I loved how much the story was focused on family. Though, I do hate how rarely the two best friend characters showed up, and how little we thought of Holly at the end. And I'm very tired of the "I thought your sister was your lover" trope. But, again, it was an enjoyable story, and I don't regret reading it.

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Amy says

Gorgeous cover & intriguing title, 'Summer by the Tides' was an obvious pick for me. Who doesn't love the idea of a beach cottage on the Carolina coastline? Summer's spent idling the time away with the locals,

savoring everything as a get away from the world. However, it isn't so easy breezy as it would appear. With flashbacks to their younger years, these three sisters thrown together upon the sudden disappearance of their Grandma - don't want to be in the same state as each other let alone the same house. What tore this family apart, and what big secrets are they hiding now? Next door neighbor Connor drew them together, and it seems he's feeling just a little bit agitated by the youngest of the three, Maddy.

While I wondered at times the extent of the drama and difficulties these ladies had faced over the years, it seemed a little far fetched. Almost too much - but it is balanced out by the easy going and loving family that Connor's exemplifies. The contrast is clear. His inner strength and faith despite the trials he has suffered is endearing and I loved his character. There's a yearning for Connor & Maddy to find the peace they are both seeking. It's a tender story in many places - all the while giving you the feel you are there, feeling the sand between the toes with the warm breeze coming in off the Atlantic.

Beautiful story, really hoping it's not a standalone. Different angle with the major characters being a lot older than usual. I first discovered this author via her Nantucket Island stories. It feels so good to be back by the Ocean. Loved it!

Thanks to Thomas Nelson for the eARC. This is my honest review.

Misty Wilson says

What a heartwarming read! I wish I could give it 10 stars. Summer by the Tides brings out all the emotions - shock, sadness, and joy. Maddy, Nora, and Emma are brought to SeaHaven by their grandma's neighbor, Conner Sullivan, when it appears Gram is missing. You quickly learn the sisters are harboring secrets not only about their pasts, but about their present lives. As the summer progresses, Maddy soon realizes she has projected past hurts onto Conner and he is not the person she made him out to be. Conner is himself as a lot of hurt in his past but has learned to put his trust in God. It takes an approaching storm to make them all realize that secrets are best out in the open so healing can begin.

This book accurately depicts how families can be torn apart and lives forever changed when things go unsaid or unforgiven. I found it very difficult to put down and hated for it to end.

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Kayla Stierwalt says

Summer by the Tides makes for breezy fun at the beach as a positive summer read. After losing her treasured job and her boyfriend, Maddy returns to Seahaven to find her missing grandmother. Her two older sisters, who are estranged from each other, arrive at the cottage as well. The family goes through the physical and emotional process of clearing out the attic and their past. Maddy even finds a nice, handsome next door neighbor. The story unfolds rather straight forward and predictably, making it a comforting read as you imagine beach waves just off your porch.

Rachel Martin says

A quick and enjoyable summer read, even though I read it in winter!

While there is a romance, family, secrets and betrayal are at the heart of this novel. The characters are likeable and the setting perfect for escapist beach reading.

Colleen says

Hunter just keeps getting better and better! This book was my favorite to date. Full of unique and compelling characters and swoon worthy romance, this novel will have a prominent place on my keeper shelf.

Jan Fore says

Maddy Monroe had hopes of becoming a manager in the beautiful, large restaurant she worked. She believed Nick would love her in return and they could have a life together. In one disastrous day, Maddy's world fell apart. She left work crying without saying a word. At home she changed and dug in the garden pulling weeds cursing about the entire episode. She hadn't noticed her phone; it's messages or the texts. After sleeping through the night and most of the next day her best friend Holly started banging on the door. Friends are there whenever you need them and Holly was not leaving Maddy. When she discovered that the phone was turned off she gave her friend a word about not ever turning it off. Once messages were read and phone calls answered Maddy learns her Gram in Sea Haven, North Carolina has disappeared. She packed bags, loaded the car and drove the 4 hours to the cottage. Upon arrival she meets with Gram's neighbor, Connor who had called her. Gram's car was there, her dishes still on the table, but no Gram. Maddy's sisters soon arrived to help find their grandmother. Although the three sisters were less than friends despite being family they spent the next weeks trying to find Gram. Why doing so they decided to set the cottage to rites by painting, cleaning and readying it for sale as their Gram had wanted. The story continues to solve the Monroe family struggles as well as Connor and his sisters.

It's an entertaining journey learning of the families and their lives in Sea Haven, North Carolina. It is a different tale than the series books that I have read from Denise Hunter before. I enjoyed it. It was a pleasant read.

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JoAnn says

I love this author's books and Summer by the Tides was no exception. Excellent writing, great characters and setting. I highly recommend this book. I received an arc from Netgalley and this is my unbiased review.

Denise says

Loved, loved, loved everything about this book! It's the perfect summer read. Just the right amount of

romance, great setting, well-developed characters, tension resolved—this book has it all. Highly recommended. Denise Hunter fans will love it.

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Tracey says

I've read almost two dozen Denise Hunter books and am a big fan of her writing. My favorites have been *Dancing with Fireflies* and *The Goodbye Bride*. These two are going to have to make room on the shelf for *Summer of the Tides*! This story checks all the boxes for great reading, warm sunny beach setting, complex family dynamics, relatable characters and a fantastic love story with sizzling chemistry.

Maddy is the epitome of the "once burned, twice shy" idiom. Having just discovered her boyfriend's betrayal, she suspects every motive behind attractive neighbor Connor's helpfulness. Connor has suffered through his own hard times and become a stronger, more patient, faith-filled man because of it. Sisters Nora and Emma's complicated relationship provides a good deal of angst to the unfolding story of years past. Gram is nothing if not shockingly funny in her behavior and comments.

With a hurricane brewing, I couldn't help but see it as a parallel to the storm the family was facing. Everyone has secrets they hold inside to keep from being hurt. I love how Denise dealt with the issues of fear, pain, judgement and loss, and overcoming them all through love and forgiveness.

There are some great quotes in this book! Three of my favorites,

*Little sister advice-"Do you really think you're going to find a single woman your age without a little baggage? You're toting around at least a carry-on yourself. We all have issues, you know. That's just life."

*Self-sabotage-"You just make me feel so much, and I was afraid you'd break my heart. So I went ahead and broke it myself."

*Grandma wisdom-"Love's not always easy, but it's worth it. You'll never find happiness if you let fear stand in the way of what you truly desire."

I loved the epilogue and the way Hunter tied together all the details of their personal and professional lives. It's so satisfying I've reread those last few pages a good number of times. I don't know how she does it, but Hunter's writing gets better with each book. I hope this is a series and the next story we'll be reading will be Nora's!

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Melissa says

I am a huge fan of Denise Hunter's novels and her newest one coming out in May 2019 did not disappoint. When I am looking for a light hearted book, or a sweet love story, I turn to her work. *Summer by the Tides* tells the story of Maddy and her two sisters. The past tore them apart and when their grandmother goes missing, they return to their grandmother's home, the place where everything fell apart and find a way to make amends.

Diane says

Summer by the Tides written by author Denise Hunter is an engrossing story about three sisters who have chosen to distance themselves for almost twenty years after a shocking betrayal.

Maddie Monroe has had a very bad day. She was expecting a promotion to General Manager at the elite restaurant, Pirouette. Instead she sees Nick, her boyfriend talking with Evangeline, her boss. Nick was making a play for her job promotion and an intimate advance with Evangeline. So Maddie walks away from her job and friends at the restaurant in profound hurt. A day later when Maddie answers her phone she receives a call from her grandmother's neighbor, Connor Sullivan. Her Grandmother seems to have disappeared! She immediately starts the four hour drive to Sea Haven, NC and to look for Grams. As the story unfolds more secrets are revealed between the three sisters and a lost faith is restored. I won't post spoilers, but Maddie is dreading the tension between her sisters Emma and Nora as they try to solve the mystery of Grams disappearance.

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