



Sunset Beach

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Sunset Beach Camping

Pull up a lounge chair and have a cocktail at Sunset Beach — it comes with a twist.

Sunset Beach Oahu

Drue Campbell's life is adrift. Out of a job and down on her luck, life doesn't seem to be getting any better when her estranged father, Brice Campbell, a flamboyant personal injury attorney, shows up at her mother's funeral after a twenty-year absence. Worse, he's remarried to Drue's eighth grade frenemy, Wendy, now his office manager. And they're offering her a job.

Sunset Beach Nc

It seems like the job from hell, but the offer is sweetened by the news of her inheritance — her grandparents'™ beach bungalow in the sleepy town of Sunset Beach, a charming but storm-damaged eyesore now surrounded by waterfront McMansions.

Sunset Beach Book

With no other prospects, Drue begrudgingly joins the firm, spending her days screening out the grifters whose phone calls flood the law office. Working with Wendy is no picnic either. But when a suspicious death at an exclusive beach resort nearby exposes possible corruption at her father's firm, she goes from unwilling cubicle rat to unwitting investigator, and is drawn into a case that may or may not involve her father. With an office romance building, a decades-old missing persons case re-opened, and a cottage in rehab, one thing is for sure at Sunset Beach: there's a storm on the horizon.

Sunset Beach Cabo

Sunset Beach is a compelling ride, full of Mary Kay Andrews' signature wit, heart, and charm.

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Thirty-six-year old Drue Campbell has fifteen minutes to get to work but knows she'll never make it on time. If she was back in Fort Lauderdale, she could call a friend or take an Uber. Unfortunately, Drue just moved back to the west coast so she doesn't have any money or friends she can call. She heads for the bus stop, getting there just in time to see the bus pull away. She collapses on the bus stop bench and ends up with a large splinter in her butt cheek. The ad on the bus bench is a picture of Brice W. Campbell from the law firm Campbell, Coxe, and Kramer. "Her new boss. Her long-lost father, and as always, a major pain in the ass."

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Unfortunately, her circumstances worsened so here she was. Today is Drue's first day of work at Campbell, Coxe, and Kramer. She finally makes it to the office and heads inside. And just when she thinks things can't get any worse!

She meets her father's office manager.

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Drue tries to settle in at work. When she's not at the office she's working on getting the cottage into shape. In the attic, she finds some old papers and newspaper clippings about a missing person. She wonders why the papers are in the cottage. Drue also wonders about the recent suspicious death of a young woman who worked at a local beach resort. The woman's mother is unhappy with how the firm handled her daughter's case. Drue finds the case heartbreaking and begins investigating on her own.

Is it possible that someone at the firm is involved in these cases? Could Drue be putting herself in danger as she tries to find the truth?

I really enjoyed this novel!

Most of the story takes place in the present, but there are chapters from 1975/1976 interspersed throughout the novel that give the backstory of one of the cases Drue is researching.

I thought this was a very well-written, well-paced story with many great characters. Drue's story was interesting and so were the cases she was investigating. It was emotional at times but was also often refreshingly funny.

“Sunset Beach” was an engrossing and satisfying novel with layers and twists that kept me gripped and quickly flipping the pages.

Now I just need to decide which Mary Kay Andrews novel I'm going to read next!

I'd like to thank St. Martin's Press for providing me with an advanced copy of this novel. All opinions are my own. ...more

Sunset Beach North Carolina

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This was an entertaining beach read packed with Mystery and an added splash of romance and family drama. Mary Kay Andrews has written one heck of a perfect beach Mystery. When I pick this up I was expecting a bit more of a contemporary beach romance, but I was pleasantly surprised by this charming Mystery. I loved being dumped into the middle of Druze messy life and watching her pick up the pieces and solve a couple mysteries. So pick up your detective hat, grab your bikini, and settle into your favorite beach chair for this fun ride.

Drew is recovering from a knee injury, working as a cocktail waitress in a beach bar, and missing being able to participate in her favorite activity, kite boarding. Drew's beloved mother has just passed away when out of the blue Bryce her estranged father shows up. She is less than thrilled, but when she gets fired from her job she begrudgingly takes her father up on his job offer. Drew soon finds herself working for her father, a personal injury attorney and guess what? Her boss is her old eighth grade BFF turned enemy. Even better Wendy is now also Drew's new step mommy. The silver lining to all of this is that Drew has inherited her grandparents beach bungalow and even though it is in need of much TLC it is a sanctuary from this crazy storm. Drew is not wild about her new job so she is easily distracted when Mystery comes knocking. What follows is Drew's involvement in two murder cases. One involves one of her father's cases and the other is over 40 years old.

Loved Drew she was sassy, smart, strong, and a little salty. I loved solving these mysteries right along side her. Both these mysteries were compelling with outcomes that took me by surprise. The family drama was engaging and I liked how Drew and Bryce's relationship evolved. The romance was subtle, sweet, and satisfying. This was an entertaining book that will be enjoyed on the couch just as much as at the beach.

Kathleen McInerney does a brilliant job bringing Drew to life in this book. She gave each character their own distinct voice and that really added an additional layer to an already wonderful story. Another book I feel that was enhanced by the listening experience.

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This was my first Mary Kay Andrews book and I'll certainly be reading more of her work. I love the cover of the book which is really misleading because things are much darker in the book than the cover conveys. At the same time, we get to enjoy the beach and a worn out beach house that gets to come alive again as you read the book. In some ways I think the beach house coming alive and the life of Drue, the main character, mirror each other.

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I really enjoyed the characters in the book because even minor characters seemed to be individuals and Drue's relationship with the various people in the book has the potential to change as she gets to know the people and they get to know her. Drue went from seeming like a grumpy, depressing, too down on her luck character, to someone I could see did care about others and wanted to make a difference in her life and the lives of others.

Drue throws herself into researching and investigating an almost forty year old missing person case and also a two year old murder. Most of what she does has to be done on the sly since her dad might have been involved in the missing person case and her dad's firm represented the family of the murder victim, represented badly, as far as Drue is concerned. Drue wants to find out what happened to the missing person and she wants to right the many wrongs in the case of the murder victim and her family. The story has two timelines, as we go back in forth from the present to almost 40 years ago, when Drue's then police officer dad and his partner, interact with the missing woman, before her disappearance.

I enjoyed the multi faceted characters and the mysteries the story presents. Thank you to St. Martin's Press and NetGalley for this ARC. ...more

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Sunset Beach Florida

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4.5 Stars...rounded up!

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she has inherited her grandparent's house on the beach - Sunset Beach.

Drue's Dad also offers her a job at his law firm to take calls - her boss is her new step mom and it's the worst job imaginable. One day Drue is manning the front desk and an old client comes in demanding justice. This gets Drue's gears grinding and Drue wants justice for this family who is struggling. Something just seems "off" with how this case was settled and Drue won't stop until she figures out where this went wrong. We watch Drue try to find love, repair her relationship with her Dad and try to get through life. She just has to go through some twists and turns to get there.

This book was so much more than what I expected it was going to be! The cover really does make it look like it's going to be a summer chick lit read but this is way more than that. This is a full blown mystery that the main character comes in to once it's been "solved" and reopens the case to find out the truth. She wants justice for a family that definitely got played by the system. Although Drue could be over the top about how enthusiastic she was about this case (i'm talking no sleep, not eating, etc.) I appreciated her dedication.

There's something about MKA books that suck me in every single time. The way that she writes is so engrossing and the short chapters keep me wanting more. They're definitely not thrillers but the mystery is usually something that I haven't really read before. I suppose I love how fresh her writing is each year. Plus who can not like books with a beach theme? I feel like as I was reading and imaging a beach town it almost made me calmer in the intense parts. Overall this is a great book to start off my summer reading and I will continue to look forward to her books each and every year!

This book is out now so go pick it up! Thank you to St. Martin's Press for my copy of this book. ...more

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Sunset Beach River Park

4 bold stars to Sunset Beach! ⭐️ ⭐️ ⭐️ ⭐️

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Drue has to work side-by-side with Wendy in the office, which is no fun. Then, a mysterious death happens, which might be tied to corruption at Brice's firm. Now Drue dons her detective hat and starts her own investigation. There's also a romance looming at the law firm!

Ahh, Mary Kay Andrews! What a charming read! There's her trademark wit, a few giggles, some well-done intrigue with the mysteries, a quaint, beachy setting, and so much fun!

In the last two books from MKA, I've noticed the added mystery elements, and she executes them well. Drue reminded me a bit of Kinsey Milhone from Susan Grafton's books, and I loved that. Overall, this is everything we want and more from a MKA book. I think all her fans, myself included, will be happy readers!

I received a complimentary copy. All opinions are my own.

My reviews can also be found on my blog: www.jennifertarheelreader.com and instagram: www.instagram.com/tarheelreader ...more

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Mary Kay Andrews has done it yet again with this new novel, *Sunset Beach*. Looking at the covers of her novels you would almost expect to be picking up a contemporary romance but instead there has been so much more involved in her stories making them a bit hard to label and classify as any one thing.

In *Sunset Beach* readers meet Drue Campbell who is one of those characters that has really yet to find herself even though she's in her thirties. Drue's passion had been kite boarding but she had to give it up due to a major injury. To fund her passion she bounced from mediocre job to mediocre job.

After Drue's mother passes her estranged father, Brice Campbell, a hotshot attorney who she hasn't seen in years steps back into her life to let Drue know she inherited her grandparents cottage. He also offers Drue a job which she desperately needs and reluctantly accepts only to find her new stepmother, a former childhood friend, is her new boss. However, Drue quickly finds an old case that catches her attention that she's determined to solve.

Sunset Beach really had something more going on with the characters and story with each turn of the page. Anything from family drama and personal relationships to a murder mystery from an old client case at the law office along with another mystery more close to home for Drue as she cleans and renovates the beach house. I also wondered starting off if I would even like Drue but really did so this one was one that I flew through finding it hard to put down.

I received an advance copy from the publisher via NetGalley.

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Sunset Beach San Francisco

Four sea breezing, kites flying, sun shining, I didn't expect to like so much mysterious stars!

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So she reluctantly moves to Sunset Beach, inheriting her grandmother's house and gets job offer from estranged father Brice Campbell (he leaves her mother, they have limited connections for 20 years) So Drue starts to work for her father's injury law office and her manager is her old time frenemy also her new stepmother Wendy(yeap, her father likes to make big surprises)who is determined to turn her life into hell!

But Drue is really busy to fix her dilapidated house she's inherited, deal with her suffering knee, two cases/ 40 year old missing person and 2 year old murder of maid mysteries.

Two of the mysteries are solved with surprising and unexpected revelations because two of them connected with the ones who are close to Drue!

The author did great job because it is not a regular chic lit or an easy and light summer reading. There are unsolved cases which are perfectly developed and keeping your curiosity alert! There is a family drama, resentment, unsaid words, misunderstandings and there is also a woman's story who works hard to put her life in order, deserves her second chance happiness.

Going back in forth between two timelines and juggling different genres and different but really interesting characters' story require a brilliant brain and good writing skills. Thankfully Mary Kay Andrews has all these gifts and gives the readers a good ending they deserve.

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