



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 Russian River

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 Oahu

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 Nc

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 Book

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

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A few months earlier Drue's mother passed away. Her father, Brice attended the funeral. It was the first time Drue had seen him in more than twenty years. After the funeral, he gave Drue a set of keys for her Nonni and Papi's cottage in Sunset Beach. He told her the cottage was hers, but it needed a lot of work. He asked Drue what her plans were. With a flaky boyfriend, a crappy waitressing job, and a recent injury, Drue had to admit she didn't really have any plans. He offered her a job working at his law firm, but Drue turned him down. "I have no interest in moving back to St. Pete and zero interest in the law."

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!

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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. Drewâ€™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 Drewâ€™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 a knocking. What follows is Drewâ€™s involvement in two murder cases. One involves one of her fatherâ€™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 Bryceâ€™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.

ðŸŽšðŸŽšðŸŽš 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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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 North Carolina

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

Loved it and highly recommend this as a great beach read! I truly got started and was lost in this one for two days - couldn't put it down. This is my first Mary Kay Andrews read and I'm sure I will be reading more soon. Loved the characters and the plot. There's a couple of mysteries here and a love story as well as a little growing up and being an adult. Drue Campbell was a believable character and I liked the historic beach town setting.

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4.5 / 5 (4.5/5)

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When I first started *Sunset Beach* I wasn't sure how much I was actually going to end up liking it, but after I got into the meat of the story and the mystery, I couldn't pull myself away from it. I love that MKA's books have a bit of everything, there's a bit of romance, lots of family drama, love, loss, and mystery. The way she pulls everything together always pulls at my heart and I somehow manage to end up in tears (usually happy) by the time I get to the end of her books. *Sunset Beach* was no exception.

The character's really came to life in this story for me, and I loved Drue's quick wit throughout the book. She is in her mid-thirties and while I don't think she always acted her age, she definitely made for a very real and relatable character. I love how relatable MKA makes her characters, and if you can't relate to one of them, you can usually relate to at least someone. Plus, the setting of *Sunset Beach* in Florida made ME want to be on a beach. This really is a perfect beach read, whether you are by one or not.

Sunset Beach has viewpoints from a few different people, although Drue is the main one. It also eventually starts to switch between past and present, which is ultimately where the book started to pick up for me and had me completely hooked. The mystery was a good one, and I didn't really see the

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ending coming.

Final Thought: Drama! Mystery! Intrigue! If you like a good women's fiction novel that gives you beach vibes plus involves mystery and some light romance, I highly recommend checking out Sunset Beach. I think MKA fans will love this book if they liked *The High Tide Club*, and newer fans (like me) should love this as well. If you don't love it at first just hang in there, I promise the mystery is so worth it!!

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Drue really has no choice but to take Brice's job offer and move back to St. Petersburg. Once there, she realizes things can get worse when she finds out her dad is now married to a woman her own age...who just happens to be her 8th grade best friend turned enemy, Wendy! The only upside to moving back to St. Petersburg is that Drue discovers that she has inherited the beach cottage on *Sunset Beach* that her grandfather built decades ago and where she spent so many happyÂ years while growing up.Â It's now dilapidated and needs major repairs, but Drue is thrilled it's all hers.

What she's not thrilled about is working with Wendy every day, and it doesn't help that Drue is really bad at screening calls at the law firm and drumming up clients for her dad. Instead, Drue's more interested in trying to figure out who strangled the daughter of one of their clients--and mainly why her dad didn't get the girl's mother a bigger settlement in the wrongful death suit! As far as Drue is concerned, the client is right and justice wasn't served, so Drue turns secret investigator to figure out what happened and if the law firm (and her father) is somehow involved in hiding things.

If that mystery weren't enough to keep Drue busy, she finds a box in her attic while trying to prevent a leak in her roof that has an old police file from 1976 in it about a missing woman. Her dad used to be a police officer, but why would an entire police file just happen to be in her grandparent's attic and what

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happened to the missing woman 40 years ago? Let's just say that Drue has some suspicions!

Drue's investigations in both mysteries take her on a shocking path where she can trust no one! I love when MKA adds mystery and intrigue in her novels because she always adds just the right touch of suspense to keep you glued to the pages without letting it get too dark and heavy (although we all know I love my dark and gritty novels!). But for a summer read, this is the perfect mix of mystery, a bit of sleuthing, some intrigue, family drama, some romance, and a perfect southern summer setting!

Sunset Beach is another delightful summer novel from the queen of the beach reads, and it gets my highest recommendation! Make sure you grab a copy or add it to your TBR before it releases on May 7, 2019!

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