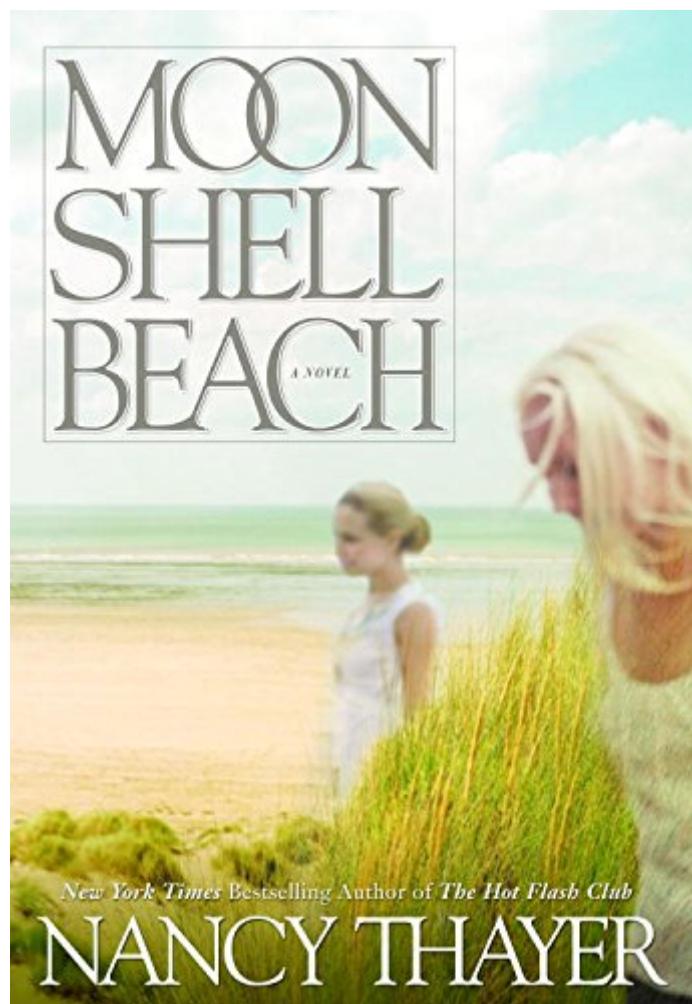


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Moon Shell Beach: A Novel



Synopsis

New York Times bestselling author Nancy Thayer delighted readers with her sparkling Hot Flash Club series. Now she has written a vibrant new novel set within a tight-knit island community, where two women struggle to rekindle a childhood friendship damaged by harsh words, betrayal, and the passing years. Lexi Laney and Clare Hart grew up together swimming in the surf, riding remote bike trails, and having wondrous adventures across picturesque Nantucket. And when it was time to share intimate secrets and let their girlish imaginations run free, they escaped to their magical private hideaway: Moon Shell Beach. But nothing stays the same. With the complicated pressures of adulthood, their intense bond is frayed, hurtful words are exchanged, and Lexi flees Nantucket to a life of luxury while Clare stays behind. Ten years later, a newly divorced Lexi returns to make amends with those she left in her wake. Living at home with her father and dating a gorgeous carpenter, Clare still simmers with resentment toward her glamorous friend. And when Lexi opens an upscale clothing boutique next door to Clareâ™s chocolate shop, their paths are fated to cross. Their emotional reunion is beset with major challenges: Lexiâ™s return sets off a series of startling events that fracture the status quo and set the town gossipsâ™ tongues wagging. And as Clareâ™s life takes an abrupt detour, Lexi wonders if the happiness and peace they once knew on Moon Shell Beach will, in the end, prove to be as fleeting as time and the tide. In the turbulent adult world, awash in failed loves and romantic disappointment, can childhood dreams still come true? Irresistible reading, Moon Shell Beach explores the evolution of a tumultuous lifelong friendship, the power of forgiveness, and the rewards of believing in miracles. From the Hardcover edition.

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Customer Reviews

I hate to weigh in with such a negative review but I really disliked Moon Shell Beach by Nancy Thayer. Quite frankly I don't even know where to begin to answer why I felt this way, but I will try. To begin with I felt the story line was implausible and improbable. Yes, I know friends fall in love with each other's boyfriends but to think how two women fell for undeserving Jesse and then to have him run off was just silly. And then the two main characters were so poorly portrayed that I never felt as though I knew them. In addition, I felt as though the ending was pulled out of thin air and was supposed to leave us thinking happy ending? I don't think so. This is not the first Nancy Thayer book I read but it might be the last. Actually I wonder if Nancy Thayer was author of this book altogether. I read this book on the basis of her being the author and now I wonder what happened to an author I really enjoyed. Finally, the subject of two friends becoming lifelong friends and role of the beach in their friendship has been done over and over and much better than this, I might add. For some real good reading try Summer Sisters by Judy Blume or Beach Girls by Luanne Rice. Or better yet walk along the beach with a good friend or find one.

After getting hooked on Nancy Thayer with the Hot Flash Club books, which are laugh out loud funny, with characters that are well developed and easy to relate to, this was disappointing. The first half of the book reads more like a stale summary to provide the backstory for the second half of the book - written like the author was trying to bring the reader up to speed about what happened before the real meat of it. Except that the back story really was interesting or compelling - and maybe not even necessary. The second half of the story - the real story - is where Ms. Thayer starts to get into her groove, but it's too little, too late. Since I know that this author has it in her to write a truly engaging story, with people I just like 'hanging out with', I'll gladly continue to download and read her other books, but I really can't recommend this one as being representative of her potential.

I loved this story!! I don't think Nancy Thayer writes anything but exceptional. The setting is

awesome; it reflects early friendships through adulthood. Nancy captures me always in the first chapter. Moon Shell Beach is the perfect place for two friends to share life's truths!

Nancy Thayer has a way of transporting you right to Nantucket. The story line is predictable but still enjoyable to read. Her characters are believable and interesting. Wonderful light read under the sun by the beach or the pool!

If anyone has been to Nantucket, this book paints some beautiful images of the island. There could have been more character development, but if you're looking for a light summer read, this book won't disappoint you.

I have read several of Thayer's books. I have come to believe that her plots have become repetitive. Even to the one needless sex scene, there is always one. Thayer is a very good story writer I just wish that she would get out of her comfort zone.

okay book. Hardly cared about the characters. Not that they were awful people, but they simply weren't interesting enough to care about. Thankfully I paid only a few dollars for the book. I tossed it when I was finished.

I wasn't impressed with this book. The story wasn't anything wildly interesting or original. The book drags along. It seemed more like a "Lifetime" movie. This book wasn't worth buying. Check it out at the library for free.

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