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Six single girls. One sexy billionaire bachelor. On water. What could possibly go wrong?

Sangria Henlie avoids reality TV like last season's labels. She's never watched The Bachelor, has no idea who won any season of Survivor, and couldn't care less who's on this season of Big Brother. She may be an entertainment law intern, but Sangria aspires to work with serious clients.

When her firm takes on a reality TV client, Sangria has no choice but to wade through ridiculous and tedious paperwork, heightening her distaste for unscripted television—And they upped the stupidity by putting the bachelor on a boat. For her, Undertow can't sail out to sea—and her life—fast enough.

Mateo Darger puts the family shipping business ahead of everything—especially women. Going on Undertow was his uncle's crazed idea. Mateo nearly backed out until he realized the advertising benefits. Six weeks with six lovely ladies in exchange for one hour of weekly prime-time television? Done deal.

But when Sangria visits his office to brief him about the do's and don'ts of this crazy cruise, the only thing he can think of is her—and by her clipped remarks, she thinks he's an unmitigated ass for taking part in a farcical charade.

At the last minute, he gets her on the boat. But he hasn't thought through his next move. She's furious—and Mateo has six other women to...ahem...impress? Will Sangria let down her guard, or will it be the longest six weeks of Mateo's blessed billionaire life?

Undertow, Wunderland #1 Details

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Rhiannon Overby says

Undertow was a sweet romantic story about a law intern who is swept onto a reality show similar to The Bachelor, but aboard a luxury yacht.

This was a decent story to read if you aren't looking to concentrate so hard. It's a sweet love story between a vulnerable woman and a billionaire, but it doesn't feel like a complete story or one that you'll get emotionally invested in.

The heroine of the story Sangria is intelligent and a bit spunky, with a love for cars. While I really liked Sangria as a character, I felt that a lot was missing from this story. There are traumatic parts of Sangria's past that are brought to light, but are never fully explained or resolved. I found the hero Mateo and the supporting characters to be a bit muddled, and none of them really seemed memorable, even though they were an important part of the story. When the story finally came to an end, it felt premature and as though something was missing. I just craved more...but I thought that quite a few times throughout the book.

I received a copy of this book in exchange for my honest opinion.

Jessi says

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Let me just say that I thoroughly enjoyed this book. When reading a new author I tend to be hesitant and not that optimistic. That was not the case with this book.

From the beginning I fell in love with Mateo and Sangria. I mean who wouldn't love a girl named after one of my favorite drinks! The book kept me on my toes with the contestants and their interactions. Let me just say that I hated Kat. And really wished Sangria had stayed long enough for her to witness that epic blow up.

With the twists and turns and blossoming relationship with Sangria and Mateo everything about this book hit all of my checklist for an amazing book. Add in a troubled past and an alpha who won't take no for an answer and you have a recipe for perfection.

I can't wait to find out who the next book about I'm hoping for Mandy.

Clever Girl says

Undertow had all the elements of awesomeness: reality television, a bachelor like concept, a strong, smart heroine who thinks she's happy just as she is, a hot and kind hero who is determined to get close to her, an attraction a ship of scheming females, a major grudge and a whole lot of angst.

While I enjoyed the storyline, and especially the ending, it was absolutely perfect, I wanted more. More

depth, I learned more about Mateo's background from the blurb than the book, I wanted to know about his past, his motivations, I wanted inside his head. I wanted to know more about Sangria too, about her car that she keeps covered, the something that happened to her.

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Amy Jarecki says

Jen Greyson doesn't disappoint with this steamy new adult romance about an intern who gets offered her dream job. Except, she must pose as a contestant on a "The Bachelor" reality TV show first. Definitely not her scene, but a girl can do anything for six weeks. Right? You'll love curvy, headstrong Sangria and wonder about mysterious megga-wealthy Mateo until the very end. A great read!

Heather andrews says

Stuart is a playful guy, "he patted my butt on the way to a chair in the sitting room. "Back at ya, babe." But sadly that man isn't the star of the show Mateo is and that boy is a huge flirt where Sangria is concerned, "they'll dry faster if you take them off." His thumb edged beneath the waistband of my shorts and I redirected it back to my stomach." As the book goes on you see him become more serious and for Mateo that is well pretty serious, "he kissed my forehead then pulled back so I could see him. "As badly as I want this, I'm not about to share you with a million viewers." I liked this book it was different for me. I just wished there was more time between just Mateo and Sangria.

Katarina says

A reality TV show in a book.

Yes, it's been done before, and yes, it was predictable, but that didn't take any fun out of reading for me. I don't like Sangria's name, other than that I thought the story was fun, frothy, entertaining and just right for a rainy afternoon on my couch. It's a short, but sweet read, very cute.

Lauren says

Well, Jen Greyson has done it again. In *Undertow*, a romance set aboard a boat for a reality dating show, she's back with yet another vivacious heroine, Sangria Henlie, who is sarcastic and sharp-tongued yet down to earth and emotionally complex. Her uniqueness (including an impressive love and knowledge of show cars) makes her the kind of gal you'd want to be friends with in real life. Throw in the deliciously intriguing Mateo Darger, whose tense history with Sangria resurfaces once aboard for *Undertow*, and the fireworks begin to explode. The push-and-pull between this bickering couple is a literary addiction, and the heat just keeps on cranking until you can't stand it. But Sangria's past demons, as well as a new and imposing character, stand in the way of her getting what she wants most. And Sangria is not the kind of woman to beg.

Undertow is an excellent read for those who love bold characters with emotional resonance, and a steamy, unforgettable romance. You will not be disappointed :)

InD'tale Magazine says

Reality television has taken over popular culture, so reading a novel based on the same concepts gave this reality fan an approximation of a behind-the-scenes glimpse into the making of a reality dating show.

Read full review in the 2015 September issue of InD'tale Magazine.

🔮morgan🔮 says

I tried to read this book, but couldn't. It got really bland, and I had really high hopes for it. I kept fighting for it to get better but the characters didn't seem to have any type of connection to the story. There was just too many different characters and storylines that it was confusing and easy to get lost in the story.

I still want to read Jen Greyson's second book, *Wunderland #2*, and I hope it's a little better! Right now my summer reads are so-so...I hope they get better soon!!

Phoenix says

I really wanted to like this book from what the excerpt said, but it really was not very good. There were parts that I liked such as the rain scene but overall the chemistry and character development was hit or miss. The beginning did not really grab me and Sangria was just too troubled throughout not really letting me click with her. I never could really route for her.

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Jina says

*I will try to avoid spoilers.

Undertow by Jen Greyson

Sangria Henlie is an entertainment law intern who has little interest in watching television. During her free time, she would rather be at a car auction.

Her world changes course when her firm takes on reality television client, Mateo Darger.

Mateo is very busy with the family shipping business and does not put having a relationship on the list of priorities. However, when he realizes the advertising benefits Mateo decides to go along with his uncle's idea of being on the reality show, *Undertow*.

Mateo and Sangria had met a year previously, at a car auction. Needless to say, Mateo left a lasting impression on Sangria.

So, when the two were face to face again it brought emotions to the surface.

Sangria, being the professional she is, is determined to remain professional. After all, he would soon be sailing out of her life. Right?

Wrong, Mateo wants her to be a contestant on the show. After a few rounds of lets make a deal she reluctantly accepts.

Once out to sea she begins to realizes she may have to be more involved than she expected.

All for show or true love?

I LOVED THIS BOOK! I myself do not like reality television. I could relate with Sangria while at the same time sympathizing with the other characters perspectives. Whether you like reality television or not you will enjoy this book!

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<http://wicked-blogs.blogspot.com>

Beyond the Pages says

Quite frankly, this was a very entertaining read. I enjoyed seeing Mateo and Sangria fight their attraction for one another but then ultimately come together. It was all so sweet. With that said, however, there were some points that seemed inconsistent regarding character traits and demonstrated behaviors. Additionally, it seemed like there should have been more. It was like something was left incomplete. All in all, I found this to be a light and fast read.

Special Note: I noticed at the end of this story that there was an intro for another character from the book. I don't know that any other character outrightly grabbed and held my attention enough for me to go there. I'll just have to see...

Rating: 3/5

Recommend: Yes

Status: M

Romance/Chemistry: Yes

HEA: Yes

Stephanie Phillips (Stephanie's Book Reports) says

Decent

The overall storyline was good. There are several things I thought the beta readers of editors should have caught prior to publishing. One being a total mix of characters in a couple of paragraphs. There seemed to be a rush with the story too. Maybe it was just me.

Holly (epiloguebookblog) says

4.25 Stars

Undertow is another really good pick courtesy of the publisher and NetGalley. Christmas break has allowed for a reading binge, and books like these make it incredibly enjoyable. Of course, they also make the time go by way too fast (unfortunately).

My favorite things about *Undertow* are its setting, its unpredictability, and the chemistry between its characters. I'll elaborate on each briefly.

I love the idea of restricting much of the action to the ship. Because it means close quarters, seeing the same faces each day, and an inability to escape, the ship is a veritable Petri dish for drama.

Even though the novel isn't a thriller, I found myself perpetually in suspense. I genuinely did not know what would happen from one chapter to the next. Just like Stuart keeps his cards close to his chest when it comes to the show's trajectory, the author does the same with the novel's plot. Perhaps due to its diverse supporting characters, or the parameters of the dating game, *Undertow* is a page-turner that demands the reader's full attention.

I really felt the connection between Mateo and Sangria. The novel is written from Sangria's point of view, so the reader is privy to her side of the budding romance. But through ample description and dialogue, the author illustrates that the feeling is mutual. And, thankfully, the connection between our main characters is based on shared interests and camaraderie—not sexual attraction alone.

Since the novel ends rather abruptly, I hope the subsequent Wunderland novels at least include glimpses into

this couple's future. On that note, the novel didn't tie up enough loose ends for me, although this is often the case with series starters. (view spoiler)

In any case, *Undertow* is a pleasurable, relatively light-hearted read that comes off as a combination of *The Bachelor*, *Millionaire Matchmaker*, and *Miss Congeniality*. If one has the time, it could easily be read in a day. I look forward to more books in the series!

Debbie says

Received via Netgalley from Smashwords Edition in exchange for an honest review.

Sangria Henlie is an entertainment lawyer. She is an intern at one of the biggest television studios in America, working on the legal matters concerning the broadcaster's newest show that will hopefully rival *The Bachelor*. A great career booster! Except Sangria knows the eligible bachelor, and he's decided to play dirty with Sangria's career..

I want to point out that luxury, cruises and reality television sounds like a great book idea. It is. I liked this book for being not only original in the romance scape, but also witty and fun. The cast of characters were fun and delightful. I enjoyed Mateo and his obviously level head. The cruise and reality television rolled into a mini vacation and a great PR gamble. The few weeks on the boat would be great coverage for Mateo's company and family name. Practical, attractive and intelligent – the ultimate bachelor catch..

Unfortunately, Sangria was terrible! I never connected with her. She's a spoiled rich girl who hates on Mateo for being rich. She has tons of money and yet feels like it's acceptable for her to judge people who live just like her. After living on her father's fortune to get into law school she feels she's earned a place on an entertainment broadcaster's legal board before she's even graduated. She uses Mateo's affections to wrangle herself a job, and basically blackmails the higher ups. I hated her and her lack of work ethic. Although being a lawyer is technically about being ambitious, using family money and then deluding yourself that you have earned more than you've received makes for a terrible person. Sangria never has to deal with these issues, and the flaws were just too obvious to make her an obvious choice for Mateo. Sangria needs more time to mature and grow on her own before she can even hope to attract a decent man.

The relationship between the cast of characters popped about as well as the relationship between Mateo and Sangria fizzled. Each contestant brought their own personalities, histories and lifestyles which are going to be fantastic to see in the following installments of the series. I adored Kat, unlike Sangria skulking around judging everyone, Kat was pretty open about her own opinions. I'll take a blunt racist over a backstabber any day.

I'd suggest this to **reality television lovers, romance genre hounds and people who love serials**.

Regardless of how little I liked Sangria, this book was great and I will definitely be tuning into the next book. Well worth a read!
