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Newcomer Tracy Sumner has a distinctive narrative voice and a fine talent for evoking the coastal terrain and social scene of North Carolina's Outer Banks. Here, she introduces Elle Beaumont, whose heart had been broken once by Noah Garrett. Now, Noah is back, rekindling dreams she'd given up for lost, and turning her world upside down.

Tides Of Love Details

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From Reader Review Tides Of Love for online ebook

Rachelle Ayala says

Tides of Love featured a nerdy professor with a free-spirited girl next door, an unusual pairing that the author describes as oil and water. Noah's mind is ruled by logic. He is analytic, careful and has his entire career planned out. Elle, in contrast, is impulsive, curious and has always had a crush on Noah since childhood.

A spilled family secret sends Noah away for ten years. When he returns, he must confront everything he had been hiding from, including the strained relationship between his two brothers, and the irritating presence of Elle, a girl who followed him around, embarrassed him and seemed to know everything about him.

Noah fights this attraction for 85% of the book before finally admitting his love. While I enjoyed the historical and geographical setting and the description of small town life in the outer banks of North Carolina, I was constantly frustrated by the repetitive refusal of Noah to admit he had feelings for Elle. The denial was always the same and got rather tiresome. And I plain felt bad for poor Elle as Noah repeatedly told her she wasn't the woman for him. The love scene came too late, but I really liked the last 10% of the book.

Disclosure: This review was part of the World Literary Cafe Read N Review. They require honesty. I received the e-book free as part of the program, and I do not know the author personally.

Daisy Mortimer says

Good story but it drags

The story is well written with great characters, but it is very slow paced. The beginning felt like I was thrust in from a sequel and I had missed something. Too much beating around the bush to make a simple point. A great book for a long lazy vacation when you won't be disturbed.

The_Book_Queen says

Originally posted on TBQ's Book Palace

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When childhood friends finally realize that they desire more than mere friendship, passion begins to simmer. Can Ellie and Noah come to terms with their feelings for one another—or will another decade apart pass?

I wanted to love this book. The storyline (friends to lovers) is one I usually enjoy. But for whatever reason it just did not work for me in this book. Nothing really stood out for me, which is a shame. It wasn't horrible, but it ended up being about “average” for me, which is not a bad thing, despite what others may think!

I had a hard time connecting with the characters. Noah and his brothers had some substance to them, but even they had something missing. Ellie was almost completely flat, and to be honest I didn't give her much thought throughout the book.

The story and/or writing made it difficult for me to enjoy it completely. I actually had a hard time concentrating on the book. Something vital was missing, something that was meant to give the book the spark it needed. I found myself flipping pages, trying to find something that was more...interesting, I guess. And sadly, I didn't miss much by doing this, so apparently I didn't flip through anything terribly important.

3 STARS! Although Tides of Love didn't grab my attention, I don't regret reading it. For a sweet, quick romance, this is a great story to pick up. Personally, I was looking for more from the book, and I just never did get it. But average isn't a bad rating, and I will still recommend this book to others who may like it!

Theresa says

I thought the story and romance was sweet, but I felt like the writing was a bit incoherent. It just didn't flow smoothly and I found myself rereading some passages to get a better picture of the scene.

Sharon Dubuque says

A book you can't put down!

I loved this story so much. The back and forth emotions were actually deep felt. Too let go and love freely is what love should be.

Anita B says

Tides of Love (Seaswept Seduction/NOAH Book 1)

A great historical romance featuring the Outer Banks of North Carolina. After the first page I couldn't put it down. Enjoy

Terri says

I would love to give this story more than 5 stars. I really liked it. I liked the characters and the storyline. I feel like this book could have been a 5 star, with a little more attention to detail and a little better editing. (if the author is lurking about, I would happily volunteer! Really!)

There were times when I was just really unsure what was going on. For instance, there was a love scene that was so strangely conveyed that on two separate occasions I thought the author was describing the actual moment of consummation, only to discover a few sentences later, and at the end of the scene, that no actual penetration took place. Incredibly hard on the momentum, for a reader, when you find yourself going back through the text to find out where you got lost.

There were also a couple other difficulties, such as the opening of book, which describes the incident which creates the conflict which fuels the book. The 'incident' - which had two brothers discovering that one was a born bastard - wasn't sufficient, in my opinion, to explain why a 17 year old boy ran away from his family for 10 years without a word. A few harsh words and one punch thrown by one brother to another, in a moment of shocking revelation, just doesn't justify the younger, and much loved brother, leaving for 10 years with no contact what-so-ever. Conflict happens in all families, and where there is love, there is usually a cooling of tempers and resolution. I kept waiting to hear of additional abuse or neglect to justify his flight, but it never came.

Additionally, I found more typos, and omitted words, and editing errors than I could count - and choppy dialogue which sometimes had me wondering if certain characters were developmentally delayed.

All that said, I sincerely enjoyed this book! I would gladly overlook all of those flaws to read it again, and intend to start the sequel the minute I finish this review! I loved the setting, and characters, and was overjoyed to find them happily together in the end.

I would recommend this book to those who love a good chase. The heroine works hard for her love, and exhibits such heartfelt and generous patience that I found myself cheering for her, and for him to find the courage to allow his heart to love.

Cocktails and Books says

Elle has loved Noah since he stood up for her when classmates at school made fun of the new girl with the funny accent. But when she stumbles upon his mother's diary and that leads to the discovery that Noah is not who he thought he was, he takes off as far as he can get from Elle and his brothers. Ten years later, he finds himself back in Pilot Island, North Carolina to set up a marine biology lab for the college he works for in

Chicago. While Noah had always planned on returning home to reunite with his brother, he wanted to do it on his terms on his timeline. But he let's that go to do what's best for the college.

Elle has not had an easy life in the last ten years. She's endured the whispers and pointed fingers from the town that vowed it was her fault Noah ran away from Pilot Island. On top of that, her ex-fiance made sure to end their engagement in the most public way possible, just because she said she did not want to enter into a loveless union. So when Noah shows up back in town her world is rocked.

Elle and Noah are complete opposites. She's passionate about her causes, loyal to a fault and will do just about anything to help someone who needs it and spontaneous. Noah has to think things through, make lists and examine every angle before he can make a decision. He likes order and doesn't do well when someone upsets his balance. But upsetting his balance is what Elle has always been good at doing with Noah, even more so now that he's an adult. He has no control over his emotions or his libido and because of that he's irrational and not at all kind when it comes to Elle.

Elle, with her impulsiveness doesn't always give Noah the chance to catch up to her. She doesn't always take into account Noah's need to assess things or give him the chance to explain himself. By ignoring all those things, she brings a lot of heartache upon herself (at least where Noah is concerned).

An interesting story, proving that you can come back home and fight the demons you left behind while finding the one thing you need the most was right in front of you.

Gina's Library says

I reviewed this book for <http://www.worldliterarycafe.com/>.

I gave this book 4 stars because as much as I loved the story I felt the book was too long. It didn't need to be as long as it was to get the story across to the reader.

The story is set back in the 1800s. In that era women were married off as a business arrangement. Love did not have much to do with marriage. Elle however refused to follow that line of thinking and was a spinster at the ripe old age of around 25. Only one man has ever held her heart. She refused to marry without love.

Henri is Elle's dad. To say they have a difficult relationship is an understatement. Don't want to say more without giving away the story.

The one man to ever hold Elle's heart is Noah. As a child Noah was her protector taking care of her at every turn. Noah leaves town for 10 yrs after a family secret is revealed after his mother's death. Noah may have left town but the only woman to hold his heart is none other than Elle.

When Noah comes back to down he tries to fight his desire for Elle. Just as he finally figures it out, it is almost too late.

It was a great love story. I enjoyed the story and was rooting for Elle to finally land her man.

Britni says

After being gone for ten years, Noah has returned to his childhood and the past that has haunted him for so long. And Marielle-Clare, the woman who has haunted his dreams. Elle was infatuated with Noah all growing up and was heartbroken when he left in their teens. Ten years without a word has led up to this moment when Noah returns and runs into Elle for the first time. Will Elle be able to prove that she's grown up that she's moved on and will Noah be able to avoid his past and this gorgeous woman?

I love a good romance and this was definitely a good romance. The book begins with Elle, Noah, and his brothers in their childhood and quickly moves to present time when Noah is moving back to North Carolina to supervise a short-term project. Noah runs into Elle on day one and while both have definitely grown up, there is palpable chemistry between the two. The book quickly heats up (including a couple of steamy scenes) as they both try to prove they don't need each other.

I really enjoyed this book, especially the two main characters. I may be a little biased because one of my best friends is named Marielle and I've never seen or heard that name anywhere else, but I loved how feisty and tough Marielle was and how Noah seemed like he was tough on the outside but was really sensitive and cared about those around him. The plot was believable and the author kept it moving along quickly. Definitely worth reading if you enjoy romance with the warning that there are a couple of sex scenes. 4 stars.

Pat Allen says

Tug-of-war

A beautiful tiny French immigrant arrived at school. What else could Noel do? He defended her from bullies. She adored him, following him around, teasing and making a big fuss if him, which everybody on Pilot could see. Ellie loves Noel was carved into trees. Then Noel left Pilor for ten years. Ellie waited for him. Read more to enjoy.

Anne OK says

Get "swept" away in this truly captivating story well-blended with sensual romance, accurate historical depiction, along with amazing and complex characters. Set in 1898 on the Outer Banks of North Carolina, Elle Beaumont experiences young love - but it just happens to be one-sided. After a family secret is discovered, young Noah Garrett leaves a heartbroken Elle, his family, and the island for ten years. When he is given no choice but to return home, Noah is faced with a magnitude of emotions and questions . . . and a grown up Elle. In a wonderful relationship story opposites attract in a battle of wills.

Tracy Sumner is a new-to-me-author. "Tides of Love" was such a positive experience that I'm definitely

going to read more of her books -- especially the next installment in the SEASWEPT SEDUCTION SERIES.

Melissa says

I actually got this book at the end of February, but haven't been able to post the review til now because my sites were hacked. Apologies to the author for the delay.

I've been reading a lot of books about women on boats, lately, so it seems only natural that I shifted to women on beaches. While I don't read a huge number of romance novels, or historicals, I enjoy both when done well. Based on my recent reading of **Tides of Love** Tracy Sumner does them well.

Marielle-Claire (Elle) Beaumont is a smart, feisty young woman, but she's also written in a manner that doesn't make her seem jarringly out of period. She's curious about sex, and appropriately innocent of certain facts, but not so naive that she doesn't understand the theory. I like that she admits she wants love, that she knows herself that well, and I also applaud the author's choice to give her not just the means for an education but the desire for one.

Likewise, romantic lead Noah, while prickly and clearly suffering from childhood trauma and innate sensitivity, is well-drawn as a scholarly, reasonably type in a place where sheer physicality rules the day. It's a classic trope, but it's one that works, and in this novel, it works especially well - as does the mystery of his real-world romantic experience.

The background characters were also nicely written. The teaser chapters attached to the back of the book show that there's a sequel that focuses on one of Noah's brothers, but all the of the townsfolk were interesting people I'd enjoy reading more about.

In reviewing a romance novel, you have to take a moment to discuss the sex scenes. Sumner's writing in these scenes was a nice balance - not too clinical, not too comical, not too florid. While I'm personally opposed to sex on the beach (sand just should not go in certain places), I had no problem believing the passion that drew these two characters to it.

The plot itself is also decent. Yes, it's obvious that Elle and Noah will eventually end up together, but we know that of every romance novel pair. What we don't know is the specific journey, and with her attention to history and careful dialogue Ms. Sumner's **Tides of Love** leaves nothing lacking.

It's light reading. But it's very satisfying light reading.

Goes well with: a tuna sandwich and lemonade; picnic blanket optional.

Allie says

Free on kindle today.... 1.13.12

Andrea says

Elle has been in love with Noah since they were children and everyone in town knows it. She followed him around like a love-sick puppy and Noah spent most of his time running the other direction. This goes on from childhood through adolescence until one day Elle finds a diary. Noah's mother died when he was a baby and it's her diary. Finding the diary is the beginning of a tragic chain of events which ends with Noah running away from home and nobody hears from him again.

Elle tries to make the best of her life after the disappearance of Noah. Then, 10 years later Noah suddenly returns. Elle, now a grown woman, has to face the man she made a fool of herself over as a child. Noah has become a reserved and methodical man while Elle is an adventurous and spontaneous woman. The attraction he feels for her has the potential to destroy his carefully planned life and that terrifies him. Elle has to reconcile the feelings she had for the boy he was and the man he became.

This is a difficult book for me to review. It has everything that draws me in, a great love story, a spirited and strong woman, an honorable and complex man, a troubled relationship with lots of twists and turns, and steamy love scenes thrown in to keep it interesting. I really liked this book but something is holding me back from loving it. I think it's the pace of the book, there is so much anticipation of Elle and Noah finally getting together yet it seems to take them forever to figure it out.

It's a great beginning. I enjoyed the story of Noah and Elle and I'm really looking forward to seeing what will happen with Noah's brothers. The minute I put this book down I wanted to pick up the next one to see the stories of Zach and Caleb.
