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Falling for a much younger man can prove difficult in any era, but in early 1960s America, it was considered forbidden. Intertwined with the desire to be a successful career-woman, art teacher Marion Kelly must battle heart and mind while struggling with the insecurity of an uncertain future. Chasing love from Kansas City, Missouri to Paris, France, she comes up empty-handed, until an unplanned encounter with a former student begs to be given a chance. A wild vacation leads to love, murder and a battle for the man two women want, Jonathan Duquesne.

Breaking Sandcastles highlights a half-century romance unfolded through a series of memories revisited during a crisis. Humor and heart-ache play out for our characters as they struggle through life's challenges. But can true love conquer their final test, the very fight for survival?

## **Breaking Sandcastles Details**

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### **Prasanthi Pathiyil says**

Looking for a beach read with romance,a murder and nostalgia? Then, this book is the one.

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### **Renae says**

I LOVED this book!! I could not put it down. From the first couple of pages I was sucked in. Loved the storyline and the characters. Can't wait to read what this new author puts out next!!!

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### **Kathy says**

#### **I enjoyed the story**

The story was good. I gave it 3 stars because I think the writing could have been better. I would not call it a must read book, but it is a book I wanted to finish and for me that means it's a good book.

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### **Carol Daigle says**

What a great love story!! Five stars for sure. It is not often a story about an older woman that marries a younger man last for 49 years, but this one did. Kirk , you wrote a very good novel, it being your first. Thank you.

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### **Heidi says**

Such a sweet and lovely romance. I fell in love with both Marion and Jonathan as individuals and as a couple.

This book was voluntarily reviewed on OnlineBookClub:  
<https://forums.onlinebookclub.org/vie...>

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### **Mary says**

A really great love story for the hopeless romantic, told in third person. Characters are well-developed and well-written. You will fall in love with each of them individually. A true delight to read!

You can read my full review HERE: <https://forums.onlinebookclub.org/vie...>

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## **Margaret Crawford says**

This was an amazing love story. So real and comforting.

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## **Rachel Maisey says**

Breaking Sandcastles by Kirk Burris is a romance story that will grab at the heartstrings as you are literally taken on a journey of a lifetime, following the lives and adventures of Jonathon and Marion Duquesne.

The story starts off in the present time where a life changing event occurs to the couple which leads you on a journey down memory lane to the past. You learn how they met, how they became to being a couple and their journey through life until you met up with them in the present reminiscing on what once was. Not only do you join Jonathon and Marion down memory lane, but you follow their closest friends and their family including their children on the journey as well. Which gives you a view from all directions.

I really did enjoy this book. I am not one to really read a romance novel, but this one had me intrigued from the moment I read the synopsis. I give this book a 4 out 5 rating.

Breaking Sandcastles I found to be quite lighthearted and comical in many places. The journey that the author Kirk Burris took you on with these two main characters was absolutely lovely. I liked the fact that each detail was explained so that you could get a nice little picture in your head and where the story line flicked from present to past was absolutely flawless. I have found that sometimes a story line can get a bit lost and confusing for most readers when authors try to flick from one scene to another, but this one did not do that at all. Truly a thumbs up to you Kirk Burris :D

As I mentioned earlier I give this book a 4 out of 5 rating. I would of given a 5 out of 5 like it deserves. However I did find these five errors that unfortunately brought the rating down:

- 1) On page 100 "their lightning flashing in the distance" spelling error: their should be there
- 2) On page 169 "Chloe let her fingers lightly stroke though his as she continued past" spelling error: though should be through
- 3) On page 185 "she put her arm though" spelling error: though should be through
- 4) On page 223 "sewage from somewhere crept us his nostrils" spelling error: us should be up
- 5) On page 270 ""Fine," he concluded, "we'll just have to have to stop at three."" grammar error: one too many have to's

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## **pcb says**

The story was lovely, really. However, I would recommend a good proofread to correct errors, primarily with regards to homophones. Ex: "I need to sensor myself." (censor), referring to a bathroom as a lieu (loo), going in too (into), shiek (chic), wrapping on a door (rapping), "Their amazing" (they're), scary-faced manor (manner), sewing wild oats (sowing), shutter (shudder), and "fitted around her bustier" (bust).

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### **Dylanne Enough says**

What an amazing journey to take with these characters! I loved how the author did not push the boundaries by making the leads fall in love whilst still at school, but made the reader wait a bit before giving us what we all wanted :) I was hooked from page one, the characters were wonderfully developed and I couldn't wait until the end to find out if Jonathan made it or not. Belladonna was extremely annoying and I didn't care much for her as a character, she added what I thought was unnecessary tension in the middle of the book, although it worked out well to keep me hooked as a reader.

Best scene in the book is Mari waiting for Jonathan in the rain, and second best is Grace Kelly's appearance in the book!

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### **Theresa Wade says**

This is an excellent love story by a new author. The story and character development is excellent. The way he told this story is excellent. I do not have any criticism or feedback on what could make this story better it is that good and everyone should read. Well except maybe don't listen to the story when driving. He had me crying on my way to work. Keep writing and I look forward to your next novel.

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