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*Mysterious dreams draw costume designer Isabella Silviera to Angel's Bay, the California coastal town where angels occasionally dance above the waves. Bestselling author Barbara Freethy enchants again in this emotional and compelling tale of family secrets, abiding friendships, and heart-touching romance.*

Isabella's drive to Angel's Bay would have ended in tragedy when her car slid off a cliff if she hadn't been rescued by Nick Hartley. As he helps her to safety, she realizes he is the man who has haunted her dreams. Nick, however, is committed to reconnecting with his estranged teenage daughter, refusing to respond to his powerful attraction to Isabella. And Isabella's police chief brother has his hands full with a missing mother, an abandoned baby, and an unknown father. What is Isabella's role in the mysteries—both past and present—that swirl around the town?

When she starts helping at the Hartley family theater, all the pieces begin to link together. Loves found and lost, heartbreak and happiness, courage and betrayal are all part of the patchwork quilt of the community—and of life. Isabella's gift is seeing the patterns. . . .

## At Hidden Falls Details

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## From Reader Review At Hidden Falls for online ebook

### Diana says

This is the first book of Barbara Freethy's books that I have ever read. It is set in the small coastal town of Angel's Bay, Cali. Isabella is the baby of her family and her only brother is the Chief of Police of Angel's Bay. She has the gift of sight and has been having dreams about a man that is running towards trouble and she is trying to help him. She has had dreams in the past that have told of a tragedy to come and has never acted on them. She is afraid her brother might be the one in this dream so she heads out to see her brother. Along the way on the Coastal Highway she is run off the road in the rain and is rescued by a stranger who she realizes is the man in her dreams.

Nick, the man who rescues her is having trouble with his teenage daughter that has been dropped in his space by his ex-wife. Trying to reconnect with her and help his family in a renovation of the local theater has him stressed to the limit. He doesn't need anymore problems but cannot keep away from the beautiful woman who has come into his life, Isabella.

This is a story of family, small town life, and the truth of finding someone you were meant to be with. I laughed, cried, and overall loved this book.

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### Cruth says

**Author:** Barbara Freethy

**First published:** 2011

**Length:** 4385 kindle locations

**Setting:** Contemporary. Angel's Bay, California.

**Sex:** Explicit-ish. Infrequent.

**Hero:** Architect?

**Heroine:** Costume Designer

**Includes:** Excerpt from The Way Back Home by Barbara Freethy

Apparently, Isabella is psychic. She says so quite a lot. But it didn't really make any difference to the story...

A nice enough romance with a light suspense. It's fine.

### Angel's Bay:

Book 1 Suddenly One Summer (2009) - Jenna Davies and Reid Tanner

Book 2 On Shadow Beach (2010) - Lauren Jamison and Shane Murray

Book 3 In Shelter Cove (2010) - Brianna Kane and Jason Marlow

Book 4 At Hidden Falls (2011) - Isabella Silviera and Nick Hartley

Book 5 Garden of Secrets (2011) - Charlotte Adams and Joe Silviera or Andrew Schilling

### References:

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### **Brenda says**

Isabella Silveira has what some call sixth sense. She has the ability to see visions, often a forewarning of things that might happen in the future, but sometimes its snippets from the past. When her brother Nick sends her a necklace that he found in his uncle's house in Angel's Bay she starts having dreams of a shadowy figure, and it seems the person is in danger. She thinks it might be her brother Joe she is seeing because he has recently divorced, and moved permanently to Angel Bay after he inherited their uncle's house, and took the job of chief of police in the tiny town. The premonition has her so worried that she decides to visit him. While on her way there she is run off the road, and is rescued by Nick Hartley. As soon as she sees Nick she realizes he is the person she has been having visions of, not her brother.

Nick is struggling to find common ground with his 15 year old daughter Megan, who has come back into his life after her mother decides she wants to remarry and doesn't want Megan around. The last thing he wants is a relationship with Isabella, but something about her draws him to her, but how will he feel when she tells him about her visions, and why would she sense that he is in danger?

I loved the small town feel of this story, a town where people go planning on staying a few weeks and wind up being permanent residents.

There were plenty of things happening to keep it interesting such as the mystery of what happened to Annie, and why she would abandon her baby, or did she? The relationship between Charlotte and Joe is interesting, and I wonder how it will work out since Andrew seems intent on dating Charlotte. The author does an amazing job of pulling you into the lives of the characters immediately, and while the main storyline is interesting the secondary stories are just as important! I think one of my favorite characters was Megan, she was looking for a place to belong, and by the end of the story I got the feeling her relationship with her dad would work out!

While this book is a part of the Angel Bay series it can easily be read as a stand alone work. I haven't read any of the other books but had no problem jumping right into this story. The author whets our appetites by giving us a sneak peek at the next book in the series, which really starts off with a bang!

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the eye appealing cover on this book, it drew me right in, so sometimes you can judge a book by its cover!

If you're a fan of contemporary romance, with a bit of mystery and drama, that will keep you turning the pages to see where the story is going then this book is definitely for you. I for one can't wait to take my next visit to Angel's Bay!

rating 4/5

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### **Christine says**

Let me start with telling you that I do not care for the "contemporary romance" genre. I avoid it. (Your question: Why did you read this then? Even the cover is 'Eww, yuck' ... I know. I'm part of a reading challenge this month that wants us to read a gazillion romance novels. I'm only in it for the competition, and I'm going to read these as fast I can to get the pain over with ---NOT because I like this genre! ) The next question may be: Why do you avoid this genre? They are so formulated and predictable, there's just nothing to these sort of stories. Page one, we meet the girl. On page three we meet the guy. And 200 pages later, in some unrealistic world devoid of plain LIFE stuff, they are together ... duh, I knew that would happen before

I even opened the book. Unfortunately, At Hidden Falls is no different. Girl crashes car down cliff, boy rescues her, 200 pages later \*\*SPOILER ALERT\*\* they are together. Shocker.

Give me some twists and turns. Make it complicated. Make me feel for these people. Don't hand me the whole story in the first three pages, but take 200 pages to tell it. I then waste hours of my life I'm never going to get back.

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### **Diane Sampson says**

Am really enjoying this series. Has a little bit of everything. Romance and intrigue.

Am a huge fan of Barbara Freethy Keeps you wanting to keep reading till nd instead of having to put down when real life gets in way.

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### **MaryLennox says**

I liked the paranormal aspect of the novel (actually the only kinda paranormal I can stomach anymore are psychics) and I wished it played more of a center role in this story.

Everything else was just so...hard to get into. This is my first Barbara Freethy novel - perhaps a bad one to start off with but it seemed the most interesting.

I don't think I'll be reading any more from her, unless something really catches my eye. The romance was a tad too serious and the 'adventure' bits were a bit too reminiscent of a procedural cop show. :P

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### **barbara abercrombie says**

#### **A different type of story...to be read and enjoyed**

I felt drawn into this story...felt like a part of town...a place of peace and quiet....the kind of place to put down roots and be contented...

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### **Mary (BookHounds) says**

I dove into this story not realizing that it is part of a series called Angel Bay with a paranormal slant. Each main character has a psychic gift of sorts and in this case Isabella has the gift of "sight" where she can see the future and warn others of danger. I found the characters of Nick and Isabella unique and very likable with all of their flaws, mainly that they can see they are meant for each other. There are the usual twists and turns that build up the suspense and romance. If you are looking for something magical and not too paranormal, give this series a try.

I received this book at no charge from the publisher in exchange for my honest review.

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### **April says**

AT HIDDEN FALLS by Barbara Freethy is a contemporary romance with magical ties set in present day Angel's Bay, California. It is the fourth in the "Angel's Bay series" but can be read as a stand alone. Book one "Suddenly One Summer", Book two "One Shadow Beach", and Book three "In Shelter Cove". It is well written with depth and details. It has passion, suspense, mysterious dreams, a gift of sight, romance, love, secrets, betrayal, intrigue, family, heartbreak, family theater, sweet sensuality, mystery, and redemption. It is a magical, compelling story of love lost and love found. The characters are engaging, charming, down to earth, easy to follow, believable and will steal your heart. When Isabella and Nick first meet quiet by literally by accident, they have a powerful attraction to each other. While Nick tries to stay away from Isabella, he is drawn closer to her. When Isabella's gift (the gift of sight) continues to show Nick in harm's way, she is determined to protect him. While helping Nick's family theater, her vision intensify, she learns secrets long buried, finds true love herself, and finds ties to her family that link all the pieces of her visions together. This is a compelling, magical story of love, heartbreak, happiness, community and courage that all come together to make the patchwork of life. I would recommend this book especially if you enjoy a good read with lots of interesting characters, loads of community togetherness, finding happiness within yourself, with others and your true love. This is a fast paced with secrets revealed and betrayal felt. This book was received from Pocket Books and details can be found at Pocket Star Books, a division of Simon and Schuster, Inc. and My Book Addiction and More.

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### **Chrissy says**

At Hidden Falls is book #4 in the Angel's Bay Series. I haven't read the other three before reading this one however it was a nice read and could be read as a stand alone book. This is the first book that I have read from author Barbara Freethy and I wasn't disappointed at all.

The author does a wonderful job with the characters Isabella and Nick. This was an enjoyable read and I was hooked from the beginning all the way to the end. I will definitely be on the look out for book #5.

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### **Becky says**

The 4th book in the Angel's Bay series. Has mystery, suspense, romance and bit of paranormal where the main character, Isabella Silviera, sister of Joe Silviera, has a special gift of the sixth sense. After receiving a beautiful pendant from Joe that was found in the house where Joe lives now which became his after his uncle died, she is having dreams of danger for a man in Angel's Bay. Not sure if the danger is for her brother or not, she heads to Angel's Bay. Coming into town, she is driven off the road and barely escapes with her life

when Nick Hartley is just coming by and saves her. She finds out this is the man who are dreams are about. Nick is not interested in a relationship other than building one with his daughter who has just come to live with him after many years. Megan has no trust for her father, or anyone for that matters. The other characters of Angel's Bay are main focuses also. I love this story and how all the characters and story lines contribute to a great story.

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## ?Jamie? says

Third in the Angel's Bay series lineup, at Hidden Falls brings us closer to the highly anticipated end of the story for our small town residents. The story mostly surrounds the descendants of a shipwrecked group of people that founded the town some one hundred and fifty years ago. Again, with a lot of romance and suspense, Barbara Freethy has pulled us into the lives of many of Angel's Bay's inhabitants, and even some outsiders.

### Summary:

Costume Designer Isabella Silveira has been fighting her instincts for two weeks, but she can't fight any more. Izzy decides to visit her older brother Chief of Police Joe Silveira after he sends her an old necklace he found in the basement of the house he inherited. Since putting the necklace on, Izzy hasn't been able to sleep a whole night through, at least not without dreaming. Being the youngest of five children wasn't always easy, and Izzy grew up being told that her unique blue eye color and special knowledge of events that haven't happened, was just a way to make her feel special over her other siblings. Along with painful past memories and rejections, Izzy hides the side of herself that inherited the gift of insight. Usually, she's able to push it aside, but she can't in this instance because the dreams she's having show someone in danger and it could be her brother. Taking action and driving to the small town her brother called home was just supposed to be to ease her mind, maybe help to quit her dreaming, but instead it turns into a life endangering journey. On the way into town, another car forces Izzy to break and swerve, but with wet pavement her car veers off the face of the cliff. Luckily, a good samaritan sees her tail lights plunge over the side and is able to get to her while her car is resting against some very unstable rocks. The man, Nick Hartley, is able to pull Izzy from the car just before it completes its fall into the cold, swirling ocean below. Izzy is stunned to face the man she's been dreaming of for two weeks, but even more stunned at the heat and connection she feels with him. Nick grew up in Angel's Bay off and on, when his parents weren't dragging him and his sister from theater to theater. He has come back home to raise his own fifteen year old, whom he's been estranged from for over ten years. Nick can't help but be intrigued by this mysterious, sexy woman, but he doesn't take risks anymore and he needs to focus on winning his daughter back. Just as Izzy gets settled into town, her brother, Joe is called to advise on the disappearance of a young girl who just gave birth, Annie. Joe knows that Annie has been under a lot of pressure and stress and is at first convinced she simply dropped it all and ran, leaving her baby behind with Charlotte Adams and her mother. It is quickly determined that Annie was taken against her will and a search is planned. Charlotte and Joe are still dancing around the tension and attraction between them, especially as Joe's divorce has yet to be finalized. With Annie missing and Charlotte on full-time baby duty, there really isn't much chance to talk, but a lot is hinted at. Charlotte and Joe are also mired in the knowledge that the father of Annie's baby is one of five prospective adoptive parents. This brings complications not only to the adoption, but also to Annie's disappearance and who might be responsible as well as several marriages coming under fire. With all the chaos, Joe is working over time to bring the young mother home safe to her newborn son. Izzy decides to keep herself busy working at the local theater, helping get ready for their winter production by helping with costumes. It just so happens that Nick's family runs the old theater in Angel's Bay, and their connection may come from a lot more than him rescuing her. Nick was going to keep his distance from the beautiful, witchy woman who snagged his attention, but he had no chance with her.

running into him practically everywhere they go. Fighting with a teenage girl all day takes a lot out of a person, and when him and Izzy always end up in close proximity, it becomes difficult to keep their hands to themselves. Izzy knows she needs to be close to Nick for something, she doesn't know what it is and it turns out that a relative of hers was once involved with one of Nick's and that and the necklace is what helps to provide such a strong connection between them. Both are struggling with showing their true selves and landing in the right place. Nick can't be the wild, dangerous boy he was. He's a father and his daughter needs him, but being the perfect rule following man doesn't seem quite right either. Izzy needs to believe in herself so she can be the woman she should, that her ancestor's never had the chance to be. Pulling away from each other becomes more and more impossible, but when a heartbroken, emotionally vulnerable young girl catches her father with Izzy, will they have to stay apart for a bigger, more important reason? Danger is brewing for the residents of Angel's Bay. Can Izzy help to resolve a small piece of it and help a father and daughter find each other again while learning about her tie to the original twenty four and being supportive for her brother?

I enjoyed book four very much! Izzy was awesome. I was awed by her ability and her warm-hearted nature. She also was straight-forward and energetic. It made me giddy just reading. Lol. Nick sounded like the perfect bad boy reformed. He had that dark, guitar-playing edge, but he was also successful and responsible. At times I felt his daughter was a spoiled brat. Granted, Nick was so concerned with her pushing him away that he wouldn't put his foot down. As the parent, a good spanking can change a child's point of view very quickly. I know it did for me growing up. Lol. We got a bit more of Joe and Charlotte!! I adore them together, and really can't wait to find out the full story. It has slowly been unraveling throughout the other books, but finally we will get all Joe and Charlotte all the time! I'm also relieved to have Annie's story pretty much settled. I felt like it was starting to drag a bit. Still, a fantastic story. <3

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### **Lady Rogue says**

Costume designer Isabella Silveira had pretty much lived day to day not really staying in one place or committing to one person. It's not that she didn't want to, it's that she was afraid to. You see, Isabella had been gifted or in her opinion cursed with the ability of sight. When her significant others discovered this ability it usually resulted in her relationships ending. So, it was just easier for her to avoid them. I really liked Isabella's character. She obviously had a good heart and she was always kind. I appreciated her ability to remain calm in the face of hostility.

Nick Hartley was an architect and businessman who recently got custody of his estranged daughter, Megan. He wanted to make up for not being there when she grew up, even sacrificing his personal life and any kind of relationship just so he could get to know her. But, Megan refused and rebelled against him.

I loved the chemistry between Isabella and Nick. It was evident from the beginning that they were meant to be. I was happy the author took her time to let the relationship journey through some obstacles and have a chance to grow. For example, Nick's relationship with his daughter and his desire for Isabella. I do confess there were moments, I thought Nick was a dick. But, after awhile, I could see how he was struggling with what he wanted and what he thought was right....even though sometimes he was wrong.

I thought the supporting characters were enjoyable as well. I did like Megan's character even though she got on my nerves...But, teenagers normally do that. For that reason alone, I thought she was a very credible character. I also liked Isabella's protective brother and local law enforcement, Joe. I thought it was interesting that as much as he loved his sister, he really didn't know her. The local townspeople were charming and quirky and I loved their small town essence with their quilting, theater, curses, and turkey

shots. I also loved that in Angel Bay, one person's drama was the town's drama. People just couldn't get away from the gossip or the secrets. It all felt like the next small town.

The author did an amazing job with the world building and plot. I could actually visualize the scenic landscapes and feel the inviting charm of the town and its people. I thought the romance of Nick and Isabella to be romantic and believable and the mysteries within the town to be intriguing and compelling.

Overall, this is the first book I have read from this author and I have to say I quite enjoyed myself. From the romantic tension and inner struggles, the mysteries and charms of a small town and its people, the coming of age of a rebellious daughter and the magical elements that tied them all together, *At Hidden Falls* charmed its way into my heart and pulled on my heartstrings. It was definitely a cozy and comfortable read.

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### **Sarah Webber says**

This one was fun. Lots of mysteries to solve. And now, finally, we have Charlotte and Joe's story. I hope it's worth the four book build-up.

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### **Once Upon a Twilight says**

Book 4th of "Angels Bay Series", but it can be read as a stand alone and you will not feel you are missing details from the previous books.

The main character Isabella has the gift of sight, but she resents it. Even if she tries to avoid these dreams, she is forced to act upon her last one. She travels to the town of Hidden Falls thinking that her brother, who lives there is the one in trouble. On her way there she has an accident and discovers that the person in her dreams is her Saviour Nick, and that they have an unexplainable connection. From here on the plot thickens, We have romance, heart break, mystery and strong family ties that develops to make this a fast and enjoyable read. I will definitely read the rest of the books in the series.

review link: <http://www.onceuponatwilight.com/2011...>

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