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She surfaced from the depths of the sea... and was terrifyingly, inexplicably alone

Briana Devon knows her twin sister would never deliberately leave her—but when she emerges from underwater, Daria and their boat have vanished. Fighting rough waves and a fast-approaching storm, Bree doesn't have time to question: if she wants to survive, she has to swim.

Exhausted and terrified, Bree barely makes it to a tiny barrier island, where Cole De Roca, who has also taken shelter, revives her. Bound to Cole by the harrowing experience, she turns to him as she struggles to understand what happened to her sister. What was her twin, whom she thought she knew so well, hiding? What really transpired that terrible afternoon? And what secrets lie dormant...below the surface?

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Leslie Callahan says

Boring in the beginning, took a lot of force to continue it. Some of the repetition got old (ie: Sams hate & Bree knowing EVERYTHING about her sister etc). The blossoming romance didn't seem very realistic to me. Glad I finished it but probably won't recommend it. Love some of her other books though!

Starla says

This was a very good mystery. I never could decide who the murderer was. I kept guessing clear up to the point of discovery. I have twin daughters, so the storyline was difficult. But, all-in-all this was a very good read.

Carolyn says

This book grabs you from the very first page! Abandoned on a dive, miles from shore, with a raging storm and sharks swimming around you. Oh my!

Edge of your seat kind of book. Never figured it out and I usually do!

Jennifer Blouch says

This book was a page turner, as far as the murder mystery aspect of the story. As far as character development, ehhhh... There were too many characters to keep track of, and I didn't feel chemistry between the hero and heroine, other than the author telling me they had chemistry. I wanted more romance, considering how hot they supposedly were for each other. I did still enjoy the book and read it in 2 days. I loved the ending.

Destiny says

Just think of one of your worst nightmares and this book opens with it...a scuba diver surfaces from the ocean to discover she has been abandoned at sea. She's alone in shark infested waters... Got chill bumps yet?

The suspense is there, but the story definitely lost some of its momentum for me as I was reading. It was a great idea and great story.

Amy says

This book was okay but not a favorite. A woman is positive that her sister's death was not an accident so she starts investigating on her own. She happens to find her knight in shining armor when she's in trouble which is way to cliché. Also at the end of the book there is an added story line that was just stupid. The book could have been written without it & been fine

Paula Kramer says

The first couple of chapters, I didn't think I would like this at all. I thought it was going to be a mushy kind of love story. It began to develop, and by the time I finished it, I liked it. It was about twin sisters who ran a scuba diving business and one of them is killed on a suspicious boat accident. The other twin won't rest as she knows her sister wouldn't have drowned. Yes, there was a love interest, but it was more interesting than mushy.

Tracey says

This book begins with a woman floating in the ocean, her ship having left her as she was scuba diving. Her twin sister who was manning the boat is nowhere to be seen and there's a terrible thunderstorm. She is saved (of course) by a handsome guy on a sailboat and then she begins to try to figure out the mystery of her sister's disappearance. Kind of predictable. The bad guys were too set up by the author.

Tory Wagner says

Below the Surface by Karen Harper follows the story of Briana Devon whose twin sister disappears during an underwater dive. The sisters are conducting a scientific experiment concerning sea grass and Briana dives to collect data while her sister Daria remains on board their boat. When the weather turns stormy, Briana surfaces only to find the boat and her sister have disappeared. While solving this mystery, Briana also begins a romance with Cole who helps her to discover the truth about her sister. Nothing earth shattering in this mystery romance, but for lovers of this genre especially those who enjoy a "tame" romance this may be the book for you.

Janet says

This book was ok, I mean it wasn't horrible and it got me interested in the story line but the way this author portrayed a Spanish accent was horrid....it was really very annoying. I also found some of the writings and grammar to be completely off and I am a stickler for good grammar in a published book. This was by far not my favorite book and I really would not recommend this to anyone.

Jeanie Harper says

This was another very fantastic read. A real page turner.

Just when I thought I had it all figured out, it took a U turn and did this again twice.

The result was a real shocker!!

Who knew!!

Kin says

Not bad. But if you don't have patience, you may put the book down immediately. Predictable. Really. Karen Harper tries to introduce new suspects but I stuck with my prediction. Apparently, I was right and the thrill was gone. So... not really exciting. Information overload about scuba diving which is good. If a book was amazing, I would surely re-read it. Sadly, this isn't one of those.

Caitlin says

Not the best book, but not the worst, either. The Mira imprint does some good authors, but I wasn't impressed with this one.

The premise is pretty interesting - you come up from scuba diving & the dive boat your twin sister was piloting is gone. You're left alone at sea with a storm coming up & sharks coming around. What'll happen next?

Good premise that was sadly poorly realized. I didn't much believe in the romance between our heroine & her knight in shining armor. I didn't much believe in any of the characters, really. It's all sort of perfunctory in a written-from-a-template romance novel sort of way. I did finish it, though & I did read to the end because I wanted to find out whodunit & why. I won't read another of these, however.

Jennifer says

When scuba diver Briana Devon surfaces from the Gulf of Mexico, she expects to see her twin sister Daria and their boat waiting for her. She sees nothing but a storm quickly approaching. Briana knows Daria would never leave her at sea on her own. After barely surviving a long swim to a small barrier island and being resuscitated by local Cole De Roca, Briana is on a mission to find her missing sister. As Briana and Cole investigate Daria's disappearance, Briana comes to realize she may not have known her sister as well as she thought she did. What secrets was Daria hiding, and would someone harm Daria in order to keep those secrets from becoming known? Briana begins to fear that someone may now be after her as well.

I enjoyed this romantic suspense. The tension built up slowly at first, but midway through the book, there

were quite a few twists and turns, and the list of possible suspects became longer and longer. I also really enjoyed the southwest Florida setting.

Adina says

This felt like a twisted Sweet Valley High book written for adults. I didn't hate reading it, but it all just seemed a bit too straight-line for me.

Also, I'm embarrassed to admit it but, I found this book in the Romance section at my local public library. I think it should be removed from that section because it placed hardly any emphasis on romance and/or sex at all.
