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Lori Palle says

“I was in deep—Texas-size deep.”—Eden

Eden was supposed to spend Spring Break with her boyfriend in a fabulous resort while sipping Margaritas on the San Pedro beach. “Suppose” being the key word. No matter; she’s still determined to enjoy her Spring Break—despite a disastrous flight, a stolen room, and lost luggage. But things never go to plan, because when Eden’s sure this Spring Break will be the worst ever, she meets Grey. Now things are looking up. Way up...

“Where had this Texas boy been my whole life?”—Eden

I loved this book! First off, I liked the fact that although Eden and Grey are both going through a rough patch in their lives—Eden and the bad break-up and Grey trying to manage a run-down motel he inherited—they don’t have huge baggage in their past history that makes them damaged like you see in many new adult novels. Once they get past this rough patch, they have a shot at smooth-sailing happiness—well, like I said, as long as they get past this rough patch.

And when we first our two leads, you’ll have no doubt they will, because they are two very wonderful people. Sure, Eden just got dumped, but she isn’t a cry-in-the-corner kind of girl. She’s going to make the best of the situation and not let anyone take her down. Although level-headed, she does have a limit and doesn’t have a problem putting someone being grabby or obnoxious in their place. One of my favorite scenes is when Eden meets a guy who doesn’t understand what ‘no’ means and Grey goes to save her. Except he doesn’t, because she’s already taken care of it. Hello self-defense skills turned offense skills!

That’s the thing about Eden—she’s a tough cookie, which is exactly what Grey needs in his life right now. He’s being physically, emotionally, and financially drained by the motel his grandfather left to him. And the best part? He doesn’t have to do it. All he has to do is say the word and developers all over will descend on him, waving fistfuls of money and throwing money confetti for the prime location. But he doesn’t take it, because he’s doing it for his grandfather. Aww...how can you not love a guy willing to go through the craziness of taking care of a run down motel out of love. No seriously, you can’t. And neither can Eden.

Which is good for Grey since when it comes to her, he’s a bit shy. That was another thing I liked about the book. Although Grey was an alpha kind of guy, he wasn’t in-your-face alpha stalking Eden and magically seducing her with his testosterone. He’s a normal guy with a lot on his plate, and it was believable and sweet how he pursues her. They don’t have an easy courtship, mind you, because not only do they have to deal with fixing up his motel, there are exes and would-be suitors around, plus the little temporal issue in that Spring Break week is only...a week long, and Eden is going to have to go finish college. Overall, this was a fun and fast read with great characters. Neither of them are perfect, but together? Perfect for each other. This is a 5 out of 5 for me.

(Originally posted on my blog; I received a copy in exchange for an honest and unbiased review.)

Bethany says

4.5 Stars

Kissing Eden was a fun romance read. I really enjoyed it. I had received Loving Eden to read as an ARC, when I realized that was the sequel to Kissing Eden I figured I better read that first.

Eden Brady has just been dumped by her boyfriend right before their planned spring break trip. Instead of staying home alone, Eden decides to take her spring trip by herself. Once Eden arrives in South Padre, TX, her trip is off to a rocky start, with no luggage, no place to stay and no friends. Checking into the only hotel with available rooms Eden meets Grey. He's moody, stand-offish and hot!!! The attrition between the two was very strong and pretty steamy.

I really liked Eden, she was a strong character. She took everything that came her way good or bad in stride and made the most out of her situation. I don't think I would be able to go on spring break by myself like she did; traveling alone would make me go crazy.

I'm very much looking forward to starting Loving Eden and continuing Eden and Grey story. Kissing Eden is a fast, fun romance that would make a great beach read.

Gabbie (Rampant Readers) says

favorite quotes

“‘Wow. I don't even know how to tell you how pretty you look.’ Grey looked awestruck. ‘Thanks. I think you just did.’ I took the flowers. ‘I thought you weren't the wine and roses guy.’”

“‘Hey, he did not put the fate of the Palm in your hands. He knows what he's dealing with here. What you did for him is incredible. It shows how much you love him. He knows that.’ The prickly feeling transferred from my neck to my stomach. ‘Did you just say the L-word?’ ‘Oh, come on, Eden. I don't know what else it is.’ She laughed. ‘Take a breath. In and out. That's better.’ She moved closer to me and placed a hand on my shoulder.”

plot

Kissing Eden follows Eden as she ventures on her spring break trip to South Padre. However, her spring break doesn't turn out exactly like she planned. For one, her boyfriend, who she was going on the trip with, dumps her three days before they were set to leave. And then shows up and takes their joint hotel room. And of course, the airline loses Eden's luggage. So spring break isn't starting off too well for Eden. Desperate for somewhere to stay, Eden rents out a room at a hole in the wall motel run by the mysterious and brooding Grey. Eventually, Eden's spring break starts to brighten up and she gets to know Grey a bit more. Soon, their undeniable tension comes to a boil, and Eden experiences the best spring break of her life.

This novel was eventful, what with all that Eden, and even Grey, were going through. The plot was actually a lot more intricate than I thought it was going to be when I first began the novel. And I loved that Grey had a past, which made things interesting. It was a fun novel to read, and had me laughing at various points in the

novel.

Leading lady

Eden was definitely a strong character. She took a lot of crap yet she refused to let it ruin her spring break. She was determined to have a good time and to get over her bad break up. She was a funny character and she was also realistic. Her relationship with her parents and best friend were normal, and she made plenty of friends when she got to South Padre. She wasn't clingy with Grey, and she didn't turn into one of those love sick puppies. She stayed independent and she didn't take crap, especially from Grey.

leading male

"I couldn't figure him out. I was ready to admit he was hot—that was unmistakable. However, he was ill-mannered and always in a pissy mood, and he was the handyman at a run-down, vacant motel. Why did I let him get to me every time I saw him?"

Grey had layers. He was brooding and mysterious at first, and I couldn't quite figure out what was going on with him. I kind of thought he was bipolar. He was hot and cold all the time, and I couldn't figure out which side was the real him. But eventually, he opened up a bit, and when he did, it was like seeing the first rays of sunlight after a storm. After that point, he had a few regressions into his moody self, but he became much lighter, and much more of an enjoyable character to read about.

other characters

I liked Marin, the girl that Eden met at South Padre. She was a good fill in best friend, as we didn't see much of Eden's other best friend, Taylor. She introduced Eden to the local life, and got Eden out of her initial dreary spring break. She was also bubbly, light, and fun to read.

romance

"“And despite all of that, you made me think that I had something to offer other than a rundown piece of junk motel. That I could be fun again. That I could make someone laugh. That my responsibilities didn't have to be a burden.” He sighed. ‘I knew I was in trouble the first time I kissed you.’ ‘Trouble?’ I felt my forehead narrow as I questioned him. Grey pulled his hands from his pockets and stepped forward. ‘Yes, because I’m not supposed to feel what I did. I just met you and you turned everything upside down. That doesn't happen in a week.’”

This wasn't exactly an insta-love relationship. Sure, it happened in a few days, or at least the attraction did. But they actually got to know each other, and their feelings progressed at a semi-believable rate. That's the thing. It was mainly a physical relationship, with a bit of feelings in there, at first. But when they spent time apart, they realized how much they missed each other and it was all cute and dandy. Their chemistry was off the charts, too. There was a bit too many sexy times in there for me (at least one every night) but that was just a personal preference. It wasn't the steamiest, but it was cute. They were cute.

conclusion

Kissing Eden was a fun and lighthearted read that kept me intrigued from beginning to end. It's a must read for all NA contemporary lovers.

Tink Magoo is bad at reviews says

4.3 stars

I wasn't expecting much before starting this, but it was actually really good.

Now, I know I carry on about the 'flow' of writing all the time in books, but it's important and makes all the difference to my reading enjoyment. This book was so easy to read that I plowed through it in a matter of hours without realizing I was so far though it. Of course, it helped that Grey was a brooding asshole and Eden wasn't a whiny bitch.

Off to read the next one.

Angie Elle says

*****This book was provided by the author in exchange for an honest review.*****

First of all I just want to say this book is the perfect beach read! It's a fun, sweet, sexy, and it flies right by!

Kissing Eden was a sweet story about finding love when and where you least expect it.

I didn't go on spring break with the intention of having mind-blowing, life-altering sex, but sometimes you have to deal with what life hands you.

After a breakup with her boyfriend, Eden decides to take the spring break trip they'd planned together in an effort to 'get away.' Unfortunately, she runs into more heartache and trouble. And then, ending up at The Palm Palace, she finds even more heartache and trouble!

I really liked Eden. She was easygoing, but could be a spitfire when the occasion called for it. She wasn't afraid to try new things or go after what she wanted!

I liked that I had struck a nerve, but I wasn't sure why I had so much fun aggravating Grey. Maybe it had to do with how his eyes lit up a bit more when I was sparring with him.

When Grey comes on the scene with his moodiness, Eden rises to the challenge. It's obvious from the beginning Grey has a tough road ahead of him and he's feeling the burden of trying to restore and simply maintain The Palm Palace. It was left to him in less than stellar shape, and he's having a hard time keeping up with it.

Grey was a bit harsh at times, but I thought it really was a reflection of his circumstances. It wasn't until he finally gave in to his attraction to Eden that we got to see the playful and sweet Grey.

He leaned down and whispered in my ear. "Everything is bigger and better in Texas."

My knees went weak and my hear pounded an extra beat in my chest.

I thought the pacing of this book was spot on. It always felt like something was going on, and I really enjoyed Eden and Grey's characters, even if they were a bit stubborn at times! The love scenes were hot, and the secondary characters in this book were so much fun to read about! The 'locals' were a hoot, and there's just something I love about a good bonfire scene!

I loved this book, and if you are looking for a light, feel good read, I think you will, too!

Cathy says

Kissing Eden

By: T.A. Foster

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Description:

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Review:

How unbelievably happy am I that I had the opportunity to review this amazing book. This was the perfect book at the perfect moment just as I'm on the cusp of contemplating spring break. This is a perfect Spring Break read and just overall happy fun light quick read that will just leave you with goosebumps and giddiness that is only reserved for those happy moments in life. T.A. Foster had me hooked from the very beginning to the very end.

What are the odds of so many things happening so wrong at the beginning of your spring break just one thing after another. Believe me this doesn't happen to everyone but when it happens man it's a doozy. We meet Eden as she's embarking on this self exploration of her new found freedom on a spring break vacation that she was supposed to be taking with her now ex boyfriend. Well one mishap after another leads her down a path and she ends up at the Palm Palace where she comes face to face with eyes that mesmerize her, and they happened to be attached to a very attractive guy named Grey. Swoon worthy eyes is what I imagine him having, the rest of him doesn't sound too bad either.

They start off with a very hot cold relationship and it pulls them throughout the book but it's that intensity that drives them together. With Grey trying to save his motel and Eden trying to find herself and realize that sometimes she's worth the extra effort. What you thought you had before was nothing compared to what you have right now. Their relationship is quick and intense and just a perfect spring break fling that really turns

into something else. I can just imagine what they would tell their kids if they have any, how they met each other while one was on spring break, what a perfect story that would be. Stranger things have happened. It was their instant connection that made this book so beautiful. I know some times when you have insta love in a book you're like yeah right that would never happen, but this is so believable, unpredictable but definitely doable.

T.A. Foster has made me want to go on spring break, I'm a complete Grey fan, even Texas for that matter. The setting sounds amazing and very much a place I wouldn't mind going on vacation to. The characters had well character to them, they weren't one dimensional and even though the topics and everything in the book was very light hearted (nothing too intensely deep) there was still emotion there and I enjoyed every minute of it. The secondary characters were great too, from the fatherly Mac working at Pete's, to the mother hen working at the beach store and then the great friends Eden made in Pick, Conner and Marin. All amazing characters and I can completely see some love spin offs in any of those characters.

Loved everything about this book, the setting, the characters, the writing style everything just flowed so smoothly and made me happy and giddy inside. Very good light happy read and perfect for a quick vacation read, that's for sure. Can't wait to check out other books by this author because I'm hooked.

Chelsea (Starbucks & Books Obsession) says

Kissing Eden was a very cute contemporary romance and I really enjoyed reading it. I like T.A. Foster's writing style and I think she comes up with some very creative plot lines that make reading one of her contemporary novels fun and exciting. With all of the new adult and contemporaries that I read, it is refreshing to find something that grabs your attention.

Eden is headed to Texas for her spring break and she's going alone. After her boyfriend for the past year breaks up with her 3 days before their spring break trip, she decides to go on it alone. When she gets to the booked resort and finds out her ex took the room, she is forced to stay at the dilapidated hotel down the road. Just when it seems like she's about to have the worst week of her life, she meets the gorgeous, young hotel owner, Grey, and sparks fly.

I really liked Eden a lot and felt like she was a very strong character. She really knows how to handle herself and she doesn't let tough times get her down. Instead, she always picks herself up and makes the best she can out of a crappy situation. I also really liked her confidence with Grey. She feels the chemistry between them and she isn't afraid to pursue it. I also liked Grey as well but he definitely had a chip on his shoulder and I hate when guys are hot and cold, which he sometimes was. He has a lot on his plate and with all he's been through, it is understandable that he would be overwhelmed but was moodier than a teenage girl on her period and that makes me crazy. I also felt like both he and Eden over-reacted to a couple situations they found themselves in and I wanted to slap both of them for their reactions. Eden is such a strong woman so I felt like her over-reaction was a bit out of character. Grey's reaction to his situation was definitely something I would expect from him but it didn't mean I had to like it.

There was real passion and chemistry between Eden and Grey and I could feel the sexual tension between these two characters. Grey is so closed off and Eden opens him up and really brings a little bit of life back to him. In turn, Grey shows Eden what real love is and really helps her see that her ex was never right for her. She could do so much better and Grey showed her what that was like. I really liked the way they worked together and the way Eden helped Grey with the hotel. She didn't want to admit that she loved Grey, but by

the end of the week, it was definitely obvious. Ultimately, Grey made the grand gesture and I loved it. It showed true growth in him and that might be my favorite part.

Overall, this was a light, fun and romantic read. I really liked that there wasn't a lot of angst or clichés and it is definitely a great spring read. It really made me wish I was on a beach somewhere and I am definitely antsy for some warm weather now.

Cora Tea Party Princess says

5 Words: fun, sexy, spring, quick read.

I really enjoyed this rather short novel. It was sweet and sassy and made me fall in love with it.

TA Foster has a recognisable style to her writing that I love - it's comfortable to read and easy to fall into, and it really brings these New Adult characters to life. It's age appropriate and it only serves to strengthen the characters.

I liked the main character Eden, how she was strong despite her heartbreak. She's a pretty girl-power kind of gal. And she's selfless and helpful and all round pretty wonderful while still having real flaws. She ain't no Mary Sue.

Grey was quite a character too. He developed and changed as you got to know him through the pages - it was like meeting a real person and learning about them in real-time.

This author is fast becoming my go-to for a romantic NA fix!

Magen Corrie says

3 stars!

eARC received in exchange for an honest review

My Thoughts:

I feel that Kissing Eden is a book that was made for lying out on the beach and reading. It really is a perfect summer read. It was fun, sexy, and light. And though I wished I could have loved it, I did find it to be quite an enjoyable read.

First, I'm going to talk about the detail in the book. It was very simply detailed, which there is nothing wrong with that, but I'm a person who thrives off of descriptive and deeply narrated books. I guess I can say that the author had a very direct way of writing. I did enjoy the way the author let her story unfold. And the characters, though it did take some time for the chemistry to set in, were a joy to read about.

All I have to say is poor Eden! The moment the book starts, that girl had a very bad cause of bad luck.

Everything that could go wrong, well, did. But I have to give her mad props, she didn't let that deter her one bit! She really was a fearless character. Not only for keeping her head held high when her boyfriend dumps her and then when a string of bad luck swings in, but because she took a vacation all by herself (something I would love to do). Though I really did enjoy this character's fearlessness, I found her to be a bit crazy at times.

Grey, at first, came off as a very stereotypical love interest. But, not going to lie, he did capture my attention right way. He was definitely a surly and moody character at the start of the book. But once Eden started breaking down his shield I really started to like him. Grey is also dealing with a few issues himself, so his moodiness can be explained. What I did find interesting about him was that he was a pretty straight forward guy, I enjoyed that!

As I mentioned, it took a while for the chemistry to start to build between Eden and Grey. I just couldn't feel it until about the middle of the book. But after about that point, I could start to feel the real attraction between them.

The pacing in the book is also fast, along with the buildup of the plot, conflict, and resolution. It was definitely a fast, light read. And a few of the plot twists and events were a bit predictable. But that didn't really turn me away from the story.

I also have to mention the setting! I really loved the setting of the book! Again, that made it feel like the perfect summer read!

All in all, *Kissing Eden* was an enjoyable, light, sweet, and fun romance. Perfect when you are in need of a lighter read or a book to enjoy while sitting by the pool or at the beach. I would definitely recommend this one to new adult readers who need a book about a girl taking a chance and then finding love!

Casey says

Review originally posted at [Ramblings From This Chick](#)

Kissing Eden by T.A. Foster was a book that I really enjoyed reading. This one was light and easy, and a quick read that I had fun reading. I have really become a fan of T.A. Foster, because she has such a great writing style that I instantly become invested in. I always find her characters to be likable and real, and her books always have a great flow to them. This book is the perfect beach/vacation read, or one for when you just want to lose yourself for a few hours. I can't wait to read more from T.A. Foster in the future.

Eden Brady has just been broken up with by her boyfriend Brett three days before spring break. They were supposed to be headed to South Padre Island in Texas together, but now Eden is on her own. She decides to take advantage of the ticket her parents bought her for Christmas for the trip and go by herself. Her trip gets started in the worst way possible though when her plane is overbooked and her luggage gets lost. Then she arrives and Brett has stolen her room reservation and is with another girl. She ends up staying at a run down hotel and instantly gets off on the wrong foot with the handsome but surly man at the desk. Eden assumes that he is the handy man, but soon finds out that Grey actually inherited the place from his grandfather. He is trying to fix the place up and figure out what to do with his future. Eden offers to help him out, and as they begin spending more time together their feelings and attraction become impossible to fight. But what happens when the week is over and Eden is set to return to North Carolina? Can they possibly have anything more than a spring break fling?

I really liked Grey. He instantly was able to draw my attention, and I liked that he was more than just his moody first impression. He was a great guy that was honest and sweet, even if he at times handled things badly. It was great to see him start to let his walls down with Eden's help, and I loved watching him work on his own issues. I felt so bad for Eden! She had the absolute worst luck and I couldn't believe what a jerk Brett was to her. It was great to see her meet Grey and realize just how bad things had been with Brett. I liked that Eden was brave enough to go on the trip by herself, not many people would be able to do that especially after going through everything that she had. I also really liked how she was pretty laid back and was able to just roll with the punches. She didn't let the bad stuff get her down, and she made friends along the way. I really liked her character and thought that she would be a girl that I would hang out with. Her and Grey were just really believable and real characters that I liked a lot. I thought that they had great chemistry from the start, but they also were really great for each other and I liked them together.

Overall, I thought that this was a really enjoyable and sweet read. T.A. Foster always writes books that are enjoyable all the way through and leave you happy. Kissing Eden was no exception, and I thought that this one was really refreshing and cute. It had a great flow, and the pacing was fast and kept me interested. The one criticism I had with this book though is that the relationship did progress rather quickly. Because it was over spring break and they hadn't ever met before it was pretty much insta-love in about a week. But honestly with Grey and Eden it really didn't seem forced or unbelievable. It was just a little rushed for my liking. I really did find this one entertaining though, and I am really glad that I read it. I would recommend this book to fans of the New Adult genre, especially those looking for a quick and light read. If you haven't read anything by T.A. Foster, I highly recommend giving her books a shot. I have really come to like her, and I look forward to seeing what else she comes up with.

****ARC provided by Inkslinger PR****

J says

2.5 rounded up to 3. This is one of those books where you really like the premise but the book just doesn't hit the mark. I liked the character of Eden, going to South Padre Island alone on Spring Break because her boyfriend has broken up with her and took the room her parents rented for the both of them to house he and his new girlfriend. Eden is forced to stay at a rundown motel run by Grey, who we learn a little later inherited the place from his grandfather and feels obligated to try and fix it up and get it profitable again.

Grey is rude and irritable in his first dealings with Eden, but eventually Eden wears him down and we see a much softer, interesting guy. Eden starts trying to help him around the motel (she's a business major) and it doesn't take long for them to hit the sheets, so to speak.

I liked Eden, I liked Grey, I liked South Padre Island. I didn't like the story.

Nabila Anjum says

sweet, and fast paced!!

Talia (Red Hot Ink) says

4.5 South Padre stars.

First things first, my fingers are now itching to book the first trip to that island.

Even though it may have a lot to do with a certain handyman than with the view. Wistful sigh.

The book was really nice, a little cheesy at times, but I think Grey's gruffiness helped tone it down. I loved the setting and also Eden. I didn't have high expectations for her somehow, instead she turned out to be a really cool chick.

I especially liked the thought of them in that motel, all alone, getting it back to its earlier splendour.

The plot was basic but the romance was well paced and it gave you just enough time to care about them. There was also ther right amount of angst, though the ending gutted me and Grey behaved like a jerk. (still love him though)

What more to say... the only real complain is perhaps that it was over too soon. But that being said, the story was finished. I mean, there weren't parts missing or something. I just hoped to read a little more about them.

Still, there are other two books in and a novella about this blue-eyes crancy swoon-god and cool-chick Eden. And I can't wait to get my hands on that ones.

P.S.: reccommended especially for summer reads. Or if you're in need of a cheer up. It's the literary equivalent of comfort food, and it doesn't even weight on the hips!

Chu says

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Nerd Alert says

*****Given an ARC in exchange for an honest review for Nerd Alert Book Love Blog*****

Eden Brady gets dumped by her jerk of a boyfriend just days before spring break. But she decides to take her already paid for trip. After a bunch of mishaps along the way, Eden ends up at the Palm Palace and Grey's front door. Grey is a hot, stubborn, hard headed, a bit rude, flirty handyman.

"...Ok, I get it. You're not Mr. Customer Service. Can I check in? I've had a really terrible day, and I could use a hot shower and something to eat..."

Palm Palace is a hot mess. Grey is working hard to try to fix it up and get it ready for the second half of spring break tourists. Eden is trying to pull herself up and do some soul searching but finds herself constantly distracted by a hot handyman.

"...This is so messed up, Grey. I hurt you and you hurt me. For the last few weeks, we've just been drifting in our own worlds, mad and broken..."

Can Grey get the Palm Palace up and running before his reservations start checking in? Can Eden find her own happiness and heal after her break up? And what will happen when she returns to North Carolina after spring break is over?

TA Foster knows how to write a sweet and compelling romance novel. Her characters are wonderful and draw you right in to their stories. I really enjoyed this book and the smiles and laughs that it give me. I gladly give this book a Nerd Alert A or 5 stars!
