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Welcome to Angel Island...Its captivating spirit can be felt from the shores of its windswept beaches to the heights of the spectacular Angel Wings Cliffs. The island is said to harbor angels who help guide the lost, delivering them from despair and darkness into the golden light of love and faith.

From end to end, Angel Island's shores are awash with love.

Claire North understands how Angel Island sets the rhythm for her own serenity and ease. But a visitor to the island has disturbed her peaceful heart. She knew him as a troubled boy who came to her soup kitchen in Boston, full of half-truths but brimming with trust and seeking nourishment for body and soul. She wasn't able to say good-bye to him then. Now, miraculously, a second chance to help him has come.

Jamie Carter, now a young man, is more in need of Claire's wisdom than ever. She is elated over the reunion but soon suspects he is back to his old ways. She wants to believe in the possibility of change but her faith is truly put to the test...

On the other side of the island, Avery Bishop is also working hard to make a fresh start. Newly single, she pours her independent spirit into opening a new café. Her culinary school training and stylish taste are scoffed at by Mike Rossi, who owns the cozy café across the street. But Avery is determined to show this burger-flipping hero a real cook has arrived. If only Mike's charming smile and laughing eyes didn't make her forget so easily that he is her fiercest competitor...

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Kelly says

It's amazing how a person that you think is unmovable and strong can at times be the opposite. It just goes to show that no one is perfect and always has it all together. Praise God that His grace covers us. Also, it's great when someone seems to be a total screw-up. Even then, God can change that person's life, turn him around, and make him a totally different person. This book is a great demonstration of this, too.

Rodney Sloan says

Well first of all I am a guy. Therefore, I am going to have to be honest and say I mildly enjoyed it. I thought Jamie should have gone to trial and Claire been a key witness. The watch later found on the beach instead of that lame newspaper scenario. Putting the fire at The Lazy Tuna so close to the end of the story was totally a mistake! BUT, this is a guy's opinion... I can see why women would like it. Personally, and maybe i speak for most guys... but I doubt if I would read another Angel Island book.

JoAnne says

Nice continuation of the Angel Island series with the inn, Liza and Claire front and center along with Jamie, from Claire's past ten years before, Avery and Mike, both restaurant owners on the other side of the island near the ferry landing.

Lots of stories taking place at Avery's restaurant with her and Mike getting to know each other. He always seems to be there when she needs something but they keep fighting their attraction and take one step forward and two or three back. Quite a few stories and twists and turns.

Lots of family, friends, guests, hard work, fear, tears, anger, hope, laughter, food, caring, accusations, hard times and redemption. There is nice closure and a potential for a few ahppily ever afters. Loose ends were mainly tied up. I look forward to reading the next book in the series, Harbor of the Heart.

This is the first Angel Island book that Katherine Spencer wrote on her own since Thomas Kinkade passed away in 2012.

Tracey says

I loved this book! It gives the reader hope, as situations amongst the characters, really happens in life today. All of Katherine Spencer's novels gives readers hope, faith, peace, and love. A wonderful book to read no matter what is going on or what religion you are. We all need to be reminded of what all we have to be thankful for. It's easy to forget, and her novels bring back what we all have been missing.

Kammie says

Perfect feel good read with just enough love!

Lynda says

This book was not the best of the series. I understand the author wanted to show another side of Claire, Lisa's cook and co manager of the Angel Island Inn. However Claire is completely out of character in her interactions with Jamie, a young man from her past when she worked at a shelter/haven for children in Boston. The other plot line is a sweet romance between Avery and Mike restaurant owners on the beach.

Candy Liggett says

Another great chapter in the Angel Island series. We have Avery Bishop a young woman who just recently broke up with her boyfriend as well as leaving their restaurant as well. Avery reads about Angel Island and decides this is the perfect place to start her new business and new life. Avery gets help from her mom to start her new restaurant. She also meets her business neighbors including Mike Rossi. Avery is attracted to Mike but she is also determined to make her business successful. She is not sure if she is ready for a new relationship. She is also weary to get involved with another man who is in the restaurant business as well.

We also get to know a little bit about Claire's past. We know she is a great cook and big help for Lisa at the Inn. Someone from Claire's past returns looking for her. His name is Jamie Carter who had a tough homelife. Claire met him while she was working at a soup kitchen in Boston. Jamie is now 19 and begins to work at the Inn during the summer. Claire is thrilled he is back she is hoping she will have a second chance on helping Jamie have a better life. Jamie is at a crossroads and needs guidance. Claire feels in her heart she is the one to guide him. She wants another chance to help Jamie.

I really enjoyed this book as usual it feels like you are right there with these characters. The story flows and love each book in this series.

Samantha Eve Kennedy says

I tend to enjoy the Thomas Kinkade various series. In this book we find out another side to Claire North, a regular character in the Angel Inn books, whose delicious meals are one more detail making these books lovable. Perhaps more importantly than the fact that we find Claire has past regrets, is the lesson Kinkade leaves us with.:

Despite our best intentions, we can only help those who want to help themselves.

Claire learns this lesson during her interactions with Jaime Carter, a young man she had tried to help in his formative years. Hopefully he, and Avery Bishop, another character with her own story introduced this edition, will make appearances in future books.

Tara Pollard says

I liked the book. I like the entire series all the way from Cape Light to the Christmas sequels to Angel Island. I do wish, though, that the author would continue the original stories and resolve them. For example, in the Angel Island series, the character's romance issues are not completely resolved, as though it's going to be a continuing story, but not much is said at all in the next two books, as though we shouldn't really care about that any more, let's divert our attention to someone else...

Irina says

That was my first encounter with Angel Island Series and I couldn't understand what Thomas Kinkade has to do with all this until I read about the series on Good Reads. 'The Way Home' is nice and easy reading, despite (or maybe because of) somewhat over-simplified characters and limited language. The novel is a bit too heavy on a religious side, to my taste. I do recognize an ever-present numen and I do appreciate people's need for faith but why do these communications with God have to be so verbose? It don't add anything to the story nor to the character. So even though I enjoyed, to some extent, reading 'The Way Home' I am unlikely to pick up another book from the series unless I'm desperately out of books to read.

Denise West says

Nice story when you don't want twists and turns. Some phrases used several times but a good story.

Rebecca Sampson says

Home is Where the Heart Is.

Another great book by Katherine Spencer. I love the Angel Island series because it draws me close to the ocean at least in spirit. I find these stories relaxing and comforting, besides the adventures that unfold. I don't know if young readers would enjoy this as much as a more mature reader. It is very easy reading and holds your attention.

Margaret says

This is a novel that tells the separate stories of characters Claire and Avery.

Claire's main responsibility at the Inn at Angel Island is cooking but she helps owner Liza in cleaning, gardening and seeing to the comfort of guests. She is stunned when Jamie Carter surprises her with a visit to the island. It has been 10 years since she saw him for the troubled 10 year old boy he was when she was working at a soup kitchen in Boston. Jamie had had a tough life living with his grandmother while his errant father came and went. A bond developed between the two and she had even thought of taking him as a foster child but when she was called home to care for her sick father, she was unable to explain her desertion of

Jamie in a way that a 10 year old could fully understand. Now, she wants to make it up to him. She talks Liza into offering him a job which turns out to be a possible mistake. Jamie has "a past" and isn't completely honest with Claire about the past 10 years.

Avery has fled a broken romance with the owner of the Tulip Café and is determined to start her own restaurant on the other side of the island. A large sum of money invested by her mother is at stake and the restaurant has to succeed, but the Café Peregrine may be too fancy, too refined for the beach crowd. In fact, the Lazy Tuna, owned by widower Mike Rossi, is her competition and she doesn't understand the attraction of a "fish shack". You can kind of see where this storyline is going.

I didn't feel any real connection to the characters, but part of that is due to the fact that I have a strong attachment to the characters of the other series, Cape Light, and I just may have to warm up to Angel Island. The book was a quick read, rather predictable, and didn't involve a lot of thinking and sometimes that's what a person needs in their reading diet. I won't give up on Angel Island, and if given the chance, I will return for another visit to take another look around.

Sharon Eikenberry-Deary says

Claire had not seen Jamie for almost 12 years and all of sudden he shows up on Angel Island. What is he here for, but it makes her wonder if he is up to the old tricks he was doing as a child. Avery comes to open a new restaurant on her own after a break up with her fiancé. She starts getting advice from Mike who owns a restaurant down the street. So much goes on and Avery's restaurant opens and business is slow but she gets a tour group of senior citizens. What else can happen only you will know when you read the book.

Regina Spiker says

Katherine Spencer's Angel Island series are gentle reads - and companions to her Cape Light series. In this book Claire North, the inn's cook and Liza's right hand woman, takes a more prominent role. Jamie Carter, twenty and out of work, veers back into her life and Claire remembers the once little boy she almost adopted many years ago. Can Claire help Jamie set upon the right path or will Jamie once again stray and return to his old life back in Boston? At the same time Avery Bishop is excited about opening her new café, The Peregrine, on the busier side of the island. Avery finds out that her only competition is the Lazy Tuna, a happening, crazy burger joint that the island's visitors flock to in droves. How can her culinary expertise and fancy dishes compare to fish and chips?

A relaxing, inspirational read...and as Reverend Ben says, "...when people are trying to change their lives for the better, the road to becoming whole isn't always a straight one. People tend to fall off the path now and then, or take wrong turns. Especially if they've been damaged, they can't always make all the right choices."
