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Darcy Trent is lucky Cooper Hudson is on hand to sweep her off her feet—literally—when she nearly drowns while swimming in the ocean. But life-saving aside, Mr. Perfect's timing stinks: Darcy's career is about to take her to the complete opposite side of the Atlantic. Still, a little summer loving with the tall, blond and sexy former cop is far too tempting to pass up.

When his plans to enter the Secret Service went south thanks to a bum knee, Coop retreated to the family beach house to mull his future. Romance is the last thing on his mind, until he fishes a curvy brunette out of the sea. Now, spending time in Darcy's arms seems like the ideal distraction, even if it is just for a week.

But with Darcy's departure date fast approaching and their careers on the line, can they realize in time that their beach fling might become the real thing?

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## From Reader Review Love at High Tide for online ebook

### Carver's Book Cravings says

4 Stars

Received an ARC for an honest review!

This book is a fast, funny love story.

Darcy is trying to decide what to do now that she graduated with her third degree and now has a PHD. Her parents want her to take a job in Africa and but she doesn't want to go back to Africa. She is just coming home from an eight month study in Africa. So her best friend Trina, plans a week stay on the beach. Little does Darcy know being afraid of the ocean will land her in the arms of the hottest guy on the beach. Will they be able to have more than a week long fling? Does she stand up to her parents and find a job she wants?

Cooper is debating if he still wants to be a cop. After watching his partner die in the line of duty and then losing his dream job. He is at the beach to spend some time thinking things over. He never thought that he would meet a smart, funny, sophisticated woman that took his mind off all his problems. He loved that she spoke her mind and didn't hold back. Will he be able to go back into law enforcement? Can Darcy and him have a relationship even of(if) she goes to Africa?

This story has some comedy. Trina is funny and I hope that she gets her own book. This is a must read book.

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### Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

Slick's review posted on Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews

Review copy provided for an honest review

4 STARS

Need an awesome summer beach or poolside read? Look no further, Love At High Tide by Christi Barth absolutely fits your needs! I flat out loved the quirky characters, the funny dialog, the intriguing side story, and the sexy romance.

Having just completed her PhD, Darcy Trent is spending a week at the beach with her crazy best friend intending on relaxing as she makes a huge life decision. Never on her first day does she expect to be saved from near drowning by a hot as hell man. Darcy decides this week is the perfect time for a summer fling and she's hoping he can convince her rescuer to join her.

Cooper (Coop) Hudson can believe his luck when he saves a beautiful woman from a crashing wave. He doesn't expect the sudden desire but he's glad he's feeling something, anything again after the events of recent months. He'd really like to get to know her better; he just has to figure out how.

I love when couples meet by accident spurring that rush of lust and want. I love it even more when they both decide not to fight it to go with it like Darcy and Coop. Unfortunately best friends, relatives, and creepy Russian dudes have a way of interrupting the best laid plans or at least the best plans for getting laid.

What I loved most about this book was the easy and amusing banter between Darcy and Coop. I very much enjoyed the Darcy's zany friend, Trina and her harebrained scheme to become a private investigator by observing the people on the beach and eventually tailing one she was suspicious of getting the two women into way more trouble than they ever expected. The build-up, the anticipation and the interruptions that forced Darcy and Coop into slowing down making their first encounter that much more volatile and enjoyable. In addition it was hard to ignore how easy these two both shared so much of their lives, their disappointments, and their dreams with each other despite just meeting. It was obvious from the start that they had a special connection that just grew stronger in the week they were together.

This is a short story and yes it moved at a rapid pace but I NEVER felt cheated. The story is strong, the writing superb, the character beyond enjoyable, the loving is hot and sexy with a touch of sweet, and the ending is more than satisfying. Christi Barth packs a whole lot of oomph into this book and I'm already hoping we'll see a sequel!

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## **The BookChick says**

**My Rating:** ♥♥♥♥♥

VERY GOOD: The characteristics of a 4 heart book include: a great story; I loved the characters; and there was an interesting plot and unique story elements; there may have been a few odd things kept the story from being amazing. I would read it again and I would recommend it to a friend.

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

### **Initial Reaction:**

A sweet, sexy, and fun romance with the right amount of intrigue added to make it much MORE than your average romance.

### **My Thoughts:**

I really enjoyed Love at High Tide. It was a perfect book for summer reading. Not too light and not too heavy. But contained a story that was witty, humorous, and interesting. For me, Love at High Tide, feels like a Harlequin Blaze, Desire, and Intrigue mixed all together to create a totally engaging story.

The story opens with newly minted Ph.D. Darcy Trent on a beach in Ocean City with her best friend Trina. Darcy is contemplated "what's next" for her in her career and is using the time to rest and reflect on what she really wants from life and her career. Darcy is enjoying the beach (the sand portion) but Darcy convinces her to come into the water where she is almost swept away by a wave. Thankfully, help comes in the form and arms of Cooper "Coop" Hudson. Coop saves Darcy and an instant attraction sparks between them. But Coop is not without his own issues. He is in pseudo-seclusion from his family after a devastating career ending injury ruins his chances of getting a job with the Secret Service. Darcy and Coop's relationship starts like any other.

Boy-meets-girl

Boy-is-attracted-to-girl

Girl's-crazy-best-friend-has-a-hair-brained-scheme-to-follow-a-suspicious-man-on-the-beach-leading-her-and-said-best-friend-on-a-crazy-catch-the-bad-guy-chase.

Ok...that last part was totally germane to this book an absolutely hilarious insertion. Trina decides to pursue yet her umpteenth career. This time she has decided to be a P.I. But Trina is a bit...let's just say...dangerous to herself and those around her. Darcy and Trina had a few Lucy and Ethel moments that had me laughing out loud. But doing all of their craziness, Coop and Darcy manage to have a steamy and passionate romance.

Love at High Tide is definitely a story that contemporary romance and romance lovers will enjoy. Although the story was a romance, it had an interesting level of intrigue woven throughout the story that made it more than just your average romance. There was good guys vs. bad with a generous helping of humor. And never fear, I know I keep mentioning the humor but this was not a story full of hijinks and no story. The humor, the intrigue, and the romance were woven together in a well crafted story where none of them overpowered the other. Love at High Tide was the perfect combination of so many elements that romance aficionados will enjoy.

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## Cassy Witthar says

\*\*I was asked to read this ARC for an honest review\*\*

This book is what I would call a quick "beach read". It's a quickie love story with a little bit of humor and a little bit of mystery thrown in.

Darcy Trent is a cultural anthropologist on vacation after finishing her PhD while spending months in Africa. She must decide in 3 days whether or not she will take the job of a lifetime. A job she's not really even sure she wants. The decision is made more complicated when she meets Cooper Hudson. He's an ex-cop who just happens to be in the right place at the right time and saves her from drowning. Sparks fly and they have a to decide if this romance will be just a fling or if it's worth pursuing.

In the midst of this blooming romance, Trina, Darcy's best friend, decides to embark on a new career adventure as a private detective. Trina is a care-free spirit who changes careers like she changes her shoes. With training consisting of reading a few books, she is convince that a man on the beach is up to no good and decides to put her "skills" to use as practice while dragging Darcy along for the ride. When the girls get themselves over their heads, Cooper and his cousin, Brad may need to use their own skills as cops to get the girls out of trouble.

Like, I said, this book was a quick read. I really enjoyed Trina's personality and would like to read more about her. It would be nice to see if she continues on with her new "career". I'd like to see if she finds lover herself and read more on Cooper and Darcy. I'm rating this book 4/5 stars.

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## Yazmin says

### 4.5 Stars

In Love at High Tide, Darcy Trent is in paradise, maybe not literally but for her it is paradise after months of being in the desert in Africa studying the tribes. Where all she did was study them and their customs and she was not to interact or interfere. She was dry and dusty all the time, and she could not even shower very often. Now she is in the beach with her best friend Trina on a two-week vacation while she tries to decide if to take a job doing the same thing for the rest of her life or if she will decline and wait for something else to come up.

Cooper Hudson is staying at the beach while he decides what he will do with his life. Former cop and being kicked out of the Secret Service days before graduation because of a bum knee, now he needs to decide if he will return to being a detective on the police force or what he will do. But while in the beach he is not left alone by his family, they keep calling him every hour.

Darcy knows how to swim and has no problem with the water, but she has never been on the ocean. So when Trina drags her into the sea, Darcy is out of her depth and feels like the ocean will drag her deep and drown her. In her rush to try get out of the ocean the waves keep buffeting her until she is literally swept off her feet by a man, the first and most handsome man she has seen since she arrived to the beach.

The attraction between Darcy and Cooper is immediate, but before either one of them can act on it they keep getting interrupted. Coop's family will not stop calling and interrupting at the worst possible times, then they send his cousin to the beach to stay with him to get over his fiancée leaving him, and Trina with her change of careers has decided to become a PI. Something that will get both her and Darcy into dangerous waters when Trina gets it into her head that a Russian looking man who is always with young women is doing something illegal, and will keep Coop and his cousin busy trying to keep them both safe.

A fun, sexy and hot romance that moves at a fast pace but definitely leaves you satisfied, don't miss Love at High Tide by Christi Barth.

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## Sassafrass says

LOVE AT HIGH TIDE is the perfect summer read! Whether you're at the beach, by the pool, or in the house trying to stay cool, Christi Barth's latest romance will get you in the mood for some hot summer lovin'.

Darcy is ready to relax a while before making her the next move in her carefully planned career and the beach is the perfect place to do it. However, since she spent the last few years in the desert, she wasn't prepared for the ocean. Luckily for her, she was saved from potentially drowning by hunky Cooper, an ex-cop looking for some solace of his own at the beach.

The attraction between Darcy and Cooper is instantaneous but neither of them is looking for a relationship. So they decide a vacation fling is the perfect way to spend Darcy's week at the beach. But wouldn't you know it, while trying to avoid anything permanent, they find that their feelings have other ideas. So, when it's time for Darcy to leave they may realize that a week isn't nearly long enough.

I thought this book was adorable. I loved the way Darcy and Cooper interacted with each other. They had great banter right away. I found myself chuckling at the back and forth between the two. They were such wonderful people that you had no choice but to want them to end up together.

Now, while I liked Darcy and Cooper, I have to admit that Darcy's best friend Trina really stole the show for me. She was hilarious. Flighty to Darcy's serious, I had no idea what the woman was going to do next. She really provided a lot of the comic relief in the story. I loved that she added a bit of mystery to the plot that I was totally not expecting. I was really happy to see that things worked out for her as well. I certainly wouldn't mind having a follow up story featuring her.

LOVE AT HIGH TIDE definitely had some sexy moments in it, but there was nothing graphic or gratuitous in the story. Don't get me wrong, I like graphic and gratuitous plenty, but that wouldn't have worked for these characters. I appreciated the way the author handled their romance by balancing the steam with keeping true to the characters.

This is my first novel by Christy Barth, but it definitely won't be my last. LOVE AT HIGH TIDE had it all: romance, humor, mystery, and fun characters. I loved the author's voice, so I really want to check out more of her work.

\*\* Reviewed on I ♥ Bookie Nookie Reviews

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## Rachel says

4/5 stars!

Darcy has just completed her Ph.D. and returned from Africa where she has been studying for the past year or so. She's on a beach vacation with her best friend Trina, and trying to figure out what to do next - does she accept the prestigious job offered to her to continue her work in Africa, but knowing that it won't make her heart happy? Or does she give it all up and try her hand at something else? While contemplating all of these decisions, Darcy meets Cooper when he rescues her from a near-drowning. Cooper is staying at his family's beach house, trying to get over a huge professional set back due to an injury.

After his "heroic" rescue, Darcy feels an instant connection to Cooper, and can't get him out of her mind. Luckily, Cooper feels the same way about Darcy. They two start spending time with one another and the chemistry is electric! Meanwhile, Trina, who changes her jobs as frequently as she changes her underwear, has decided she wants to become a private investigator. She somehow convinces Darcy to help her "practice" sleuthing and following people around town. Suddenly, the two women find themselves in over their heads, and they have to rely on Cooper and his cousin Brad to help them...

I really loved the chemistry and banter between Cooper and Darcy. They were adorable and cute and there were so many moments while reading the book that I had to let out a sigh. They were so freakin' cute! (but without being mushy and annoying) I loved their banter, and just everything about their relationship. I also really loved Cooper - he was funny, sweet, honest and an overall great character. My only complaint - the book was just too short! I do hope to see more from this author and hopefully a continuation of this story!

Overall, a great beach read that should definitely be on everyone's summer reading list!

\*Thanks NetGalley for providing an ARC in exchange for an honest review!

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## Cheryl says

Darcy Trent is on a vacation in Ocean City, Maryland with her friend, Trina. She deserves it after spending eight months writing her dissertation in Africa. Trina and Darcy go for a swim in the ocean. The cold water takes Darcy's breath away but it is the hunky guy that really does it for Darcy. Darcy's rescuer is named Cooper Hudson. There is an instant attraction. Darcy's vacation has just gotten better. Now all she has to do is try and keep herself from getting killed with her friend, Trina.

I have read several books by this author and enjoyed them. I had so much fun with Darcy and Trina and all

the trouble that they found themselves in. They were like the wannabe Nancy Drew and friend. They were not that good at investigating but it made for entertaining reading with funny laughs. What I was not laughing about was Darcy and Cooper's romance. It was hot. I think that Darcy needed to go into the ocean again to cool off, only I don't think that Cooper would be any help as he would be right behind her cooling off as well. If you are planning a trip to the beach, a summer vacation, or just relaxing in the sun, you have to make sure that Love at High Tide is in your bag or on your reading device. A fun read not to be missed!

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### **Book Binge says**

This was a fun, zany romp. Darcy Trent and Cooper Hudson are both on vacation, trying to get away from having to make major life decisions; Whether or not Darcy should take a job in Africa to make her parents happy and what career Coop should consider now that his chances of becoming a secret service agent are over.

When Coop rescues Darcy from the ocean, it's obvious they have chemistry. Since neither are in a place where they can start a relationship, they decide a summer fling while at the beach is the perfect thing. Enter Darcy's somewhat flighty best friend, who decides she wants to become a P.I. She's got Darcy trailing what she thinks is a pimp all over town, getting into all sorts of trouble. Good thing for them that Coop and his cousin are there, willing to help.

This puts Coop and Darcy in constant contact..which is just fine. Until the reality of Darcy's possible move to Africa sets in and they both realize they want more. But can they have it?

This is a story that doesn't take itself too seriously. There's quite a bit of humor and a rather outlandish plot, but it really works. I was sucked in from page one. This is the perfect beach read – light, fun and just a little bit sweet.

4 out of 5

This review was originally posted on Book Binge by Holly.

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### **Kari says**

Love at High Tide is a fun book to read. Not only is there a steamy romance, there are fun characters and an exciting mystery. I love Darcy and Cooper. Who wouldn't want to be rescued from the ocean by a hunky cop? From the first, their attraction was strong. Little did Cooper know he was going to get dragged into a romance as well as a prostitution ring. Both characters are on vacation to try to figure things out about themselves. Darcy is trying to decide if she want to take a job in Africa and Cooper is trying to figure out what his next step is after injuries leave him without a career path. Sometimes all it takes is meeting the right person to be able to put your life in perspective.

The peripheral characters rounded out the story nicely. Trina's quest to become a private investigator gets her and Darcy into a sticky situation. It also leads to some very amusing scenes. I hope Trina shows up in a future book. I would also love to see if Brad can get over his broken heart and find love again. The book is a great one to take while relaxing on t he beach. Definitaly check it out!

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## **Kim Reads (Read Your Writes Book Reviews) says**

Reviewed by Kim  
for Read Your Writes Book Reviews  
[www.readyourwrites.blogspot.com](http://www.readyourwrites.blogspot.com)

Oh my gosh... Love at High Tide is so much more than I bargained for. Not only do you get the humor and sex you usually get from Christi Barth, you also get a little mini-mystery. Picking up this book immediately had me feeling like I was in my own little comfort zone. It was like drinking hot chocolate on a cold winter's day. I immediately started smiling and was reminded why I love Christi so much.

Christi does a wonderful job of telling a story. She has hot sexy moments, without them being too graphic. The characters are all people you can love. I can't help but wonder if there's going to be a follow-up book. I mean Darcy's best friend Trina is quirky and funny.. She's actually rather enduring as long as you don't have to be around her all the time. Darcy and Trina balance each other since Darcy is so serious all the time. Cooper is to die for... He's lost his way career wise and is just hanging out at his family's beach house, wishing he could avoid them. Then there's Brad, Cooper's cousin. He doesn't have as big a part in the book as Trina does but there's potential with him.

Love at High Tide is being touted as a summer beach read. That's all fine and dandy... However, I would only recommend reading this at the beach if you have an umbrella to shield yourself from the sun. Because once you start reading this book you aren't going to want to put it down. And that, could lead to some SERIOUS sunburn.

This is a really good read. And if you aren't familiar with Christi, a good place to start. It's different from her other books, in that you have two best friends being amateur sleuths, putting themselves in danger and not even realizing it. Be prepared to laugh, smile, and fall in love.

Source: Author

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## **Nicole says**

Review originally posted here: <http://thebookpushers.com/2013/07/09/...>

I read and enjoyed the Aisle Bound books from Barth, so when she emailed me about her newest beach read, I couldn't wait for a time to sit down and devour it.

Darcy is in career limbo. She knows what her parents want and expect of her, and yet she knows that living in Africa isn't what she wants to do with her life. Taking the week off to spend at the beach sounds like the perfect way to put off making a decision. Especially since she finds herself following her BFF, Trish, around on a private eye escape. And meeting the ever-so-sexy Cooper.

Cooper is also in career limbo. The Secret Service turned him down because of a bum knee, and he isn't sure

he can handle going back to the police force. Rescuing Darcy and spending time with her is his perfect idea for a vacation well spent. But as Darcy and Trish set out to explore the undercover world, they might have gotten themselves in over their heads, and will need Coop to brush off his detective skills and lend them a hand.

I really enjoyed this story. There were so many cute parts to it, the whole book was really enjoyable and quick to read. The romance between Darcy and Coop develops quickly. They are super attracted to each other, and they don't beat around the bush (much) about their interest in one another. I liked that. It was a sweet and sexy romance with little drama, and I enjoyed the fact that both Coop and Darcy were so committed to making it work.

I thought that Trish was crazy, insane, and a little over-the-top. She so desperately wanted to be a private eye, and was willing to go to some pretty TSTL lengths to make it happen. I was glad when Coop and his cousin finally stepped in and told them to leave it to the professionals. Had they been okay with Trish's actions, I would have been annoyed and frustrated. But the strong friendship that was evident between Darcy and Trish was great to see, and added much to my reading enjoyment.

I do hope that Barth writes more set within this world. I think getting a story about Trish and Coop's cousin (not necessarily together, but there were some sparks there as well) would be so much fun to read. I really enjoyed the light and flirty tone of the book and think another book with the same characters would be a blast to read as well.

All in all I was really glad I read this Barth novella. Despite the shorter length, I thought the romance was well developed and never suffered despite the lack of time. I also loved the relationship between Darcy and her best friend, and thought it added some spice and comedic humor to the story. Although Darcy and Coop are quick with their devotion to one another, I thought this was a fabulous summer read.

I give Love at High Tide a B

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## **Dee McGee says**

Darcy Trent is on a vacation with her best friend, Trina, deliberating whether to take a prominent job in Africa after earning her PhD. Her unapproachable parents want her to take the job to boost their standing in social world. Unfortunately, Darcy's heart isn't in it even after spending a year of her life working toward this job. After being coerced into the ocean by her best friend, she finds herself almost swept away. Cooper Hudson is in the right place at the right time and rescues Darcy from a rouge wave. Sparks fly once Cooper gets Darcy to the shore. Will Darcy and Cooper explore their attraction after their week long vacation?

This is my first Christi Barth book and I was given a ARC copy in exchange for an honest review. I really enjoyed Love At High Tide. It's very well-written short story and had many laugh out loud, quote worthy moments. The book is a light read, but has plenty of mystery and intrigue to keep you engaged.

Darcy Trent character is no shrinking violet. She's smart, funny, and very loyal. Darcy supports Trina's constant career changes, even if they cause a world of trouble for them both. Christi Barth incorporates a rich history between the two, effectively pulling you into their friendship. I like Darcy's dauntless attitude when pursuing Cooper's attention. She catches his attention and works to keep it. I really enjoy the hilarious banter between Darcy and Trina. During one of Darcy's deep introspective moments, Trina calls out, "A seagull just pooped on my toe." This book has so many hilarious lines. I found myself laughing out loud!

Cooper Hudson is a former cop in same career questioning position as Darcy. After a simple confrontation goes bad, Cooper's partner is gunned down and Cooper is injured. He decides to take a chance and apply for a once in a lifetime job, only to be turned down. Cooper is on vacation to sort out his head and decide what he wants for his future. The last thing he expects is to find love with a woman like Darcy. I like the chemistry between Cooper and Darcy. Christi effectively builds their relationship, making the reader root for them to come together.

The romance aspect in Love At High Tide waned a little for me. Call me a cheap floozy (it wouldn't be the first time), I would like to have seen the sex scenes drawn out a bit more. By the time Darcy and Cooper finally do the deed after countless and often hilarious interruptions, their sexytimes seemed to short for me. Darcy and Cooper deserved way more orgasms after all the delays and shenanigans they endured in the book.

Overall, I really enjoyed Love At High Tide. The book held my interest the whole time and I read it one sitting. I wouldn't mind reading an epilogue or second book continuing Darcy and Cooper's story. I give Love At High Tide four out of five stars!

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### ? Kimberly says

Love at High Tide is the perfect beach read, with its simplistic plot and fun, smexy characters. Coming in at around 46, 000 words I quickly devoured this, had a few laughs and got caught up in the sweet romance. Three word review: sweet, funny and romantic.

Darcy Trent has decided to spend the week with her best friend off the coast of Maryland, while she decides whether to accept a job in Africa. Feeling pressured by her ambitious parents a week of fun and sun at the beach is exactly what she needs. Reading books on the beach, sweet iced drinks, and spending time with her bubbly friend Trina. When she nearly drowns it is Cooper Hudson, a police officer who saves her. He is at the beach licking his wounds and reevaluating his life. The two feel a connection and the tale that unfolds is sweet, and sexy. The tale has a few twists for excitement as Trina practices her private eye skills on unsuspecting beach goers.

Darcy is such a likeable character and her best friend Trina sometimes stole the show with her one-liners and over the top enthusiasm for her new-found career choice. Cooper is delightful, smexy and totally enjoying the idea of a summer fling with Darcy. The more these two interact the deeper the attraction becomes. Trina's target, an overweight Russian, wearing gold chains (can't you just picture him on the beach) provides excitement and adds some suspense to the otherwise light and fluffy tale.

Love At High Tide is a light read, filled with gooey moments, a little heat and some drama thanks to Trina and her antics. The romance was all physical attraction but slowly began to deepen and I appreciated the realistic direction the author took. I absolutely adored Trina and she really stole the show in this book, so much so, that I would love to see a spin-off with her as a PI. I loved how Barth added suspense to the tale and offered the reader some tension. The story provides a few giggles and just enough heat to keep you engaged.

If you are looking for a feel good escape, then Love at High Tide will certainly deliver. I consumed this in about an hour, and enjoyed myself.

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## Jillian Stein says

My review can also be found on my blog:

<http://www.read-love-blog.com/2013/06...>

Love at High Tide by Christi Barth is the perfect start to your summer reading list. What better way to start off your beach reads than with a cute, fun and entertaining story that takes place on the beach? Perfect!

Darcy Trent is enjoying some R&R with her BFF on the beach in Ocean City, Md. She has a lot on her plate and has a big decision to make regarding her career and whether to use all of her schooling and degrees studying cultures and tribes in Africa, or to find a way to let her overachieving parents down gently and choose another path. Luckily, Trina, her best friend, is on her new career path... which this month is self-training to become a private investigator. If anything it will be the welcomed distraction Darcy needs. Another welcomed distraction is the gorgeous, hunky stranger who rescues her from a near drowning disaster in the ocean. Looks like this may end up being the perfect hot and steamy beach vacation.

Trying to shake off the rejection from the secret service, thanks to his injured knee, Cooper Hudson is here at his family's beach house looking to make heads or tails of his future in law enforcement. He's not ready to go back to his old department just yet with the sting of rejection still lingering. Some time in the sand sounds just about perfect and the beautiful brunette he pulls out of the surf draws him in with a sudden attraction he knows he needs to investigate further. But with his meddling family always calling to check up on him, he hopes he will be able to get to know her without his phone ruining the moment. When his cousin, Brad, decides to show up and stay for a few days, he just about loses his cool until he realizes that Darcy's friend and his cousin seem to be hitting it off as well. Could the fates finally be on his side?

This story was so fun and entertaining, I couldn't put it down! Darcy and Trina are hilarious together...going off on an amateur private investigating sting and just being entertaining gals. From wigs to Russian mobsters, these two were just too much fun. Cooper is delish. He is the ultimate rule following, knight in shining armor and has a heart of gold. He is a hero any gal would love. Darcy and Cooper together are sizzling. They know their time is limited, being it a beach fling, and they don't waste time with a lot of fluff. Their sexy banter back and forth was done really, really well. I was so pleased with how much was packed into a story of 183 pages....really well done! It had action, humor, tugged on the heartstrings and had plenty of heat! Oh, and I'm curious to see if we see more of Trina and Brad in the future because I think they would make a fantastic couple!

Thank you, Christi, for a great kick-off to beach read season!

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