



Living in the Shallows

Tani Hanes

[Download now](#)

[Read Online](#) 

Living in the Shallows

Tani Hanes

Living in the Shallows Tani Hanes

Aileen Foster, a shy, 22 year old student from LA, thinks she has landed a dream job as an interpreter for some actors making a film in Japan. She gets a shock when she arrives in Tokyo and finds out that they are UK Crush, the hottest boyband around. She has been orphaned for most of her life, and it's a shock for her to enter their world of frank physicality. The boys come to love her, and Aileen is forced to look at her life and choices, and decide if she's ready to be brave and start living.

Living in the Shallows Details

Date : Published October 28th 2016 by Tani Hanes

ISBN :

Author : Tani Hanes

Format : Kindle Edition 313 pages

Genre : Romance, New Adult, Music, Contemporary, Young Adult

 [Download Living in the Shallows ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Living in the Shallows ...pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online Living in the Shallows Tani Hanes

From Reader Review Living in the Shallows for online ebook

Emily says

One summer, college student Aileen Foster is contacted to translate for English-speaking actors filming a movie in Japan. Excited for job, Aileen travels to Japan only to realize that she will be translating for an extremely popular boyband called UK Crush. They welcome her into their group, and Aileen finds herself examining herself and falling in love.

I decided to read Living in the Shallows because it reminded me a little of some of my favorite TV shows. I mean, a young woman living in close quarters with four amazing young men and falling in love with one of them? It's sweet and romantic, which is exactly what this story is, with extra emphasis on the romantic part. We watch as shy Aileen comes out of her shell and becomes more courageous in all parts of her life because of the boys' influence. I found myself relating a lot to Aileen because of similar interests and personality, and her transformation was beautiful to watch. I also appreciated the way the friendships between the characters developed. They took the time to really get to know one another, and the subsequent love—platonic and romantic—seemed natural. The foreign settings were interesting to read about, making me want to go abroad sometime soon.

Now for the romance. I purposely avoid books that are sexually explicit because of my beliefs and personal preferences. I committed to reading this book for a blog tour and only found out partway through that it is sexually explicit. And by that, I mean instances were interspersed throughout the story and took up about the last 15% of the book. I really enjoyed the first parts of the story, in which the characters got to know each other and fell in love. A lot of it was sweet and beautiful. But then there was the end which I didn't appreciate being described in so much detail. And the climax that changed Aileen's mind from staying away from having sex with one of the character to changing her mind seemed a little bit too fast and almost thrown into the story. I thought it needed a bit more development.

Basically, I liked the characters and the development in this story, but the explicitness of the story will keep me from reading the next book as curious as I am to see what happens next. If you enjoy the type of story I just described, then I would recommend it to you.

I received a free copy of this book from the author. All opinions are my own.

Paula Phillips says

Lately, I have been reading the CL Stone series which features a reverse harem. Before this series, I wasn't sure exactly what a reverse harem meant, but after reading it, I got an idea. Living in the Shallows is also a reverse harem book. In Living in the Shallows, we meet Aileen Foster who is in her early 20's and gets a job as a translator for a band known as UK Crush. Her first meeting with the band, she is awestruck by all their good looks and their unique differences. Soon Aileen is catapulted into this world of fame except she is the one getting all the attention from the four boys as they all start to care and eventually in their ways develop feelings for her. These four guys will go out of their way for Aileen and make sure she never has to worry about a thing again. Reading this as I had the Ghost Bird Series in mind, in parts I did find myself comparing the two series and have to admit though I found this one a bit more of the New Adult stage, parts of it were cheesy, and also she became comfortable with the boys very quickly compared to Sang in Ghost Bird. I do admit I would have liked to see a bit more of her role as a translator rather than just focusing on Aileen's

romantic and personal interests with the boys. The other thing which would have been nice would have been a bit more background about Aileen's different achievements and why she gave them up etc. as we discover she is one talented woman. Overall, however, I did find Living in the Shallows a good YA read, and if you want a Reverse Harem, Boy Bands and a novel set in Japan, then Living in the Shallows is the read for you.

Didi Oviatt says

Living in the Shallows is a very charismatic and engaging start to the YA series, UK Crush. One of the main reasons I liked it as much as I did is because the MC, Aileen has so many admirable qualities. I feel like in a way it actually sets a great example for YA readers. This isn't your regular follow the band to party and be a groupie kind of story. It's far from it. Aileen is humble, educated, motivated, independent, and has phenomenal work ethic. Plus, she's full of self-respect and is dedicated to her future.

When Aileen takes a job as a translator in Japan, she goes into the adventure completely unaware of the details. The fact that she will be working one on one constantly (day and night) with one of the hottest boy bands ever, is understandably overwhelming. These boys are perfect, in practically every way. Each one is a young girls dream, completely gorgeous and unique. Lucky for Aileen, they are actually a class act crew behind closed doors. They treat her like family, and their friendly up close and personal qualities just suck her right in. At one point she actually jokes around and refers to herself as their puppy, which totally fits!

Through out the duration of the job, Aileen goes through a complete rollercoaster of emotion. (which is absolutely FELT as the reader, wow!) She goes from being shy and self-isolated, to completely comfortable in group hugs, sleep/movie cuddles, getting innocently tossed around from lap to lap at dinners and in travel.

Aside from her language mastery, she is also very talented in swimming and piano. Before slipping effortlessly and quickly into the groove of the boy's lifestyle and boundary-less traits, she was reserved and embarrassed on display. With the aid of their lack of privacy and their enthusiastic support she is able to overcome much of her awkward privacy issues.

This book also has quiet the love story. It really is a complete package (especially for young women, who may have emotional reservation issues) The boy's fall completely head over heels for Aileen. So much so that it causes quite a bit of tension in certain areas, which really sucks for them because otherwise they have always gotten along. There is a bit of testosterone-ial drama, and it keeps the story rolling with emotion.

I love the way Aileen handles their affection, and the ultimate choices she makes in the end! I can't wait to finish the series.

Majanka says

Book Review originally published here: <http://www.iheartreading.net/book-tou...>

In Living in the Shallows, 22-year-old student Aileen Foster thinks she has landed her dream job, as an interpreter for actors making a film in Japan. Quite frankly, it does sound like a dream job – especially when it turns out the actors are actually UK Crush, the hottest boyband around. But having been orphaned for most

of her life, Aileen is not used to being around other people, to sharing space, emotions and feelings, to become a family, to love.

I do like the boy band storyline, even if it's been done many times before, I'm still fond of it. Besides, it might not be an original idea, but author Tani Hanes gives it an original twist, and with relatable characters and some fun surprises, it does make an intriguing story.

Aileen's journey of self discovery and learning to be brave and start living her life, rather than push aside her emotions, was the most interesting part about the book. The writing flowed well, and overall, this was an excellent read. While Aileen is technically a new adult, the book can be enjoyed by new adult and young adult readers alike.

Elizabeth Mathis says

Aileen Foster, a shy, 22 year old student from LA, thinks she has landed a dream job as an interpreter for some actors making a film in Japan. She gets a shock when she arrives in Tokyo and finds out that they are UK Crush, the hottest boyband around. She has been orphaned for most of her life, and it's a shock for her to enter their world of frank physicality. The boys come to love her, and Aileen is forced to look at her life and choices, and decide if she's ready to be brave and start living.

Rating: 4/5 Penguins

Quick Reasons: cutesy contemporary; LOVE the relationships built in this read; diverse setting with some quirky, unique characters; complex dynamics; the snark is great; I'm a sucker for boy band romances; this was so adorable, I think my penguin beak rotted

Huge thanks to Tani Hanes and YA Bound Book Tours for sending me a free digital copy of this title in exchange for an honest review! This in no way changed my read of or opinions on this book.

"So you've never kissed anyone before. And that's sort of marvelous. And sort of scary, too. Knowing you, you've probably built it up in your mind to be some sort of horrible obstacle you have to overcome. And you might find yourself kissing some random drunken jerk at a party or something someday soon, just to get it over with. And I don't want that to happen. I want it to be nice. With someone nice. Who likes you. Who loves you."

"You want me to kiss Matty?" I asked innocently.

He stared at me. "*No*, you little idiot, I want you to kiss *me*!"

Oh, my penguins. This was such an adorably sweet read. I mean, that's not saying much really--I'm a huge sucker for boy band romances, as I think I've stated a time or two before in my reviews. But this one! This one was so cutesy, I think my penguin beak might have rotted just a little bit--and that's not a bad thing at all, trust me!

I think my favorite part of this entire thing, though, were the relationships we got to see be built and steadily grow. The snark is delicious and entertaining from the start. Aileen's reactions to and interactions with the boys only became more entertaining and amusing the further into the plot I got. The relationships are complex, realistic, and too endearing for the good of all readers--if you're anything like me, you'll find yourself wishing you were part of the crowd.

I thought about my hero, Anais Nin, who'd said:

"I must be a mermaid,... I have no fear of depths and a great fear of shallow living."

How did this relate to me? What would she have thought of me? How could I possibly call what I'd been doing until now "living" at all? Always hiding, always scared I'd been living in "the shallows," a paddling pool, more like. How ironic to finally come to terms with my life in a swimming metaphor.

The plot is what you'd expect from a cutesy contemporary read such as this--not filled with action, but there is a TON of drama and angst. There is a love triangle, but it's brief...mostly because the love triangle quickly becomes a love, er... quintet? Quintuple? I mean seriously, it's more amusing than it is annoying--Aileen ends up kissing each of the boys, though in different settings and, in a few instances, for different entertaining reasons. Trust me, you won't mind the roMESS at all--because it's the best kind of romess to have in a book.

This was, in the end, a highly entertaining, snark-tastic, roMESS of a read. I cannot wait to dive into the second book, as soon as it becomes available--I'm not sure where it'll lead our characters, but I'm betting there's bound to be more drama and kissing involved. I'd recommend this to lovers of boy band romances, cutesy contemporaries, and wonderfully realistic relationships. This book sang a lullaby to my heart; why don't you turn your tv off and take a listen?

Bella says

★2.5 Stars★

I'm a big fan of Reverse Harem books, but they're so few and far between. So when I was told about this book – which included four hot-as-hell Pop/Rock stars – my excitement levels went through the roof! But unlike the other Rev-Harem books I've read, I struggled to finish this one. It was uber-cheesy at times, and my eye rolls could not be contained. I'm so bummed this story won't join my other guilty-reverse-harem-pleasures Introductions and Charcoal Tears.

Thumbs UP

I liked the guys. They were a virtual smorgasbord of UK goodness, complete with various skin-tones, hair colours, looks and personalities to suit everyone's preference. This author literally covered it all:

Theo – The Brit with the deep voice, gray eyes, dimples and long brown hair, who was the group's most notorious lothario.

Ronan – The blonde haired, brown eyed, Irishman who was a lovable jokester with childlike qualities.

Gethin – The buffest of all, with green eyes, red hair and a sing song Welsh accent.

Matthew – Curly haired, with stunning blue eyes to contrast his brown skin, who hailed from Scotland and was the most gorgeous of all.

Think, One Direction, but these guys played instruments and were a little more like a band.

It wasn't clear for a long while exactly which guy Aileen aka Tink was interested in, so that side of the story was interesting.

The major point of difference in this story, compared to other books of this kind that I've read, was that these guys were sexual. By that I mean, they were guys who talked about guy things, including sex, and they were far from virginal. I've always been frustrated at the lack of action in other series, and though this book was still very tame, at least these guys weren't total saints!

Thumbs DOWN

Honestly, there were many things that annoyed me in this book, but I'll just focus on one. **Aileen**. She was a pathetic little cry-baby! If she was angry, happy, sad, mad, tired, hungry, whatever... she'd cry! It was SO TIRESOME. She also went from quiet and shy, to sitting in laps and sharing beds super quick. She seemed to only have a real interest in one of the guys, yet she kissed them all and strung one of them along, when she should have just been more up front about her feelings. I found her character to be really frustrating, and I didn't see what the guys saw in her.

Sorry I lied, I need to mention one other thing too. The word "darling" was overused, and aged all these characters by a good twenty years. It was misplaced, and just felt wrong every time I read it. It's a lovely term of endearment, but I think something like "babe" (though not my favourite) would have been better suited for these characters.

Final Thoughts

I hoped to like this story so much more than I actually did, and that bums me out. It took three times as long as normal for me to finish this book, and in the end I just wanted it to be over so I could give my poor rolling eyes a break!

For an addictive Reverse Harem story, read one of the aforementioned series – they're addictive.

Coco.V says

? FREE on Amazon today (12/27/2017)! ?

Megan Coppadge says

You guys I loved this book. I'm buying the next ones as soon as I finish this. I don't know why I love this book so much. I loved the band, I loved Aileen, I loved the setting and story. In case I haven't been clear yet I LOVED this book. I can't even put it into words and I'm rarely at a loss for words!

Chelsea says

** I received this book for free from the author in exchange for an honest review. This does not affect my opinion of the book or the content of my review. **

What I Loved

I feel like this is one of those books that I probably wouldn't usually like, but for whatever reason at the time that I was reading it I actually enjoyed it. I'm not usually a big fan of contemporary or romance stories but this one was kind of fun to read. It was about a girl who ends up finding a job as a translator to a super famous boy band and she becomes friends with them. It's like a fantasy come true for some people! The band actually reminded me a lot of One Direction (probably because they were the super famous boy band most recently) and how a lot of their younger fans went crazy for them. It was fun to read something like this as an adult.

My favourite part of this book was that it takes place in Japan. I'm a sucker for any book set in Japan because it's my most current obsession. The author actually showed us a little bit of culture even though a lot of this book took place in hotels and tour buses. I loved reading about the different kinds of food they were eating and the clubs and towns they went to. It only made me want to go visit even more.

I also really loved that we got to see a little bit of each of the boys in the band. There was a clear love interest from the beginning but we still got to know the other boys which I was thankful for. Sometimes in books the others get forgotten but I really loved the dynamics of this whole group. They acted more like siblings than friends. Groups like that are something I really love reading about. Also they acted like boys. They talked about girls and sex and were far from innocent. It was SO much more realistic that way and I was thankful to the author for that.

What I Didn't Love

There were a few things I didn't like about this book but my biggest one was our love interest (I won't tell you who). For some reason I just couldn't like him. He was mean and a little controlling, sometimes even creepy at times. I just was not a big fan.

I also had a hard time liking Tink, our main character. She cried at EVERYTHING and it started to drive me crazy at times. I got that she was insecure but holy geez, that could have been taken down a notch. She was also always saying how private she was and was really conservative but then all of a sudden she's sitting on guys laps and sleeping in their beds with them. It was like each day she had a different personality. Plus she was pretty bad for stringing the guys along. I thought it was obvious from the start who she was going to pick but that didn't stop her from trying them all out which made me a little sad. Still, it was pretty easy to ignore this sometimes and the book was still entertaining.

There was also quite a few cheesy moments but sometimes I like that. It won't be an all time favourite any time soon but it was still fun to read.

Who I'd Recommend To

I'd recommend this to those who don't mind a little bit of a cheesy romance. It was cute and fun to read and that's all that really mattered to me. It was also great because we got to see a good chunk of Japan so it's great

for those looking for some interesting settings.

Bookschatter says

2.5

Sascha says

3 1/2 stars

If you've been following my reviews, you know that I will read anything to do with music, even if that music is a boyband! So I was drawn to this interesting story about sheltered and naive Aileen thrown into the frenzy that is the lifestyle of a boyband. For the first half of the novel I was charmed by the setting and the unique characters of Aileen and UK Crush (Theo, Gethin, Ronan and Matthew) all of whom seem so much younger than their years. There was something extremely innocent (if unbelievable) about the boys open physical affection and then how Aileen falls easily into it, especially given her self-identified asexuality up to that point.

read more: <https://saschadarlington.me/2017/01/2...>

Kati says

An adorable boy band book with a diverse range of characters.

The plot itself was enjoyable and I loved reading about these characters in a culture entirely different to that in which they are used to. The idea of a young female interpreter being thrown into the world of boy bands was one that was well constructed though the book. I did find the commentary on Aileen's looks to become rather repetitive as the book went on, this only slightly diminished my enjoyment of the book. Overall, this book was a New Adult boy band delight.

Reads & Reels says

Ok, I'm not going to lie. When I first started Living in the Shallows, I was like a boy band? Really?

But because I'm professional (What? Why are you laughing?) I gave it an honest try and I am so glad that I did. Putting my reservations aside, I let myself get swept up in the story and as it turns out, I really enjoyed it.

Living in the Shallows UK Crush Series (Release Date: October 28 2016)

I admit it. I'm fairly cynical when it comes to romance (and even more so about boy bands) but this new

generation of New Adult books are making me reevaluate my stance on the genre.

Living in the Shallows is a lovely coming-of-age story. I say this only because the protagonist is a late bloomer. Otherwise I would define it as a “finding your true self” type of novel. Due to Aileen’s traditional upbringing and unfortunate life experiences, she doesn’t grow as a person, more specifically as a woman until a much later age. Not until she finds herself in the midst of four goofy but gorgeous men, who help her learn how to let her guard down.

Ok so let’s talk about the characters. I liked “Tink” and the boys but I had a little trouble with the realism factor regarding their relationships. I do believe it would be possible for multiple people to develop feelings or an attraction to the same woman. Especially when you consider the proximity. What was hard for me to believe was that this very conservative young woman with almost zero experience with men, immediately became enamoured with or close to, all of the boys instantly. It didn’t make me like the story less but I could see it being a potential issue for other readers. Other than that I very much enjoyed the book.

Of course I loved Theo. How could you not? He is the quintessential bad boy musician with a big heart. I am very happy Tink and Theo’s relationship developed as it did. Also that ending? Loved it!

I had my reservations at first and maybe just a couple of finicky little things that weren’t so realistic, but as a whole I really liked Living in the Shallows and will continue reading the series.

Rating...B

www.readsandreels.com

Gracie Ramos says

Im so in love with Teddy & Tink of course to Ro,Geth and Matt.

Claire says

This review originally appeared on BrizzleLass Books.

I won this book a few months ago, and when I recently won the next three books in the series I decided to get my nose into these books and see what we had. It’s no secret that I have a thing for books involving musicians, my background having worked as a music journalist probably plays into that! This one was definitely a bit different as it involved a boy band, if there is one thing I know absolutely nothing about in the music world it’s pop music and boy bands so this was interesting territory for me, but hey romance is romance right?!

Aileen is our protagonist and she has landed a job as an interpreter for what she is told are actors, only to arrive and find herself confronted with four guys the same age as her, who also happen to be the four members of the band UK Crush. Aileen is a quiet girl, and has earned the nickname Aileen the Mouse back in LA, she’s never had a boyfriend, she just focuses on her schoolwork, music, and swimming. Oh and the girl is a frickin’ genius at pretty much everything she touches.

The band members are fairly typical lads, Theo, Gethin, Ronan, and Matthew who each become besotted

with Aileen (having nicknamed her Tink). You see where this is going right? The story is super sweet though and not at all tacky. There are lots of really lovely moments as they travel around Japan, and despite my reservations about the pop band thing, that all got set aside as I got absorbed in the story.

I found Tink's perfection a little annoying, she was far from a normal girl, she was a swimming superstar, a piano genius, she could knit perfectly, it was like whatever came up Tink could do it perfectly. It got really tiresome, her only flaw was she wouldn't stop bloody crying! I think we like our female protagonists to be relate-able and Tink was far from relate-able. Even as a classically trained musician myself I couldn't relate to her genius at all.

This is really well written and despite a few issues I had with the main character the story is adorable and develops into a great series (which I will review soon!)

A huge thanks to Tani Hanes for sending me the Paperback copy which I won in a Giveaway and have read and reviewed honestly.
