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Nobody ever cares about second place. Nashville native, Annie Scott, knows second place well. She has never been anyone's priority and is sick of being an option. In a snap decision, she flees her hometown for the unknown shores of Sydney, Australia; hoping the enforced solitude will give her back her identity and kick-start a new life. Fate throws her in the path of Cam Hart. The Professional surfer is wallowing in self-pity after his recent embarrassing loss. The idea of losing himself in-between the sheets for some no-strings fun definitely has appeal and Cam believes he has found the perfect girl to distract him. The two drifting souls soon discover their chemistry and passion is more than they bargained for. When fate throws Annie and Cam together, both afraid and uncertain, will they be allow themselves to be swept along in the tide of possibility?

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She's a Lip Biter says

4.5 Star Review

I truly can't believe this is a debut book for Author Emma Fitzgerald. Her writing style and characters dragged me into the story from the very beginning.

Cam is so what every woman wants her man to be like. And as Annie says he is a KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOUR - or should we say board shorts or wetsuit :P The pull of the characters towards each other is undeniable, can they manage the hurdles put in front of them?

I started to read this book without knowing too much about it other than that was recommended to me, so I am not going to give you any more details, just read it!

I loved that this book was set in Australia and made me feel really at home knowing where they were and the beautiful views described.

This is an emotional read and you will find yourself like me wanting to know more about the other characters in the book.

I can't wait to read the next book in the series.....

Do yourself a favour and read this beautifully sweet emotion filled book!!! I PROMISE YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED!!!!

Candy says

Oceans Apart by Emma Fitzgerald was one of those books that stole my attention and made me do a double take when I saw the cover. Then I read the synopsis and was utterly captivated by the idea of a woman traveling halfway across the world just to start her life over. Add in the touch of romance and I was completely sold...I couldn't wait to dive in!

"Cause I may not always be around to save you and I'm also not sure I can let anyone else touch you again"

After feeling second best at her job purely because of her gender, Annie decides to quit and ends up at the airport, deciding to take an indefinite trip to Australia. The first night she is there, she disregards the notices and takes a swim in the ocean, getting stuck in a current. Little did she know that her savior, Cameron Hart, would end up being a whole different type of riptide in her life. Cam is a pro surfer who has been recovering in his home country. He sees Annie and instantly knows that he wants a future with her. What follows is an enchanting tale filled with ups and downs; a love story with a journey of self discovery and growth – on both Annie and Cam's parts.

"I felt my broken heart start beating again and it gets a little stronger with each moment I spend with"

you.”

I loved that Annie was attempting to follow her own dreams and not settle for a life she was unhappy in. She was sick of parents who showed her no attention and a sister who was more disgusted by her than anything else. As humans, I feel like we often think that we need to stay in our lives, whether out of fear or trepidation, so it was nice to see a character who leapt off that cliff. She never expected to fall in love, but I adored the connection that she found with Cam. He was able to show her love and companionship, which I thought was so special. Annie chased her dreams but ended up being shown what love feels like, both romantically and in a familial way.

“When you find the right person, you just know. Time makes no difference.”

The only thing I had an issue with was some of it just didn't feel genuine. I understand that it's a book and we all want that make believe component. However, I like it to have some feel of "this has a shot of happening". The main instance of this was when Annie's sister came to Australia to confront her. Although she has money, it didn't feel remotely believable that someone would fly halfway around the world for a ten minute visit and then never hear from her again while there. It took away something from the story for me and just left my head kind of whirling.

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Overall, I did become invested in the characters and I wanted to see what would happen with them. Cam was quite endearing and a shining star in this book. There were times I got slightly annoyed with Annie but the big decision she made endeared me to her and made me admire her greatly. I loved seeing how much she grew from the beginning to the end and the fact that she was not the same shy, timid character we met in the beginning. I definitely can't wait to see what Emma Fitzgerald has in store for the other characters, particularly Sea and Kirby!

Natalie Neck says

Annie is from Nashville Tennessee and has lived her life always coming second. With her parent focus always on her sister she was neglected and always told that she was the kids that they should have never had, Till her parent got killed in a plane crash and she quit her job she didn't know where she was going but she ended up in Sydney Australia.

Cam is a Pro Surfer and is bit of a ladies Man his Hot as hell and has never had to work at getting the ladies attention. Not looking for Love cause he lost he high school sweetheart in a car accident.

When Annie arrives in Sydney she want to make the most of her new found freedom, She goes for a dip into the ocean and get court in a rip, Cam is her knight in shining Armor and pulls her to safety. There is a connection straight away and Cam offers to show her the Sites in the city.

I'm not going to go into details of the story line too much cause I hate when people give that away.

My review

Annie and Cam are so hot the relationship that they share is something we all dream about. They have they trails in this book but in the end they come out on top.

The family and Friends in this book just make the story so much better they take Annie into there family like

she has always been there and for her not ever have that sort of relationship its so heartwarming to read how happy this makes her.

This book has floored me how good it is considering this is Emma Debut Novel I would have thought she had been writing for years. I'm so proud of my Fellow Aussie and hope this book does well. This book Has to be on everyone's must read list.

Well done Emma

Abbey's Fully Booked says

I can remember reading this ages ago but I must of been drunk or suffering from Amnesia to not fully remember how much I was in love with Cameron Hart, god that man is just perfect. Like seriously perfect.

I started rereading this today in the laundromat and I must of looked like such a cheesy idiot, sat there giggling at all the things Cam said along with a ridiculous grin on my face.. The story gripped me from the get go with Annie's escape from the US to the sunny shores of Sydney, Australia.

All the secondary characters have stuck with me, and I am most definitely rooting for their very own HEA, I will be keeping an eye for all future releases by Emma that's for sure.

This is your typical romance novel, but with a twist - a more of a life lesson as such. Learning that to be truly happy, you need to make sure your happy with yourself. Whilst, I was angry at Annie for her decisions after hearing some life altering news, I could fully understand where she was coming from in the end. The author packed some emotional scenes/story lines within the story but even with the emotion overload I felt everything was warranted.. it was good to read about their backstories as well as see what help formed all their decisions.

Throughout the book, you can tell Emma either had done her research or has life experience regarding some of the situations - especially when it came to the surfing aspect. I HATE the ocean and have zero ideas about surfing, yet reading the scenes with Cam - I literally felt like I was out in the Ocean with him, experiencing every high he was going through.

5 Star review from this debut author. Well deserved.

JG ~ Jezabell Girl & Friends says

Another new author for me and another pleasant surprise. I was looking for something easy to read and enjoyable and this book certainly met my expectations.

When I read the synopsis I knew I had to read this book. I mean a surfer (tick), an Aussie hunk (tick) and fun and games in the form of sun, sea, sand and sizzling Sydney sexiness thanks to Cam.

Cam is a pro surfer and after having a head injury is taking a break back in Australia when he comes across Annie, for the second time but this time fighting for her life.

Cam saves Annie in more ways that one and the two soon realise they have a connection that is hard to

ignore. Annie has never felt love and warmth from her family and despite her parents no longer being around she still feels their rejection.

Annie soon realises when she's around Cam's family that she has found what she has always been looking for. His mother, father, sister, Sea, and the mysterious Matt who I hope we will soon read more about, complete the family portrait and Annie knows that this is where she's meant to be but will she be able to live with the shocking news that she receives courtesy of Cam's ex.

All of a sudden, Annie is filled with doubt and even though she loves Cam unconditionally, she knows she will never be able to live the life she is now faced with.

This was a dream of a read and a passionate storyline that melted my heart. I can't wait to see where the story with Matt and Chel(Sea) goes though, there are some fireworks between those two which are waiting to erupt onto our ereaders.

This book has no obvious grammar or typographical errors, a HEA, and a healthy dose of unrequited love. What's not to like!!!

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Reviewed on behalf of Jezabell Girl & Friends...

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Kristine GPI Bookblog says

When Emma Fitzgerald asked me to beta read her debut novel I was excited, being an Aussie girl I'm always excited to read a story set in my own country, what I wasn't prepared for was how swept away I would be by the world Emma had created. Annie Scott has been mistreated by everyone close to her, the people who should have loved her unconditionally have never particularly cared where she was or what she did, as long as she stayed in the background and didn't steal the spotlight for her sister. Cam Hart, professional surfer, returns to Sydney licking his wounds after being defeated in the recent World Title.

Annie is ready to lose herself to a fun and frivolous holiday on the other side of the world to her home in Nashville, and Cam is ready for some rest & relaxation on his home turf, these two couldn't lead more different lives, but their connection is tangible, mutual attraction and the need to get to know each other may just lead them on the greatest journey possible.

Annie is instantly likable, broken and beaten down but never out for count, she is resilient with a silent

strength, friendly and easy going, she is the type of girl you could see yourself calling a friend. Cam is pure smooth, sexy Aussie surfer boy, his success never going to his head, down to earth and relatable, he is the quintessential Australian man, self depreciating and always ready to have a laugh.

What I adored was Emma writes characters that make you fall in love with them, her characters aren't perfect, they are flawed and real, they have pasts that have shaped the people they have become, both are hiding from past hurts that have left deep scars and it's heart warming to see these characters come into their own, find belief in themselves and conquer the self doubt, and darkness that had at times over shadowed their lives like a cloud.

With angst, warmth, depth and spice Emma Fitzgerald has clearly shown she is an author to watch, with a knack for humour and keeping the reader guessing, I'm looking forward to seeing what she does next.

Bronwyn says

3.5 Stars!

~ A COPY WAS GIFTED IN EXCHANGE FOR AN HONEST REVIEW~ spoilers.

Oceans Apart is the first instalment in the Ocean Dreams series and is about Annie and Cams sweet love story, most definitely a case of insta-love/lust after a meeting on a plane.

Being an Aussie myself I had no problems at all with the dialogue and it was a nice change to not have to use my Kindles dictionary! Major plus, though I did cringe at the one G'day comment because I personally don't really hear it in day to day conversations. I also thought at times the POV was a little unclear at first and so it could be a little confusing on who's who. I do like my books told from dual POV's as I feel it adds more to the characters.

I think Annie was a little annoying at times, on one hand I had sympathy with her issues and insecurities but on the other hand I wanted to tell her to get a grip of herself and get over it, maybe seemed a little immature at times and quick to judge and be angry.

Cam the hot surfer guy was a total sweetie and had an awesome family, I mean he saves her life and is determined to start a relationship with her! Even after 6 months apart and her leaving him he was still madly in love with her.

I think at about the half way mark, when all was well with the couple, it kind of got over the top romantic to the point of being a bit cheesy in places.

When the drama started I thought her running back to the states was a bit of a cop out and was hoping she would have stayed and supported the man she loved and worked through the crisis, but no off she ran to find herself. It was then a bit predictable that of cause the baby wasn't his.

Overall, I did enjoy the story and was glad they got their HEA. Some good secondary characters who I'm sure will be featured in the next books of this series. A nice easy read!

Danielle says

Annie is tired of always being second, second to her sister, second in line for promotions but not anymore. She has grown exhausted of being the doormat in her life and is finally ready to make a change in her life and stand up for herself. Annie decides to take a vacation from her life and hops on a plane to Sydney, Australia. When she decides to take a dip in the ocean alone and finds herself in trouble, a sexy surfer god comes to her rescue.

Cameron is a hot, swoon-worthy pro surfer. He is on break from tour due to a concussion. He is home in

Sydney for rest and relaxation. He is hanging out at the beach across from his home when he has to come to the rescue of a beautiful woman. He is intrigued by this blonde-haired beauty and decides some fun may be in order along with his rest and relaxation.

The chemistry between Cameron and Annie sparks pretty hot from the start. After volunteering to take Annie sightseeing, Cameron soon realizes how special Annie is and sets out to show her that she is much better than second place. Annie can't believe she has captured the attention of someone as popular with the ladies as Cameron but is willing to enjoy this fling while it lasts.

Will the spark fizzle out or will Cameron and Annie build something that will last?

This book was a very enjoyable read. Cameron and Annie are very likeable characters and I loved being able to get both their POVs. The secondary characters are great as well and I hope to read their own stories. Even though I am American, I am married to an Aussie and I enjoyed reading a book full of Aussie terminology. Emma Fitzgerald did a wonderful job with her debut novel and I look forward to reading more by her.

Angela says

****Word of warning, before you start reading Ocean's Apart you've set aside some spare time because once you start you won't be able to stop until the very end!!****

If I didn't know for a fact that Ocean's Apart was Emma Fitzgerald debut novel, I would've mistaken it for the book of a well seasoned author.

Emma's way with words draws you in from the very first sentence, reeling you in with every passing one until you're hooked, unable to put the book down without finding out what comes next and before you know it you're at the very end.

This book had everything a good book should have - overall amazing characters - both main and supporting, a killer plot with a few twists and turns, steamy love scenes and a happily ever after. Add a few tears (well more than just a few), laughter, friendship, and love and you have Ocean's Apart.

I loved Annie as I could relate to her more than all the other characters. She's beautiful, kind and special except she doesn't realize that she is because she's always been told the opposite. If you hear the same thing over and over again you start to believe it even if those things aren't true. Watching her blossom throughout the book was an absolute pleasure.

Cam was amazing to - a true Aussie bloke that made me laugh and swoon at the same time. He's determined and bossy but with a heart of gold.

Fate brought them together when they least expected but as my grandmother would say probably when they needed each other the most and I mean that literally and figuratively. Lol you'll understand once you've read the book!!!

This is one of those books that will leave you with a smile after you've finished it, so do yourself a favour and pick up a copy, you won't be disappointed.

An awesome job Emma Fitzgerald, you're debut rocked and I'm looking forward to the next book already.

Joy Pantorillo says

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Is this really a debut novel? I was really surprised when I found out (not sure if it was mentioned on the sign-up form — can't remember) that Oceans Apart is Emma's first novel. The moment I saw the cover, I was enchanted. It has that certain pull that says "READ ME". Then I read the synopsis — sexy surfer! oh, a MUST READ!

The moment I read the first paragraphs, I was hooked — I couldn't stop reading the book! (Fact: Since I read it during my ride home and actually missed my stop).

The story started with Annie, the girl who wants to live the life that she wants by going away! A brave decision for a girl who didn't step out of the box. Then she met the sexy, cocky, surfer Cam Hart. Cam is all-guy and he certainly knows it.

The story started in phase wherein I get to meet the characters and know them better. It is a step by step process which I certainly liked! — Heroine, hero, some pasts, family so on and so forth. The world that the Emma painted is easy to imagine and realistic (if you have a lot of money, just like Annie) which is why I had a great time reading the story.

There are just some things that didn't sit with me. First will be the the POVs — it can be a bit confusing at times on who's who. Though I loved that I actually got the chance to know what Cam is thinking — hello, hot thoughts!. Second, for some reason, it became too cheesy or romantic for me during the middle part. The conflict part became more prominent at almost the end of the story — which I think is a bit heavy and dramatic.

Some terms were written in a "aussie" way — I being used to the American English. At some parts, I think it was cool then some at some point I have to stop to search for the meaning. Thank God for the amazon dictionary!

To Emma, thank you for deciding to share your story and characters! THANK YOU! Now, I'm just going to wish that the next book will be released soon! Will it be Matt and Sea's or will it be a continuation of Annie and Cam's? Either way, I'm going to read it. :D PS: I'm actually rooting and shipping for Chris and Kirby tandem!

To Mel of Book Empire, you're the best! Thank you and sorry for posting this just now!

Blog: <http://bujojioi22.com>

Medavis66 says

I read this cover-to-cover today. Yes, it was THAT awesome! I love how Cam and Annie meet. I also like how neither one of them is looking for anything special, but find their forever. Family is pretty much a foreign thing to Annie, while Cam has always been surrounded by his family's love and support. His brother's situation is sad, but I loved his little guy. Cam's parents are great, as is his sister. I like Kirby, too.

I'm interested in learning more about his best mate, Matt, and if there is something between he and Sea. I could envision this story and felt like I was watching a movie while reading - I got that involved and lost in the book. I love the beach, but have never been to Australia. However, I could picture the places they were quite easily. Totally will read this author again and look forward to book 2 in this series.

ARC provided in exchange for honest review.

Gemma Weir says

Check out more of my reviews on my blog <http://gemmareadstoomuchforittomenorm...>

3.5 stars

Oceans Apart is book #1 in the Ocean Dreams series and the first book I have read by this author. I was lucky enough to be given a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review so here goes....

I love beach stories, as far as I'm concerned it's where the best love stories happen, I mean hell what's sexier than surfer boys and girls in bikinis lol.

This is a really sweet love story Cam and Annie really kind of have a love at first sight moment and they definitely have a very palpable connection.

I'm not sure how I feel about Annie, her character is very wordy and at times I found this a little annoying and overdone. Yes as a reader I want to get to know the characters and connect with them, but I don't need to know everything.

On the other hand Cam was perfect he's a bit mushy at times but overall he's a seriously sexy surfer... enough said Swoon!!!

Cam comes from the nicest family in the world and I loved how they took Annie under their wings and made her a part of the family!

Annie's sister was a real piece of work I was literally gobsmacked every time she made an appearance.

At times Annie's insecurities and issues were a little much and I did swing back and forth between sympathy and wanting to tell her to suck it up lol!!!

The sex is hot and if I'm honest Cam and Annie seem to communicate best when they have no clothes on lol!!

This is a sweet love story and a lovely HEA 3.5 stars.

Jackie Wright says

5 Star Review

I was given this book for an honest review

Another new author for me and what a find. I could not put this book down. I loved the story line, the characters and the way Emma described the places was perfect. I can't believe this is a debut novel Annie has come to Sydney from the US trying to get away from her sister and work her life out. Cam is a sexy Aussie pro surfer who is home for a break following a surfing accident. Annie gets caught in a dangerous rip in the surf and its Cam who comes to her rescue. The attraction between these two is hot and they form a instant connection. Cam has everything Annie ever wanted in the form of a caring loving family but he was also a man who put her first for once. Just when Annie feels she really belongs and has friends and family who care about her Cam's past rears its ugly head Will Annie be able to get her head around the news or will she run never to return

This book has some heartbreaking moments but it also has some fun and some amazing hot sex. I fell in love with the characters and I really can't wait for book 2 to come out. If you are looking for a emotional but easy read with a HEA this is the book for you

Jessica says

Emma Fitzgerald did a great job with this book. It has emotional aspects in the story. It is a love story that has its bouts of heartache, tears, laughter. I truly enjoyed reading about Cam and Annie. I look forward to reading more by this author in the future.

Jennifer Collins says

Ocean's Apart is a book about Annie who has always been second choice her whole life. Her family always chose her older sister and never made her feel wanted or loved. She is currently living in Nashville working a job in PR where she is constantly being overlooked for promotions that she totally deserves. Until she decides to quit and start doing things for herself.

So Annie packs her suit cases and heads for the airport not sure of where she is going. She ends up in Beverly Hills and listens in on a conversation of a group of people having fun about how Aussie men are so much fun. She decides that Australia is someplace she has always wanted to visit and calls the concierge to arrange for her to catch the next flight to Australia.

While waiting for the plane to finish boarding, she sees a man running to try and make the flight. He is unlike any man she has ever seen and she is drawn to him. He catches her checking him out and smirks. So she does what she does best and quickly sits down in her seat to get ready for the long flight.

Annie arrives in Australia and decides to go to the beach since she has never been before. After spending the day at the beach, Annie has finally gotten the courage to go into the ocean. She starts with just her toes and gradually dives in. Annie starts to feel tired from swimming and begins to swim to shore. Not realizing or reading the signs about strong currents, she begins to panic. Annie starts to give up until a stranger comes to her rescue.

The stranger who rescues Annie is none other than local surfing superstar, Cameron 'CJ' Hart. He insists on giving Annie a ride back to her hotel since he understands that she will be exhausted. While driving her back to the hotel he offers to give Annie surfing lessons and show her around. Annie doesn't realize that Cam is a surfing God. She is reluctant but agrees to meet Cam the next morning.

So begins their hot and steamy whirlwind of a relationship. Will their romance be able to survive family drama and unexpected life events or will they be forced to live Oceans Apart.

I literally couldn't put this book down and I am anxiously awaiting the next book. Emma's style of writing and her beautiful story is a great book to me. This series is a must read.
