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Meet four women who think they have nothing in common except the oyster-shell road that runs between their ramshackle beach cottages on a spit of land called Happiness Key. When her husband is sent to prison, pampered Tracy Deloche is left with twenty-five acres of Florida Gulf Coast sand, five tumbledown beach houses and no idea how to start over. An exile in a strange country, Janya Kapur has left her wealthy, close-knit Indian family for an arranged marriage to a man she barely knows. Plainspoken Wanda Gray is tired of watching her marriage fail, so she takes a job guaranteed to destroy it--"if" her husband cares enough to discover what she's doing. Since her daughter's death, widow Alice Brooks has grown forgetful and confused. Her son-in-law and granddaughter have come to stay, but Alice isn't sure she's grateful.

When the only other resident of Happiness Key dies alone in his cottage, the four women warily join forces to find his family. Together, they discover difficult truths about their own lives and the men they love--and uncover the treasure of an unlikely friendship.

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Lizz says

I'm a sucker for this kind of book. Just a light, easy read. I loved the characters and found how they grew to be friends interesting - you sure never would have thought that they would be! Tracy, Janya, Wanda and Alice (and little Olivia too) are good company. The mystery of their neighbor was maybe not the most riveting plot device ever, but like I said, I enjoyed it.

Megan says

4 women neighbors who think they have nothing in common become friends. I am glad I picked up this book. I plan to see what else this author has written.

Kathleen says

Great characters, interesting relationships, lots of mysteries unveiled in good time- I recommend!

Edith says

I have read several of Emilie Richards' books, and liked most of them better than this one, chiefly because the first 100 pages or so were devoted to introducing the main characters, none of whom were very nice. There is the rich girl whose husband had cheated her parents, among others, and wound up in prison, an Indian woman in an arranged marriage and who is pining for the man she loves who is back in India, the sheriff's wife who is planning to divorce her husband, and a recently widowed woman whose son-in-law and granddaughter have moved in with her. All the rich girl has left is five cottages that her felon husband had put in her name and the three women listed above who are her tenants, and the fourth tenant who she found dead when she went to collect the rent. The death of this man and the hunt to find his daughter drew the tenants and their landlady closer together and changed them all -- for the better. If I had quit reading this book because I found the beginning dull, I would have missed a good read!

Karmen says

Love Tracy Deloche, Wanda Gray, Janya Kapur, Alice Brooks, Marshall & Bay Egan and Olivia.

Emilie Richards wrote a wonderfully interwoven tale of a new owner/landlord Tracy Deloche. Taking possession of Happiness Key after her husband is jailed for all sorts of real estate related financial dealings.

Wanda Gray is married to Ken. Ken, a former Miami Dale cop, is distant following a justified fatal shooting. She takes comfort in baking pies and her job at the Jumpy Shrimp and as a senior phone sex operator.

Janya Kapur, newly emigrated from India, and newly married, is dealing with the cause for both of these

rather hurried events. Getting to know her husband, her neighbors and where she fits in Florida and the US.

Finally, Alice Brooks and her son in law Ken and granddaughter Olivia. Alice falls victim to Ken and elder abuse in the wake of the boating death of her daughter Karen. Lots of stuff here.

Finally, and the link to all of them - Tracy. She has moved from California to Florida - and is dealing with the life downgrade. Pampered trophy wife to landlord/owner of substantial coastal land and the few remaining cottages on it. She soon learns to become friends with her neighbors and to lean on herself.

Kresti Lyddon says

Cute story about 4 women from very different backgrounds finding their common connections and overcoming obstacles, becoming friends.

Jacqueline Seewald says

I just finished reading HAPPINESS KEY by Emilie Richards.

I would not precisely categorize the novel as romance. It is actually women's fiction with romantic elements. I enjoyed the novel very much. It took me all week to read because it is long. However, it is an exceptionally well-written and interesting book. Four women who have personal problems bond and help each other as they go about a mystery involving the death of one of the other residents of Happiness Key.

Jacqueline Seewald

author of TEA LEAVES AND TAROT CARDS, a paranormal historical novel set in the Regency era--now ready for ordering

Holly says

certainly not my usual genre

full of stereotypes

lacking depth

predictable

I pushed myself to read it to the end

[reminiscent of what I used to read during summers at camp as a teen]

not my cup of tea

Liz says

Emilie Richards' characters are always appealing. I liked the inter-cultural relationships that were part of this story, and I learned a surprising amount about (Asian) Indian traditions in the unlikely setting of an undeveloped Florida beach.

Becky Peterson says

This is what might be termed a Beach Read but it was more complex than that conveys. A young woman, privileged and spoiled, who thought her only value lay in being someone's arm candy, had the rug pulled out from under her. She is left with an ex husband who is a criminal and a spit of land in Florida that the environmentalists won't let her develop. She has to find her place, make friends and come to grips with her values. I liked it!

Lauren says

Happiness Key begins the story of four women who could not be any more different. First, there is Tracey Deloche, a former socialite still dealing with the consequences and figurative punches that come from her now ex-husband's con dealings that landed him in one of California's finest jails. The main consequence: having to live in and deal with Happiness Key, twenty-five acres of Florida Gulf Coast where five cottages and its residents reside. As for the residents, there's Janya, an India transplant dealing with her troubled past and her arranged marriage to a man she barely knows, as well as headstrong Wanda who is watching her marriage slowly fall apart, and Alice, a widow living with her son-in-law and granddaughter. At first, these women are ones who don't get along at all, but when their fifth neighbor, Herb, is found dead and alone in his cottage, they are brought together to find his family as well as the secrets he left behind. It will not be an easy journey, especially when another destructive danger lies in their path. Will they be able to save the day? More importantly, will these they ever call a truce? Find out in this first fun and fast-paced addition in the Happiness Key trilogy.

If there's one thing I love in a book, it's well-developed characters, and thankfully enough Happiness Key had that and even more! When I first discovered that the story would be told through reversing third person, I was a bit wary, but even with that, these four characters (Janya, Alice, Tracy, and Wanda) were able to thrive and come alive within their passages becoming four characters I could not help but root for and adore. Best of all, this book contained not only a fabulous mystery that constantly kept me guessing, but the kind of friendships I love to read about: strong and supportive ones that allow for the characters to learn new things about themselves as well as others. Emilie's writing was also great because of the way she constantly fleshed out the plot and storylines.

In all, if you are going to give a contemporary fiction read a try, pick up Happiness Key. It's sure to bring a smile to your face and keep you on the edge of your chair, guessing until the very last page. And if you're lucky, it may even become a new series to read!

Grade: A+

Lisa says

This first in the Happiness Key series is not as good as some of Richards' books (like the Goddesses Anonymous or Shenandoah Album series), but I really enjoyed it. The characters are more flawed than they would wish, but they're trying, and the friendship that develops between the women on Happiness Key is worth reading about. The setting, in Florida, is well-described, although the real place is probably even hotter, muggier, and bugger than Richards describes, so whenever the characters chose to spend time outside I wondered if one would really do that. The book is at a nice place between the light and fluffy and the heavy and depressing.

Roxanne says

Found among Friends' donations and took to read on my Germany trip. As a mass market paperback, it was lightweight and perfect for hauling on the plane. Story was engaging but straightforward. Good characters and good ending.

Robin says

This was the most beach-worthy book I read on my vacation. Four flawed women with various life issues live in an enclave of dilapidated but charming (a realtor would call them "vintage" or "retro") cottages on the Florida coast. They all come together while trying to locate family of an elderly man who died alone in the fifth cottage and end up solving all of their life problems. Even it was fairly obvious as to what the mysterious goings-on were, it was still an enjoyable and page-turning read. I would recommend this author to anyone who likes Debbie Macomber, Nancy Thayer, and Anne Rivers Siddons. A beach book of the highest order!

Robin says

Although a few members of my book group felt the plot was predictable, we liked the characters and were excited to hear that Emilie Richards is writing two more books featuring the women of Happiness Key! How did we learn that? Well, I won copies of the book and a telephone author chat from ReadingGroupGuides.com for our group! It was a challenge to work the book and chat into our schedule because we plan our reading and meeting times in advance but we phoned Emilie last night and asked her a handful of questions. She asked about our group and revealed that she is a member of a book group as well! It was a thrill to chat with the author after reading her book and get answers to some of our questions about the characters and plot.
