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Sweet with Heat: Seaside Summers features a group of fun, flirty, and emotional friends who gather each summer at their Cape Cod cottages. They're sassy, flawed, and so easy to relate to, you'll be begging to enter their circle of friends!

## In EMBRACED AT SEASIDE...

After working hard all day creating his beautiful metal sculptures, Hunter Lacroux likes to unwind with a hot babe—or two. But after spending a handful of nights with smart, sassy, and beautiful Jana Garner, the woman who challenges everything he does and says, Hunter wants more.

As a dancer, boxer, actress, and waitress, Jana is tough, organized, and as dedicated as she is committed. She has to be to maintain her crazy schedule. But when it comes to men, Jana's had a string of bad relationships, and there's only one thing she'll commit to—not committing.

Passion ignites every time Jana and Hunter are together, but the closer Hunter gets, the faster Jana runs. When Hunter lays on the charm, Jana throws out a challenge she's sure he can't meet, and Hunter steps up to the plate, forcing her to face her hurtful past or let go of him forever.

## SWEET WITH HEAT: SEASIDE SUMMERS SERIES

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**PLEASE NOTE:** "Embraced at Seaside" is true *sweet with heat*. Jana and Hunter's story is the steamiest in the series, and remains true to the characters' personalities. As with all Addison Cole novels, "Embraced at Seaside" does not include any explicit scenes or harsh language (with the exception of an occasional "damn" or "hell").

*Embraced at Seaside* is a Sweet with Heat novel and conveys all of the passion you'd expect to find between two people in love without any graphic scenes or harsh language. If you're looking for a spicier romance, pick up the steamy edition, *Seaside Embrace*, written by *New York Times* bestselling author Melissa Foster. Addison Cole is Melissa's sweet-romance pen name.

## Embraced at Seaside Details

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# From Reader Review Embraced at Seaside for online ebook

## Isha Coleman says

Fear is the driving factor in Hunter and Jana's relationship. Behind closed doors, their attraction takes free reign, but in the real world the risk seems too great of a cost. Past hurts have made prickly, independent Jana afraid to trust her instincts. Hunter is both the best and worst of her fears brought to life. He's rough around the edges, but brings beauty into her once dark and lonely world. He also forces her to face some hard truths about herself. Her heart yearns for a soft place to land and Hunter is the cushion intent on breaking the fall. Embraced at Seaside is a multi-faceted, flawed, courageous and steamy quest into the abyss of love.

AudioBook Review: Embraced at Seaside (Sweet with Heat: Seaside Summers #8) by Addison Cole (Author), Maxine Mitchell (Narrator), Joe Arden (Narrator)

Addison Cole tackles some of realities most emotional moments with her own brand of sweetness and common sense. Embraced at Seaside takes aim at conquering fears. Jana looks like she has control of her life, but is unwilling to let her emotions get in the way of real life. Hunter has just right blend of teddy bear and bulldozer to knock her off her game, but can he force her to make room for him in her heart? The words I know by heart, but Mitchell and Arden took me beyond the words and into the feelings that pack an even more powerful punch.

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## Sonya Neal says

Jana and Hunter are opposites in just about every way, except for the fact that they both refuse to commit, and Hunter enjoys his life as a player. But since they got together once neither can get the other out of their head.

They've spent the last several months being bed buddies but fighting it every step of the way. Can they move beyond being friends with benefits and actually date? And can they get past their history and their current hurdles to find love?

This is a sweet, fun story, set with my favorite Seaside characters. I love watching the Seaside gang grow, change, get married and have babies!

This book is part of a series, but definitely can be read as a standalone. That being said, this is an amazing series and I recommend reading the whole thing!

I received this book through Beck Valley Books Book Tours, I have volunteered to share my review and all the opinions are 100% my own.

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## Ruth Hill says

I was sent a copy of this book in exchange for my honest review. I was not financially compensated, and all opinions are 100 percent mine.

I have truly come to appreciate these "sweet with heat" books by Addison Cole, and I have to say that she has found a happy medium when crafting these romantic tales. She has found a way to take out the bedroom scenes and any bad language while still telling an engaging story that reminds the hopeless romantics in all of us why falling in love is such a cherished and much-sought-after sensation.

In this book, the only criticism I have concerns the heroine, Jana. I truly struggled to like her. She seems rather lost at times, and she certainly doesn't treat Hunter with much respect. I suppose she's lying to herself about how she genuinely feels about him and what she wants from this life. I couldn't believe how patient Hunter was with her. That guy is an absolute keeper, in my opinion! I've never been placed in the position of desiring someone just for an ongoing "booty call," but I know it happens. I am grateful that Addison was able to let us peer into the mind and heart of both Hunter and Jana. And at least by the end, I was feeling a bit kinder towards Jana. So while this wasn't my favorite "Seaside" novel, I can still say it was worth the read and probably included more realism than expected. It is definitely a nice addition to the series, and I look forward to continuing the journey with the characters in "Seaside Summers" whenever I can.

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### **Tanya says**

I loved this book and it's beautifully flawed characters. I have enjoyed all of the other sweet with heat books in this series, but this book spoke to me so much more.

I love that Hunter is so determined. He may be scared and not sure of love but that's not going to stop him. Jana is such a strong woman and she works really hard to guard her emotions. I really felt I could really relate to Hunter and Jana. I think we have all had a bad relationship that made us question if they were worth it.

One thing I have found with Ms. Cole's books is I always come away feeling lighter. I love this group of friends and all their crazy, wild lives and I can't wait to catch up with them again!

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### **Irene says**

4.5 stars

Embraced at Seaside by Addison Cole is a sweet, romantic and heartwarming read.

Every book in this series has been a joy to read, I've enjoyed getting to know all the characters and they've warmed my heart watching them find their happily ever after.

Embraced at Seaside is a beautifully written and heartfelt read.

Hunter and Jana were wonderful, likable, passionate and stubborn characters that entertained me with their antics.

I loved watching them slowly move from bed buddies to lovers and making time for each other in their very busy lives.

These two weren't looking for love but when cupid strikes how can you turn your back to true love?

Hunter and Jana were perfect for each other and they left me with a heart full of love.

The Sweet with Heat: Seaside Summers series is turning into such a wonderful, memorable and entertaining read. Each book can be read as a standalone and I truly recommend them all!!

*Embraced at Seaside is now LIVE!*

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→iBOOKS: <https://apple.co/2m7BJZS>

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*\*I received an advance copy in exchange for my honest thoughts.\**

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## **Susan Gorman says**

Addison Cole's *Embraced at Seaside* doesn't follow the typical romantic storyline. The reader quickly learns that the two main characters are friends with benefits. Jana Garner and Hunter Lacroux's journey towards happiness isn't easy; it's hard won. The author creates an honest, relatable story for the characters as they test the commitment and relationship waters.

The author descriptive writing style enables the reader to understand the deep emotional connection and the all consuming passion that the couple shares. Loved that Hunter accepted Jana's challenge to romance her! Their first date watching the sunrise on the beach was perfectly written. .... And so romantic! After reading this scene, I was hoping Jana would relent and date Hunter!

The dialogue in the story is fabulous—the author is able to blend in lots of humor into the story while keeping the conversations funny, challenging and honest. I could relate to Jana's fear of putting herself out there after being hurt so many times. Loved the conversations between Hunter and his friend Clark.

Although Hunter was a good friend to Clark during Clark's separation; he could not understand why Clark would consider walking away his wife and son. This secondary plot was subtly woven into the storyline as Hunter and Jana were feeling their way through their new relationship. I noticed the difference between the two couples. Hunter was determined to be there for Jana while Clark's commitment to his marriage waived.

Hunter expresses his love for Jana in so many different ways. Jana is muse – she inspired his metal sculpture and challenges him to be a better, stronger man. I liked that Jana was strong willed and yet, very vulnerable. She was afraid to give herself over to love and almost missed her opportunity with Hunter. The last few chapters in the book are emotional, beautifully written and very heartwarming. I cried when Jana finally got it—Hunter loved and accepted her for herself—when she saw his sculpture.

*Embraced at Seaside* is a fabulous read with all the feels. The author keeps the characters true to themselves in this sweet with (hot) heat romance. The relationship between the couple kept me invested in the story. I adored that Hunter accepted Jana's challenge to romance her. I knew when Hunter looked up *How to be Romantic* on the internet that *Embraced at Seaside* was going to be a fabulous read!

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## **Gabby (What's Beyond Forks?) says**

Full Review at: [What's Beyond Forks?](#)

We met Hunter a while back, but now we really get to know him. He's quite a steamy fella. He has the

smolder down to an art. I mean seriously, you can feel it seeping off the pages at times. I loved it. Jana's not immune to his smolder, but he's not immune to her either... as much as they both want to be. This is a casual fling that grows into much more. I enjoyed the process of it all. They were definitely in denial, and oh so entertaining. If you haven't started this series yet, you must!

The ARC of Embraced at Seaside by Addison Cole was kindly provided to me by the author for review. The opinions are my own.

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## **Jessica says**

In an Oyster Shell - I was so happy to see old characters brought back to the fold. I loved that this story was so unique, I think I say this about most books in this series but this one is my favorite so far.

The Pearls - The thing I appreciate most about this series is that the author has the fortitude to turn a successful racy series into a sweet series for people like me. I have a lot of gratitude and admiration to Addison Cole for taking the time to revamp her stories so I can comfortably enjoy them. I feel that clean romances are a rarity. I feel like there is a misnomer that if it's clean you have to forgo all the sexy but it's not the truth. This author has a great balance of adding the heat while keeping it sweet. Thanks for taking the time for turning your talents into something I can enjoy.

I am constantly amazed at this author's ability to craft distinctive distinguished characters. I am most appreciative that she wove back in my favorite characters from past books. How she keeps them all straight is incredible. With this many books in, there are a lot of characters, and I am never lost. She makes me super aware of who is who. I'll tell you a secret, I do have my favorites, but I have learned to love all the characters of the sweet with heat series.

I loved that Hunter embodied the idea of chivalry in this story. Towards a character that was not always receptive to it. I love the growth I saw in Hunter inspired by his changing feelings for Jana. Jana put up a fight she's a boxer what do you expect? Watching it all play out had me engrossed.

Full Review: Writing Pearls

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## **Shelly says**

This series had made me want to pack a bag, grab some friends, jump in the car and head to the coast! Jana is my polar opposite from when I was in high school and college. She has confidence in every area of her life except for the romance department. As fate has it, Hunter shows up and shakes up her previous attitude toward love and romance. Life throws curve balls and she has to give up some of her comfort zone but fate steps in again and she's faced with Hunter. He is a bad boy persona-wise but when you discover that he sculpts, that brings in a new aspect to his personality. Together, it's like they are one big ball of fire and with such strong personalities, you begin to wonder if they could ever truly work. Are Hunter and Jana really meant for each other or do they simply fulfill one another through their strengths?

I love the sweetness that Addison writes the romance but through this series, I've discovered how she's woven a deep friendship between the characters. It makes me long for friends that were there from the

beginning, through the good and bad moments as well as still keeping to the chunky-dunking tradition!

I have volunteered to share my review and all the opinions are 100% my own.

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## **Kaitlyn says**

Embraced At Seaside is one of my favorites in the Seaside series.

The way this story started off, I knew the characters were in trouble when it comes to each other, especially Jana.

Jana is a very strong, independent woman, who is insecure when it comes to her ability to commit to relationships. Jana loves to dance, box, and performing in a theater. I enjoy her creative side. Lately, life has gotten crazy and out of control that Jana has had to cut back on the things she loves.

Hunter is creative and hard working when it comes to his sculptures. He's loyal to his family, but he can be a major player in his personal life. He's not used to relationships or romance.

Jana and Hunter are very similar with their care-free and non-commitment behavior. They often butt heads and get on each others nerves, which I find amusing. Hunter finds Jana to be a challenge. He is willing to pursue a chance of being with Jana. Jana's insecurities about relationships and her past don't make it easy.

Hunter's patience and ability to communicate with Jana impressed and pleased me. I couldn't put the book down. I was too curious to see if Hunter and Jana could work it out.

I received this book as an Advance Reader's Copy. I volunteered to leave my review. All opinions are my own.

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## **The Book Junkie Reads . . . says**

new duo narration for this series

Overall 4 out of 5 stars

Performance 4 out of 5 stars

Story 4 out of 5 stars

Audio makes this a worthy afternoon listen while driving down the road, cleaning house, lounging by the pool, or just doing mindless work. The ebb and flow of the dual narration makes for an engaging sweet romance. You get all the words brought to life and made more vivid in your mind. I am a huge fan of audio books. I love the previous narrator of the series up to this point. I was hesitant to have all that change to a dual narration without her anywhere involved. I was surprised. Maxine Mitchell and Joe Arden makes for a convincing duo. I did find that I could get lost just as easily in their cadence, pitch and flow. The audio was smooth and flowing. The only issue was at time distinguishing the females was a small challenge and the male laced female voices on occasion. The audio still lived up to making a picture turn in my mind.



The audio allows you to feel the heat and passion even without the explicit comments or descriptives. Listening to Hunter and Jana fall in love was beautiful. Embraced at Seaside was very much beach worthy, fireplace worthy, hot-steamy bubble bath worthy, need for hope worthy read/listen that will send warmth and pleasure racing through you. Addison Cole has taken her works and made the to where they included the reading populations that can do without all the details of the coming together, but still coming together. The story itself stands all on its own

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### **Charlotte Lynn says**

Let me introduce you to Hunter Lacroux. He is a player who doesn't want a relationship. Until he hooks up with Jana one too many times and feelings start to change. Then Jana gives him a challenge that he can't walk away from. I LOVE the romance. I LOVE the sunrises, sunsets, dinners, and everything else that comes with romance. Addison Cole is so talented in writing these romantic, sweet, and a little steamy scenes.

Addison Cole is also amazing with her friendships. The Seaside Girls are amazing. They are the best of friends, more like sisters. When push comes to shove these girls will talk about your love life, help you solve the worlds (or Seaside's) problems, and lift you up when things are tough. These are the type of friends that everyone wants and once you find them you never let go.

I am a fan of the Sweet with Heat series. With each book I get introduce to a new story, I get to catch up with my favorites from other books in this series, and I get to fall for a new book crush. This is a series that I look forward to more from, I get excited when I hear a new book is coming soon, and I devour each books as soon as I get my hands on it.

Pick up your copy. NOW. Meet these amazing Seaside characters and fall in love with these characters.

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### **Sofia Lazaridou says**

If you have read some of my reviews you will already know that I loved most of the books I have read from Melissa Foster. Embraced at seaside is not one of those books unfortunately. I didn't hate the heroine, but it was a close call since she was always pushing Hunter away. Up 'till the last 2 chapters, I felt like their relationship was going nowhere and I wanted to see Hunter moving on or at least trying to until Jana realized that Hunter must be kept at all costs. He is a great guy and since I never felt like she appreciated him, I can have him and she can have her loneliness. It will be a fair switch. Her past didn't really justify her behavior.

I want to see a story with Clark and his wife Nina. Their problems are a big part of this book and I feel like we deserve a story with the two of them as they work things out. It would have helped if we actually saw Nina for a scene or two. The book wasn't that bad. I loved Hunter more than I disliked Jana, so that's something. The rest of the story was good and I liked the author's writing (as I usually do). I would recommend the book.

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## **Fee (Ebook Addicts) says**

I love being transported to Seaside where it is always sunny, sandy and romantic, and being swept away for a few hours from the dreary weather outside.

In this instalment we get the seriously hot Hunter Lacroux and feisty Jana Garner's story. They have a habit of hooking up with each other but when Hunter decides he wants it to be more than a hookup not only does that scare the notorious player but it scares Jana too. She has had a string of bad relationships and she doesn't want ruin what they have going on by making it a relationship.

But they give in and discover that their friends with benefits status becomes so much more, and they learn how to make a relationship work together.

Addison takes Hunter and Jana's story and makes it hot and steamy without the action making this a clean romantic read.

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## **Carole (Carole's Random Life in Books) says**

This review can also be found at Carole's Random Life in Books.

I had a good time with this audiobook. This was a nice quick romance that really grabbed me from the very start. I really didn't want to stop listening and couldn't wait to see Jana and Hunter figure things out. This is the eighth book in the Sweet with Heat: Seaside Summers series but it read absolutely fine as a stand alone. Addison Cole's books are the sweet with heat versions of some of Melissa Foster's books. This book is the sweeter version of Seaside Embrace and I found that there were still quite a few steamy scenes to keep things interesting. I am glad that I decided to give this book a try.

This book starts with a bang! At the start of this book we find Jana and Hunter in a morning after situation. They have hooked up a few times but Jana is in a hurry to get out the door. Jana is a very busy woman. She works as a dance instructor, waitress, and trains as a boxer. Hunter is an artist and makes metal sculptures. Neither Hunter or Jana do relationships.

Hunter decides that he wants something more from Jana and makes an effort to be romantic. It was fun watching Jana try to figure out what was going on while Hunter was trying to determine his next move. These two really had a lot of chemistry and seemed perfect for each other. Their personalities meshed almost perfectly. Hunter was so patient with Jana as she worked through some of her issues.

Joe Arden and Maxine Mitchell did a great job with the audio. I really liked the fact that this book used dual narrators to tell the story since I think that works best with dual point of view stories. I think that both of the narrators did a great job with the voices of a somewhat large cast of characters and brought a lot of emotion to the story. I wouldn't hesitate to listen to either of these narrators again in the future.

I would recommend this book to fans of contemporary romance. This was a great romance between two characters that I couldn't wait to watch find their happily ever after with each other. I found this book to have plenty of heat along with some scenes that melted my heart. I cannot wait to read more of Addison Cole's work in the future.

*I received a copy of this audiobook from the author / publicist.*

**Initial Thoughts**

I enjoyed this audiobook. Hunter and Jana were great together and I loved watching them try to figure things out. There were a few times that Jana seemed to be almost trying to mess things up but Hunter was patient with her. I think that both of the narrators did a great job with this story and were able to handle a variety of emotions and characters. The only thing that I found a bit confusing on audio was the fact that Jana has a friend named Jenna which was really easy for my old ears to get confused.

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