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Shelley Noble's *Stargazey Point* is a beautiful story of love, heartbreak, friendship, and new beginnings.

Devastated by tragedy during her last project, documentarian Abbie Sinclair seeks refuge with three octogenarian siblings, who live in a looming plantation house at the edge of the world.

South Carolina's Stargazey Point used to be a popular family beach resort, but the beaches have eroded, most of the businesses have closed, and the crowds have gone. It's the perfect place to hide from the rest of world.

But hiding is harder than she thought it would be. There's a wise Gullah woman who seems to see into Abbie's soul, and an intriguing man on a quest to bring Stargazey Point back to life.

*Stargazey Point* by Shelley Nobel is the perfect beach read any time of year.

## **Stargazey Point Details**

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## **From Reader Review Stargazey Point for online ebook**

### **Brenda Williams says**

Loved this book....picked it up at the dollar store and have now added all of her books to my list. The story is great and I felt like I was at the beach when I read it.

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### **Laurie Buchanan says**

New-to-me author Shelley Noble captured my interest with her exquisite attention to detail in this heartwarming seaside tale. Not one to “kiss and tell,” I’ll simply say that you, too, will become part of the everyone-knows-everyone-else’s-business in the all-too-reliable gossip line of Stargazey Point.

Ever think you’d have a harmless flirtation with a twinkle-eyed octogenarian? Me either. But you will.

Ever think you’d want to get emotionally involved with a group of ragtag kids? Me either. But you will.

Ever think you’d want to ride under the fanciful tail of a mythological sea creature? Me either. But you will, and enjoy every minute of!

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### **Deborah says**

Some minor inconsistencies, but a very enjoyable read with memorable characters. I wish there had been ten more chapters!

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### **Darlene says**

I fell in love with Stargazey Point by Shelley Noble and its quaint and charming townsfolk. This book draws you into the lives of its characters from the very beginning and from that point the pages go by so quickly that before you know it the end is near and you don’t want it to be. Stargazey Point is a story about love, family, and new beginnings.

Stargazey Point is a seaside town on the South Carolina coast and Abbie Sinclair, a documentarian on hiatus, heads to Stargazey Point on the advice of her friend so she can try to heal from the tragedies of her past that continue to haunt her. She’s going to stay with her friend’s elderly family members and she has no idea what to expect but is soon delighted and captivated by the Crispin family: Marnie, Millie, and Beau.

Soon enough Abbie finds out that the town is in trouble because the handsome Cabot Reynolds at first pegs her to be a real estate developer and is none too polite to her. At one time Stargazey Point had been a popular beachside resort for families but over time the beaches have eroded and many businesses have closed and many in the town, including the Crispin’s, are on the verge of losing their homes because they can no longer

pay the taxes. Cabot has plans of his own that he hopes will revitalize the town and Abbie decides that while she is there she will do anything she can to help as well. Although the two are making valiant efforts to avoid each other at first they seem to get thrown together at every turn. Maybe romance is in the air...

Stargazey Point is a delightful novel to read and I liked so many of the characters. Abbie herself was a woman who was easy to relate to because of her suffering and you feel drawn to her good nature. The Crispin's are all wonderful especially Beau who is such a sweet old man that you can't help but love him. And then there is the old Gullah woman who can see things and is always telling people what she sees or feels about them and the thing is she's never wrong.

Stargazey Point is the perfect summer read. It's not a fast paced novel but that is exactly its charm – it captures your heart with the sweet story it tells.

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## **Obsidian says**

I would suggest that readers start with "Stargazey Nights: A Novella" since it does provide readers with a glimpse at the majority of the characters that will appear in Stargazey Point. I for one was really happy to follow back up with Cabot Reynolds who was introduced in that novella.

The main character in this novel is Abbie Sinclair. Abbie after recovering from a devastating loss is shooed off to her best friend Celeste's family's plantation at Stargazey Point, South Carolina. The idea is that Abbie will get some much needed rest and also let her friend know if she should be concerned about her elder relatives who are doing their best to support themselves. Abbie after meeting the Crispin family (consisting of sisters Marnie, Millie and brother Beau) falls in love with them and Stargazey. Readers also get to catch back up with Cabot Reynolds who is doing his level best to help bring back life at Stargazey and keep the town out of the hands of land developers who would destroy their way of life.

I have to say that as sad as I was to see that Ms. Noble would not be re-visiting her characters at Crescent Cove it was very nice to sink into a new series.

Ms. Noble's writing of South Carolina was lyrical and all of the discussions of the Gullah culture were very interesting. I would hope in future novels she expands a bit more on the Gullah culture since I was totally fascinated with how that subset of southern culture has been incorporated.

I also really loved reading about the Crispin siblings and hope we that Ms. Noble one day revisits their story in a standalone novel or prequel. Readers are able to guess about events that are alluded to in the past with the ending and I have to say that made me happy. I don't like it when the authors have to force feed the readers some things should be left to the reader's imagination.

The character of Abbie is at times heartbroken and stubborn. I did like her becoming more involved with the community, but it wasn't as if Abbie spent millions of dollars to fix Stargazey. I liked the realistic portrayal of a small town that is slowly dying out and trying to find its way back from that. Things of that nature are just not suddenly fixed and I am glad that Ms. Noble did not throw out some huge money gift from the gods that fixed Stargazey or had Abbie acting as some great white hope that made things better overnight.

I definitely recommend!

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## **Diane S ? says**

Another feel good Southern charmer with some bite. After a traumatic event in her life Abbey Sinclair escapes to Stargazey Point, to the relatives of her best friend, hoping to reassess her life and recover from her heartache. Here she meets three charming, genteel elderly southerners and a wonderful Gullah woman who tries to help her. Stargazey Point has seen better days, once an amusement park and boardwalk, it never recovered from the hurricane that leveled the same. Cab, had spent every summer here with his uncle and he wants more than anything to refurbish the old carousel.

The characters and the place are the stars of this novel. They are all so wonderful, and the place just seems for the most part so peaceful and beautiful, I would love to visit. This is a comfort read, a place for second chances, with the unscrupulous land developers providing the tension. The only little complaint is that there is quite a bit of dialogue in this novel, maybe at times an excessive amount, that can get somewhat repetitive. Good summer read.

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## **Stephanie Ward says**

'Stargazey Point' is a beautifully written contemporary women's fiction novel that follows lead character Abbie Sinclair as she travels to the small town of Stargazey Point in South Carolina. As she gets to know the people of the town, Abbie realizes that Stargazey Point is much more than an old destination town. It's a place for love, new beginnings, and finding yourself.

This was a fantastically written contemporary novel that features a strong female lead character - Abbie Sinclair - who is incredibly realistic and easy to identify with. We see her fears, dreams, strengths, and weaknesses - and are able to empathize right alongside her as she grows and changes throughout the novel. The other characters in the novel - namely the people Abbie meets in Stargazey Point - are also well written. They are all unique and have distinct personalities and give a great depth to the novel. The setting is perfect - a small coastal town that was once a popular family vacation destination, but is now struggling to survive. The beautiful scenery along with the author's vivid imagery allowed me to fully immerse myself in the novel and into the town itself. The plot wasn't anything mind-blowingly original, but the author writes with such feeling that it gives the story a life all its own. The pace is natural with an effortless flow that had me gliding easily through the pages. Although at first glance this looks like just another women's fiction novel, it is so much more. It deals with real topics like family, grief, love, and finding yourself along with the quirky people and town and the beautiful coastal scenery. Definitely recommended for fans of the genre and those who enjoy contemporary fiction.

Disclosure: I received a copy of the book in exchange for an honest review.

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## **Ruth says**

Abbie has suffered from a major tragedy. Cab is at lost ends, feeling empty not only about the planned community that he has been designing but his fiancé. Cab finds that his beloved Uncle Ned, who he spent every summer with, has died. Abbie's friend Celeste is sending her to stay at the beach with her relatives.

They both end up in Stargazey Point searching for a new purpose and direction for each of their lives.

Stargazey welcomes them both and quickly involves them in the lives of the people there. But Stargazey is a town taking it's last gasps. Families can't pay their taxes and the threat of the auction block is a yearly occurrence as they try to keep the wolves from their doors. Is there anything that can keep them safe and revive their dying town?

The story was well written and the characters were very likable. I did feel that the end seemed a little rushed and it definitely feels as though there will be another story following this one to let you know what is happening in Stargazey Point.

Thanks, Shelley for an enjoyable story.

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### **kim says**

This was a really good book; much better than I expected, and I expected to like it! When I was offered the opportunity to review this book by Trish at TLC Book Tours, the first thing that drew me to the book was the cover, but the synopsis also captured my interest.

Abbie Sinclair has had her life devastated by tragedy, and is trying to recover and figure out where she goes from here. Her best friend, Celeste, suggests she take a 'vacation' by visiting her elderly relatives in a run down beach town in South Carolina. And so, Abbie heads to South Carolina and the hospitality of Celeste's relatives, three siblings in their 80s. Stargazey Point was a favorite of beach goers in earlier times, but has fallen into disrepair following several hurricanes, and doesn't look likely to come back. But there are some who still are working to revive the town, including Cab, an architect who has given up his successful architectural career in order to restore his uncle's carousel.

From the first page, I loved this book. It is a slow paced, relaxing read. Often in my reviews, I comment that a book moved slowly, and this is not meant as a compliment, but in this case, slow-paced is good. I felt the calm and peace of the ocean community, and loved Beau, Marnie and Millie, the three elderly siblings. They are so filled with southern hospitality. The writing is wonderful and filled with descriptive language, so that you feel like you are right in the story.

At times, the book is a little predictable, but not in a way that damages the story. With the magical feel of the book, you expect a happy ending! There is a bit of a twist near the end involving the siblings and there are a few hints of what may come. There are also some things left unsaid and I really would have liked to have been given a little more detail at the end. This is one book that really could have used an epilogue updating us on what happened to the characters down the road. I would have particularly liked to have known more of Beau's story. But all in all, this is a fantastic summer read!

4-1/2 Stars

I received an ARC of this book from the publisher in return for a review as part of TLC Book Tours.

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## **Andrea Guy says**

To call Stargazey Point a beach novel is an understatement. It is a novel that takes you to the beach, even when you are hours away.

Stargazey Point instantly becomes a town that you want to visit and all the characters become people that you really want to know, especially the Crispins. I loved Millie, Marnie and Beau. These real Southerners, very gentle and full of charm.

Shelley's writing really draws you into the story, so that you feel you are right there with Abbie and Cabot.

Oh and did I mention Cabot is restoring an old carousel? That in itself won me over. I'm a sucker for carousels. They are my favorite amusement park ride. (Not a thrill seeker here) Oh and if you want to read more of how Cabot came to Stargazey Point, you'll want to read Shelley's novella, Stargazey Nights, that's an ebook only release.

I really couldn't put this book down once I started it, and when I did, it was to gaze longingly at the cover, wishing I was on the beach watching a carousel go round and round.

But this book is so much more than that. There's romance, there's forgiveness, there's starting over and friendship and a lot of new beginnings.

Abbie is really a character that grows so much throughout the novel, especially as she starts working with the underprivileged youth in the area to document the restoration of the carousel. I also love how she really connects with the Crispins. It is impossible not to love Beau.

I want to go to Stargazey Point..and after you read this book, you will too.

There's too much to love about this book. If you love books with a touch of Southern Charm..this is definitely your book.

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## **Vickie says**

I thoroughly enjoyed Stargazey Point by Shelley Noble. Abbie Sinclair finds herself in Stargazey Point, SC after a traumatic episode and living in a beautiful rundown house with three elderly Southerners. OK, I love Beau! I met Cab in Stargazey Nights and in this book he is just as adorable. I just loved the connections in the story and the dual storyline of resurrecting the town as well as the carousel. This was a good read and I look forward to reading more by this author.

Duane, if you read this, it reminds me of the carousel of Fountaine Ferry back in the day!!

Go Cards! L1C4!!

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## **Haley says**

I'm still trying to catch my brain up to all the chaos of a new house, so a beachy romance was just what I needed. Stargazey Point is a sweet summer story set just outside of Myrtle Beach and centers around a hurricane-busted town and its carousel.

This story moves as slow as a hot, sticky South Carolina afternoon, but as refreshing as that glass of sweet tea and wicker rocker. There's no rushing into this romance. Abbie has a heartbreaking background—and it adds to the depth of the story.

It's the south, so there's definitely racism—but it's repeatedly challenged. POC are more than just background dressing, as they usually are in this sort of book, but are active members of the narrative.

I always like it when a book like this surprises me. I tend to write them off as “empty calories,” guilty pleasures that don't carry much substance, but Stargazey Point actually gave me some feels. Make sure you put this on your pool bag list!

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## **Sharon Huether says**

When Abby reaches Stargazey Point after her last project failed, she is drawn toward the family who owned a large plantation.

The Crispins owned the Plantation. New comer Cab Reynold, who left his promising architectal job to refurbish his Uncles Antique Carousel is working hard on this project

As Abby surrounds herself with the Crispins, she realizes something needed to be done to keep them afloat and not drown in property taxes.

Abby found Stargazey Point to be a magical place where dreams can come true

I won this Free book from Goodreads First reads.

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## **Monika says**

The fictional town of Stargazey Point is a magical place. The quaint little town, its old-world charm...

Shelley Noble paints the town and its inhabitants perfectly; I could see it in my mind, and fell in love with the setting. The development of the characters, as well as the interaction between them, felt very natural.

But that was it. I should have liked this story far more. It sounds exactly like the type of book I enjoy reading, especially during these leisurely summer months. Unfortunately this novel fell flat for me and barely held my interest. Basically the story consists of Abbie learning to deal with a tragedy and work through her grief, and a town trying to prevent itself from dying off completely. There was one conflict that arose that I did not expect, but once it came up, I immediately knew how it would pan out long before it (finally) resolved.

For the most part, I found the novel lackluster and predictable. It was nice, but much too predictable for my liking.



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## **Anna says**

I received this book from a Goodreads giveaway and found it to be a fabulous beach read, great for finishing out the summer season.

Abbie Sinclair is seeking a place to escape from the horrors that haunt her following a tragic event that fills her nightmares. When her friend offers her the opportunity to stay with her elderly relatives in Stargazey Point, a beach town that has suffered from destructive storms and is in need of rebuilding, Abbie jumps at the chance.

Cab Reynolds has returned to Stargazey Point to restore and reopen his Uncle Ned's carousel, once a mainstay of the boardwalk, and a popular tourist attraction. Having left behind a successful job and jilted by his fiancée, Cab too is looking for a second chance.

Sparks are ignited when Cab and Abbie first meet, can they make a fresh start together?

Filled with eccentric, spunky characters with plenty of Southern charm, Stargazey Point is a town worth visiting.

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