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The California town of Angel's Bay has had its share of troubles: from the long-unsolved murder of a teenage girl to the young police officer recently left in a coma after being shot. But miracles also have a way of happening . . . as if angels really do keep a watchful eye there. In this touching and suspenseful novel, bestselling author Barbara Freethy returns to the setting of her acclaimed Suddenly One Summer.

Lauren Jamison hasn't been back to Angel's Bay since she was a teenager . . . when her sister Abby was murdered and Lauren's boyfriend, Shane Murray, was accused of the crime. When Lauren reluctantly returns home to assist her ailing father, the old attraction again flares between Lauren and Shane. But the terrible days after Abby's murder still stand between them, as well as the secrets Shane has yet to unveil. Finding the truth could bring closure . . . but at a cost. For there are people who don't want old mysteries brought to light—people whose fear makes them very dangerous.

On Shadow Beach Details

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Alexandra Robertson says

3.5

This book was candy sweet and easy to read, with an interesting enough plot to keep it moving. It was nothing spectacular but still pretty good.

?Jamie? says

Number two in Barbara Freethy's Angel's Bay series, on Shadow Beach is a story that introduces a new hero and heroine as well as continues the minor stories from the previous book.

Summary:

Lauren Jamison hasn't been home to Angel's Bay in a little over thirteen years. Not since her fifteen year old little sister, Abby, was found murdered in the basement of the old Ramsay mansion. Lauren, her mother, and her little brother moved away shortly after, not being able to deal with the memories, but Lauren's father refused to leave. He was closest to Abby and fell apart at her death. Lauren left behind a father she thought didn't understand her, her friends, and the first and true love of her life. Lauren had to come home temporarily in order to take care of her father who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's. She's hoping to get in, convince her dad to leave, and get out as soon as possible, but she never planned on coming face to face with her lost love, Shane Murray. Shane was the brooding, dark, handsome, bad boy she met her senior year of high school. Despite his claim of being apart of the enormous, well-standing Murray clan, Shane knew he wasn't good for Lauren, but she soothed the demons and wild thoughts that ran through his head. She was sunlight and flowers to his dark and dangerous. Lauren couldn't believe that Shane chose her. She wasn't at all his type, but he helped her come into her own. Quiet and somewhat shy, Lauren attempted things with Shane that she never would have without him. He brought adventure to her life, but it was destined to end, even without Abby's death. Shane had only ever wanted to get out of the Bay. He couldn't stay for her, and she had only ever wanted to stay. Shane also kept himself apart, not letting her all the way in while she wore her heart on her sleeve. When Abby was found strangled to death, Shane was seen with her earlier that night when he had told Lauren he would be fishing with his dad. He lied, and Lauren couldn't see past her grief and anger, and didn't defend him to anyone even though deep down she knew he was innocent, he would never hurt Abby, but she wasn't so sure about the claims that he was hitting on her younger, prettier, smarter, more athletic sister. She couldn't fathom how the man she loved and the sister she shared a room with could betray her, but it was possible. It was just easier to forget everything and move on. Lauren did that, even losing touch with her father (he never made any effort to be with his remaining two children). Shane moved out of Angel's Bay, moving from boat crew to boat crew. Wherever the water took him, until he wanted to come home again. Although he doesn't want to, he still cares for Lauren, and wants her to care for him again, too, but he still holds secrets. While Shane and Lauren are pretending to ignore each other, Kara Lynch has remained at her husband's bedside while he is in a coma (officer Colin Lynch was shot in the head during Jenna Davies' troubles). When her family criticizes Kara for willing Colin's poor health so adamantly, she remains positive, knowing she can't give up. They are about to have a baby, she can't do it without him. She refuses to. But the stress and exhaustion is slowly taking its toll on the heartbroken mommy-to-be. When she's convinced Colin will wake up because she's in labor, she puts herself and her miracle child in harm's way to be by his side, hoping for her miracle. When nothing immediately happens, Kara is crushed and loses what little faith she still had. It will take her perfect little baby and a good friend to help pull her up and

maybe give her the miracle she was looking for. Dr. Charlotte Adams has been turning down her old high school boyfriend, now minister for Angel's Bay, for date after date. It seems Andrew wants nothing more than to have what they once had, but Charlotte knows that can't be. If she even considered getting involved with Andrew again, she'd have to come clean about some very bad and heartwrenching mistakes she made as a teen. Also, Charlotte has her more than a little crush on the very married police chief. Chief Joe Silveira has finally gotten his wife to take a chance on Angel's Bay. He moved them there because he found being a cop in L.A. was slowly eating away at the man he was and turning him into someone he didn't recognize. Joe and Rachel had been together since they were fifteen, they have recently been growing apart, but she's finally here. Still, Rachel's presence isn't what he thought it was going to be. First, she brought along a Hollywood movie producer whom she says is just a friend, but Joe thinks she wants more, and the Producer, Mark Devlin, is stirring up trouble all over town. Second, their relationship isn't easy anymore. They can't have a simple conversation, they hardly eat a meal together, and their sex life is more of a duty than passion. Joe also has his worrisome feelings for Charlotte to think about. Even after running into Shane and getting too close, Lauren intends to do what she came for and get out, but a troublesome movie producer has stopped her in her tracks. Lauren doesn't like the idea of a movie being made about her sister's death, and some of the questions and information Mr. Devlin has come up with has made Lauren think about who the killer could be. Needing answers, she enlists the help of Shane to find out what she can. Unfortunately, the killer is still in town and getting desperate to keep their secrets. Will the police, with Lauren's interference, be able to muddle through some new leads before another death occurs to keep the case cold? Lauren will need to put her trust in the one man she thought she could never trust again, and Shane will have to decide if he's willing to let Lauren walk away from him again or if he's done keeping a burden that should have never been his to take.

I loved Lauren and Shane. A first love is so powerful and I loved the parallel that Ms. Freethy made to the ancestors' first love that was lost in the shipwreck. So sweet. Again the supporting cast was great and we were introduced to a bit more in order to give us a little nudge into the next book in the series. Very romantic and suspenseful read. <3

Cruth says

Author: Barbara Freethy

First published: 2010

Length: 369 pages, 3974 kindle locations

Setting: Contemporary. Angel's Bay, California.

Sex: Explicit-ish. Infrequent.

Hero: Fisherman - takes people out for casual cruises/fishing.

Heroine: wannabe baker

Trigger: Lauren's father has (early stages) dementia.

Includes: Excerpts from *In Shelter Cove* and *The Way Back Home* by Barbara Freethy

Small town series with overlapping, ongoing story arcs.

In *On Shadow Beach* we tackle the historic death of a teen (Lauren's sister), Colin in a coma and the imminent birth of Colin and Kara's baby, the demise of Joe's marriage and a pregnant teenager, as well as the ongoing saga of the boat wreck with the original settlers/angels on the cliff face.

It's an interesting enough story, if a little slow. The attempt to include the boat wreck felt clunky and the

ultimate resolution of Abby's death was forced and unsatisfying. Not exactly sure why the killer did it, or how it was actually managed *grimace*.

Overall, it works. I am interested in continuing on. But...

Angel's Bay:

Book 1 Suddenly One Summer (2009) - Jenna Davies and Reid Tanner

Book 2 On Shadow Beach (2010) - Lauren Jamison and Shane Murray

Book 3 In Shelter Cove (2010) - Brianna Kane and Jason Marlow

Book 4 At Hidden Falls (2011) - Isabella Silviera and Nick Hartley

Book 5 Garden of Secrets (2011) - Charlotte Adams and Joe Silviera *or* Andrew Schilling

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Christi says

As always, Barbara Freethy's characters just swept me away. There are recurring characters and I loved the ongoing story lines of the "background" couples. However, my problem was that except for a one sentence dialogue, the main characters from the first book aren't mentioned. This is supposed to be a small town where everyone knows everyone else. I had hoped for a glimpse into their storyline. Hopefully they will be in the 3rd book!

Donna Alward says

The second in the Angel's Bay series by Freethy. I liked this one even better than the first (Suddenly One Summer). It really ramped up towards the end with a bit of a twist I didn't quite see coming.

Some pieces did fit together rather conveniently at the end, and I wished that the epilogue had been another page or two longer - it felt rather rushed for such a momentous moment. But it was a great read that had me reaching for the tissues twice in the last 60 pages.

Now my big question is...when do we get Charlotte and Joe? Pretty please? I'm hoping their story is one of the ones Freethy's already written in the series!

Kim says

After reading book one of the Angel's Bay series, I jumped right into book two.....and, now, I can't wait to

start book three! On Shadow Beach is another wonderful read by Barbara Freethy. I just love the characters - I love being able to follow the lives of the residents of Angel's Bay and meet new people along the way. On Shadow Beach follows up on an old murder that was mentioned in Suddenly One Summer (book # 1) as having happened some years ago in the sleepy little town of Angel's Bay, but never really went into it. Well, now we know who the body of the teen aged girl who was found in the abandoned old mansion a little over a decade ago belonged to and, through the story that unfolds in On Shadow Beach, who killed her. We also find out what happens to Colin and Kara - the police officer who was shot at the end of Suddenly One Summer and his pregnant wife. I love the way Barbara Freethy writes - she makes it easy to get through several chapters in between my daily activities and before I know it, I'm done and desperately wanting to read more about Angel's Bay and the residents who love it!

Viola says

Suggest reading first book in series. It is like a soap opera in a book. There are multiple stories lines in each book. Some of the characters stories are a continuous from one book to the next. I am a sucker for happy ending and this book did not disappoint.

Sarah Webber says

Well, the murder was solved and it wasn't who I expected. Still, it will help Lauren and Shane to move on, which is the purpose of an HEA.

Bookaholics says

On Shadow Beach by Barbara Freethy
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4 Stars

Barbara Freethy does an amazing job in 'On Shadow Beach' putting both elements of long-lost love and mystery together.

This book is the second novel following On Angel's Bay, which also takes place in a small California town where there was a long-unsolved murder of a teenage girl.

But that dead girl was Lauren Jamison's sister. Lauren left Angel's Bay to try to forget about the past, but she is forced to return to take care of her aging father. Being home again, Lauren is forced to remember the past, which includes remembering Shane Murray, the one guy she has not been able to forget. Unfortunately, Shane was accused of killing her sister. Now that Lauren is in town, Shane is finally able to defend himself and tell her about the murder. The twists and turns that lead to the truth around her sister's murder were quite a surprise. One that I did not see coming at all! Freethy's writing style is free flowing and her pacing is beautiful. I was able to read this book quickly, and I hope she continues writing more about Angel's Bay. Just a warning to readers, this book is a blend of romance and mystery, so don't expect steamy love scenes. There are love scenes and plenty of romantic tension, but it is definitely more of a blend of mystery mixed with some romance, rather than just romance.

It was a pleasure reading this story. Just the description of the town makes me wonder if there is indeed one like this in California. I would like to visit!

Reviewed by Sophia from the Bookaholics Romance Book Club

Jeanne (love2cook) says

A nice romance story in the series about Angel's Bay. The main characters are Lauren Jamison and Shane Murray, who were high school sweetheart over ten years ago. They both find themselves back in Angel's Bay and they are still drawn to each other. There is more than just romance in the story as Lauren's sister's murder still hasn't been solved. Lauren is trying to find out the truth and the killer. A good read!!

Stephanie says

You know when you can't put a book down b/c you just wanna know what happens next? I love when that happens and it definitely happened with this one! I finished the book in less than 24 hours! Onto the next in the series!

Angie says

I loved the plot on this one but it has just a bit too much romance in it for me. She didn't need to be so descriptive... the story would have been fine without the details. Very interesting plot twists.

Becky says

This is the second book in the Angel Bay's series. Lauren hasn't been back to town since her younger sister was murdered and her then boyfriend, was the main suspect. She has come back to check on her ailing father whom she has had little contact with since she left. Being back, she has had to relive the horror of that day and has had to come face to face with Shane again. Shane has his own secrets and between the two of them, justice will prevail. This was the most exciting, suspenseful and fun book to read. It could be read as a stand alone book. The characters were so real and you felt like you were there witnessing the whole story and outcome. I can usually figure out the "who done it" in books, but this was a total surprise in the end. This book deserves more than 5 stars, and I can't wait to read the rest of her series.

Vivian says

I'm a sucker for second chance romances, and this is a wonderful story. A suspense set in a small California seaside town with a lot of emotions and heartache as the characters confront not only the present, but the tragic past. Characterization was strong with well developed characters you can't help but hope for. I can't

wait to read more of the series, Angel Bay.

Recommended for a sweet and emotional read.

Heather says

This is my first Barbara Freethy book. My feelings on this story are mixed. I wanted to find out who committed the crime but also I thought the book was just overrun with characters that didn't need to be there. (possible spoiler alert) For example: who is the father of Annie's baby? will Andrew and Charlotte get back together? will Charlotte and Joe get together instead? Did Rachel cheat on her husband with Devlin? is there any hope for Rachel and Joe? is Devlin going to continue with his movie idea? and I thought for sure that they were going to tie Jason to the shooting of Colin. I know I seem to be going on and on with my questions that haven't been answered but it just goes to show how many secondary storylines weren't fully realized. It made me wonder why some of the characters were even there. There's always some characters in a story that don't really serve a purpose but this one had a lot. Most of the time, when you aren't privvy to a certain character's ending, you know enough about their story arc that you can pretty much figure out what's going to happen to them. There is just a lot of unanswered questions for me. Plus I think the epilogue was a little too neat and a little too quick. I think this book would have been better if it weren't bogged down by so many secondary storylines.
