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Beautiful model and actor Mason Adams rents a beach house for the summer in a seaside town to get away from his fast-paced, partying lifestyle in Los Angeles. After Mason nearly died from a drug overdose and served time in rehab, his agent is convinced the quiet life is the perfect way to get Mason's life and career back on track.

Mason, however, isn't sure the sedate life is for him—until he meets his neighbor, crime fiction author John Harding. Forced to retire from the fire department after a career-ending injury, John has found a new life in a modest beach house as a best-selling novelist. Life is good, but quiet and not exactly exciting, until Mason comes to stay next door for the summer.

Unable to resist the allure they feel for each other, Mason and John begin a torrid affair. But once the summer comes to an end, Mason knows he'll have to face a monumental decision—choosing between exciting new career opportunities and his new life with the man who has stolen his heart.

## **The Beach House Details**

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## From Reader Review The Beach House for online ebook

### Mandy\*reads obsessively\* says

Mason, a model and small time actor had a scary drug overdose, so his agent has set him up in a house out of the way, no Internet, TV, car....

His neighbor John is sexy and they hit it off, lots of sex and eventually love ensues, but Mason's career is waiting for him.

This is a quick, easy read, since it's pretty short so there isn't a lot of relationship development, or issues dealt with, none of Mason's thoughts of his drug use to any kind of follow up treatment, but it was cute and a nice 'snack' read.

I also ignored that the dog had my name..lol

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### ElaineY says

2.5 stars. What you read in the blurb is what you'll get. Nothing much more. A very weak offering from an auto-buy. I'm disappointed.

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### Sadonna says

Pretty good novella about Mason and John. Mason is a model/actor who is laying low in a beach rental secured by his agent after he has left rehab for the second time after a drug overdose. John is a firefighter turned author after an on-the-job injury to his leg. They just happen to be neighbors and both gay.

Although they jump into bed pretty quickly, the real heart of the story is the development of their relationship after they have already had sex. John recognizes Mason's vulnerability and guesses at some of the stuff that Mason has been through. Even though Mason is an addict and has perhaps hasn't done things in the normal route or fashion, John values him for him for himself - not what he can get from him.

Really sweet ending.

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### Shayne says

The Beach House is Fabulous! Jack and I have been anxiously waiting its release for WEEKS! So you can imagine our complete happiness when we finally got to read it.

Mason is one of my favorite heroes. That says a lot because we all know that I'm crazy about Kevin from Car Wash (He'll always be my ultimate favorite) but there is something very sweet and humanly flawed about Mason that made me adore him. He's recovering from substance abuse and has been told to stay in this gorgeous beach house in Morro Bay for weeks, so he can reflect on his life, and get past his substance abuse addictions.

When he meets his sexy and stable next door neighbor, John, sparks fly and both men embark on a loving, nurturing and very sexy relationship that brings out the best in both men.

When the summer is over and reality sets in, will Mason return to his life in the fast lane or will he stay and

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take a chance on love?????  
(If you know Shawn's work, that question was a no-brainer...LOL)

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## **Joyfully Jay says**

*A Joyfully Jay review.*

**4.25 stars**

This quick, light read is really enjoyable. Both men have kind of lost their way. Mason's life has been easy, with people wanting to give him everything simply because of his looks or because of what they could get out of it. John has built a new life for himself after the accident, but he doesn't realize it's just existing. These guys really provide something for each other that they didn't know they needed, and their chemistry works really well.

Despite there being a feel good, playful, fluffy aspect to this story, there are also some heavier themes. I think the author balanced these parts really well. It never got too heavy, but those more difficult subjects were handled with care. It really gave the story some weight without weighing it down too much.

I adored these guys and their relationship. I would have liked to see just a little bit more development of it though. There's a bit of a time jump in the middle of things, and while it worked fine, I liked the characters so much that I wanted to see them experiencing more time together. But their chemistry sparks off the page and they just work.

So overall, I just enjoyed this read. It was quick, which is exactly what you want sometimes, and left me happy. If you're looking for a short, nicely written book that ends in a feel good epic romance, I can definitely suggest you pick this one up.

**Read Kris' review in its entirety here.**

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## **Suzanne says**

Mason got too big for his britches! He had to find love for himself and change his selfish ways before he could actually have a relationship. Once he got his priorities figured out, the rest was easy!

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## **Alina says**

Loved this book!  
Nice and tender love story and I almost teared up over the few angsty pages ))) Heartwarming story!

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## **Leaundra says**

This was a sweet and spicy read. I loved John and Mason. They were so sweet together. They were perfect

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for each other!!

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### **Cole Riann says**

If I were to rate this technically, I'd probably go for 2 stars, but I really liked Mason and John, so they get an extra star.

I liked that Mason was a difficult character to root for. I liked that about him, that he's really messed up doesn't have a lot of flattering qualities, except for his model beauty. But with influence of John, that slutty addict persona dropped out of the way and the motivation behind that lifestyle Mason was so much a part of was easy to see. He's very down-trodden in ways. Yes, much of it is his own making, however some people do have a difficult time looking out for themselves and I could see that Mason never really knew what it was like to take care of himself. That vulnerability that came out then worked for me, even though I suppose lots of readers would probably not like Mason as much as I did.

The only real problem I had with this story are the very large gaps in plot (view spoiler). I ended up feeling a little bit cheated not to get some of the story, in fact the most important part of the story where they transition from like to love.

Still, I enjoyed these characters and I really enjoyed how tied it was to the setting.

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### **Lisa The Novel Approach says**

The Beach House was originally published in 2010. It has a new cover and has been reedited from the original but is essentially the same.

Mason Adams is beautiful...on the outside. On the inside...not so much. He's young, pampered and spoiled and is used to acting like a child in a grown-up world. Being exiled for three months to a beach house that doesn't even have a television set, seems like hell to him. The only one around to keep him company is himself, and with the amount of self-loathing he has, why would he would he want to do that? Not even his agent suspects that his accidental drug overdose wasn't really an accident; otherwise, she would never have left him there isolated and alone.

John Harding used to be a fireman. After a horrible fire left him slightly crippled and in permanent pain, he retreated to his beach house and became a bestselling mystery/crime author. He loves his stories and has come to terms with the accident that gave him the opportunity to put pen to paper full time. His life is quiet now; he lives vicariously within the pages of his books. However, one good look at his new next door neighbor for the summer, and John thinks life is definitely looking up.

This is an insta-lust/love novella. These two pretty much fall hard and fast. Their first interactions are sweet and touching, with a self-deprecating humor that is endearing. Honestly, I wasn't sure I liked Mason's character until he was partnered with John. Knowing where Mason starts from, though, I was willing to give him the benefit of the doubt. Mason and John bring out the best in one another, and that makes for a great love story, even if it's short. Lane gives us enough backstory that we get a feel for each man, and well-rounded characterizations. It's a good storyline, an entertaining read, not much angst, and hot sex.

In the end, Mason must decide if fresh air, small towns, and a hot boyfriend are worth more than a paycheck.

And, of course, he picks the HEA. It's sweet, well written, and a good short story for a Sunday afternoon when you need a satisfying hot read, a favorite chair, and a cup of tea.

Reviewed by Carrie for The Novel Approach Reviews

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### **Daisiemae says**

The Beach House by Shawn Lane was a deeply moving, sexy book about two men, who probably under normal circumstances would never find their way to each other.

Mason is a well sought out model that has just come out of rehab. Since the model industry has a reputation of being attached with drugs and booze, he is taken by his friend and agent to stay at a beach house in Morro Bay, so he can continue his recovery.

Bored and alone, Mason fills his time running on the beach and exploring his new temporary home. One day, Mason spots a very handsome man at the grocery store. Just when Mason thinks he's going to approach him, the man is approached by a young woman, and Mason believes that the man is probably straight and taken.

John was once a firefighter who truly loved his job. Unfortunately, he was injured on the job site, and now is a best selling author. Even though he loves his house by the beach, he sometime misses his life before his injury. When he spots Mason walking on the beach he's immediately captivated by the man's beauty. As fate would have it, John's dog intervenes and the two men meet and soon fall in love. But, when the summer is over, and Mason is asked to return to the limelight, will his feelings for John be enough to choose to stay with John, or will he return to the spotlight?

I loved this book, although I admit I love all of Shawn's books. As usual, her characterization is amazing. Both Mason and John are broken heroes in their own way, and they must work through their own demons so they can have a loving and fulfilling relationship. I loved both heroes and both were easy to identify with. Even though Mason is uber gorgeous, he is still a likeable and wonderfully lifelike character. I thought both he and John brought out the best in one another and I was truly amazed at the love they found in each other's arms.

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### **Monica says**

3 Stars

This was a short and sweet read about Mason, a model/actor who was sent to a beach house by his agent to continue his recovery from a drug overdose. While there Mason meets John, who owns a house next to his rental. John moved to the beach after a work injury forced him to retire from the fire department. John is now a successful author and spends his days writing and playing with his dog Mandy.

Although John is older than Mason, the two are immediately attracted to each other and strike up a friendship that quickly turns into having sex on the first date. Mason is used to that, but John feels more for Mason and sets out to court Mason and treat him as he deserves to be treated.

The story moves fairly quickly and there are a few gaps that I felt could have been filled in. Hence the 3 star rating as opposed to a 4 star rating. It would be nice to see how the relationship is doing now that Mason is

away from the spotlight and his old partying ways. Overall I recommend this book if you're in the mood for something light, sweet and quick to read.

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### **Chris says**

Sweet, good m/m romance about a model who overdosed and was sent to rehab. Post-rehab, his agent rents him a quiet house on the beach for the summer, to get him away from bad influences and help him figure out how to have a more normal life.

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### **Lee Brazil says**

Aww.. Mason is such a sweetheart. I loved this story. :)

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### **Don Bradshaw says**

This well written short romance really did it for me. Totally character driven, John and Mason were developed slowly as if the author was adding a bit at a time. The sex scenes were fair. It was the relationship that grew between John and Mason that made this such a feel good read.

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