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*The one passion they had in common was the one that would keep them apart.*

Artist Sienna Sacchi is about to have everything she's ever dreamed of, when sexy playboy Jack Montgomery comes strolling back into her life as the owner of her gallery. Her plan to buy it herself ruined, she refuses to let him interfere with the most important thing—her debut exhibition. But Jack's not just taking over her workplace, he's also intruding on her art studio, her home, and maybe even her heart.

Jack Montgomery has few rules for his carefree life, but never mixing business with pleasure is one he is determined to keep. He'd planned on finally satisfying the tension between him and Sienna, but discovering he's her boss puts an immediate end to that. Unfortunately, being forced to share a tiny apartment with the gorgeous, tempting sculptor is pushing Jack to his limits. One brush with desire could ruin everything they've worked for.

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### Rachel says

So, so good.

Are you ready for another trip to Half Moon Bay? This is the second book in the series and yes it can be read as a stand alone. Though why would miss out on the first book when it is fantastic.

This is Sienna and the delicious Jack's story. These two met in the first book and through a hint of a date was made, we find out in this book it was never followed through and now we get to see it play out.

Artist and gallery manager Sienna has plans, big plans. She has a job in a successful gallery, is planning her first exhibition and plans to buy said gallery. But all this changes when Jack breezes into town.

Jack who owns the gallery and is actually an artist with a deadline, has decided to make Carmel his hometown and base of his artistic creations. He plans to step away from the corporate world and create. Oh and celebrity watch.

When these two discover that he is in fact the owner and his plans have ruined hers to a point, they make a compromise. She can work in the studio for two weeks and he can stay with her for the same two weeks. Easy right?

No so much, the passion that flares between them makes it difficult to keep professional and personal separate. When they give in one night after getting to know each other better, neither saw the next day coming.

"It would have been so much easier if you hadn't done that. She said. "Probably, but I wanted to say goodbye.....properly"

But can they overcome these new revelations and find the happiness neither expected to find but now can't imagine living without?

Talk about not seeing a plot twist heading our way. Holy smokes. It was heartbreaking. I wanted to hug Sienna and Jack and say will all be fine and work out. I was sniffing at times I admit it. You will understand when you read it. The reveal is huge.

One of my favourite things in this book was the party at the end. I'm still chuckling over the picture they would have made driving up the highway. Pink tights.....classic and not on who you would expect.

I loved the first book in this series and the author has captured my heart again with this book. Jack and Sienna are wonderful and I'm hoping we don't have to wait too long for Georgies's book.

Grab a comfy spot and sit back and enjoy this book, I know I did.

This book was supplied by the publisher for an honest review.

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## Susanne says

Jack is another gorgeous hero in Annie Seaton's 'Half Moon Bay'(HMB) series. He's laid back and creative and has shared a mutual attraction with Sienna since he met her in the first HMB book. But when he meets up with her again, it's as the man who has stolen her dream. Not a great way to get to know her better.

It seems that whichever way Sienna turns, Jack is moving into her space; first, 'her' gallery, then her home and soon, he's taking over her heart. But Sienna has more sense than her twin sister and refuses to let any man hurt her emotions or get too close.

Once again, Ms Seaton draws us into the wonderful community of Half Moon Bay with beautifully drawn characters who tug at your heart strings. The writing is tight and clever, and the characters are honest and real. And I love Jack's gesture to Sienna; it's the style of a real man who can make that sort of grand gesture.

By the way, I seriously want one of Sienna's frogs!

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## Patty McKenna Van Hulle says

An artist with a heart wrapped with crime scene tape, a "curling your toes" smile hero & 24/7 connect. Who will cave in first?

Sienna (love this name) Sacchi has only 4 people that she allowed herself to love, her twin Georgie, BFF Ana, Ana's hubby, Blake, & their precious & fairy crazed daughter Faith. Sienna has learned by the hands of her absent, unloving & "only comes around when she needs money" Mom, that loving anyone causes deeply painful hurt & she is never going to open her heart to that crushing pain again. She put all her love into her art, works at Sea View Gallery, which she decided to buy, has an art exhibit happening, it's her 29th B'day & she is going to celebrate with her twin.

Jack Montgomery was a rich playboy, who wanted nothing to do with his father's business empire, then his father had a heart attack & he went back to NYC to help. Now he is done with all that, going back to the Gallery he bought in California, where he will devote all his time to his Sculptures that were commissioned & maybe look up his friend Blake, his wife & their sexy friend, Sienna.

The B'day celebration bombs as Sienna learns that HER Gallery is actually Jack's, he never planned to sell it now & her new boss is this "pantie dropping" smiling Jack! Jack wants no one to know about his art until he proved to himself, but both Sienna & him need the studio & workshop to complete their art. So after some give & take, they struck up a bargain, she has only 2 weeks to use the workshop, he gets to share her home, she will have her exhibit & ran HIS Gallery as she has been doing. Simple except for the building tsunami of hormones flowing between these 2 crazy kids.

They work, eat, live & share the same roof for sleepyttime & a freight train of lust is riding down their tracks. Nothing goes as they expect with noisy family members, a devastating secret revealed, Fairy Princess party galore, her reimagining a whole future, discovering Jack's beautiful art & how closely it mirrors her own & the most hilarious of all, Prince Charming in pink tights on a Ducati going down Hwy 1, with a Fairy Princess holding now. Can Jack cut the crime scene tape surrounding her heart & set her free? Will Sienna ever learn to trust again? When will Jack embrace his own art? Will Georgie ever get to Machu Picchu?

This is the 2nd book in the Half Moon Bay series & I didn't read the 1st book, but this book stood all by itself, with its head held high. Ms. Seaton created a great small time feel with her Half Moon Bay & I loved

all the quirky tourist popping in the Gallery. Sienna was a woman with battle armor on 24/7 because she NEVER wanted her heart touched ever. Jack played as a carefree man, but he was, in my humble opinion, just a little boy wanting his dad's approval of his inner artist. These 2 characters just wanted to be loved for themselves, but needed to lower their force fields for that to happen. If I wanted to cut the sexually tension in this story, I would need a GIGANTIC chainsaw! The build up was so strong, but Ms. Seaton had a closed door policy & that didn't flow with the story for me. I would still recommend this charming read to all my romance peeps who like a squeaky clean tale. I give a score of 3 fingers up & 6 toes for my 1st Ms. Seaton romance.

NetGalley ARC given for my honest review.

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### **Lyn says**

This is the second book in the half moon bay series. This story is about Sienna and Jack. They most overcome there own demons to be together. Will they realise this before it is too late.

From the moment I started reading this book, I couldn't put it down. I must say, I absolutely loved it. I would highly recommend everyone to read this book.

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### **Denise Van plew says**

When I read romance that is contemporary I want a escape for a minute or two. I want characters that will come off the pages with their personalities and the antidotes of what ever they are doing to bring a smile or chuckle while I am reading. When I open the pages of this novel I am introduced right away to Sienna who is managing a shop she hopes to buy while also getting her artwork ready for a exhibition. She runs to her birthday party where her twin sister and others will be there as well. A surprise appearance by Blake's friend whom she met a couple of ago puts a whole other spin on her world from that time forward. Little did he realize when he decided to not sell and keep the gallery did he imagine that his manager would be someone he would not only share living space with but have her turn his world upside down too. Those are the kind of characters that I am talking about-ones you can follow along while they immerse you into their world that these two will have going on besides just the mutual gallery and art. The tantalizing thrill of a building relationship between two spicy characters that make it hard to put the novel down for even a minute. With these two you are waiting to see who will realize first what is really going on with enough glue between them to make it work. But this author also throws a big hammer in the road that will cause more than a bump with the news Sienna will receive that you will hope she doesn't let it ruin her chance at that lasting love. I must say that this author does deliver what I was looking for and then some because it was well worth the escape to this place with this novel. Characters were more than I asked for because they did get interaction out of me (at time's if you were sitting by me while reading you would of wondered). The ending is more than I would of though of that a man could do for the woman he loves that it could not of ended any other way. Received a copy for a honest review.

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### **Laura says**

This book was great! This is the second book in the Half Moon Bay Series and it is just as good if not better then the first book. Sienna is an artist and has always dreamed of having her own gallery. She has put in a

bid to buy the gallery and then is surprised to learn that the owner is not selling and that the owner is Jack Montgomery. Jack has also an artist and has decided to move to town and start working on his pieces. He has been planning on asking Sienna out when he gets back to town but then he learns that he is currently her boss. The attraction between Sienna and Jack is HOT and they are trying to deny the attraction since they work together. This book had me hooked from the first page, I could not put it down until I was finished reading it. I can't wait to read the next book in this series. Annie Seaton is a wonderful author; I love all of her books!

A Review copy was provided to me in exchange for a fair and honest review. The free book held no determination on my personal review.

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### **Kathy says**

This book is the second book in the Half Moon Bay Series but works well as a stand alone. I was over half way through this book before I realized I had met some of these characters before in *Tangling with the CEO*.

This was a fun read with great characters and a beautifully done ending. I enjoyed the push and pull we see between Sienna and Jack who can't figure out if they should be friends or enemies. While their personalities seem quite different it was fun to watch these opposites attract. We also saw that sometimes first impressions can be misleading and there might just be more to people than what appears on the surface.

I loved the small town setting and Jack's swoon worthy grand gesture at the end made me happy. This is adult romance and there is a little bit of content in this one but nothing overly graphic.

Rating: 4 Stars - Great Book

Content: mild language, innuendo, closed door implied sex

Source: Netgalley

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### **Gloria Herrera for As You Wish Reviews says**

Our friends from Half Moon Bay are back! This is Sienna's and Jack's story.

Sienna is celebrating her 29th birthday with her twin sister Georgie and BFF Ana. A bunch of friends meet to celebrate the event and Sienna is about to make her great announcement, when bad news hit. The art gallery she was hoping to buy is now off the market and the owner is none other than Jack Montgomery! To top this off, Jack has just appeared back in town and ready to move in permanently.

Sienna is an artist. She is also organized and in control. Jack is laid back, and although a superb businessman, he is also an artist looking to live his life without complications. The banter between these two characters will keep you glued to this book. I read it in one sitting because I could not put it down!

Annie Seaton delivers once again a love story to amuse, stir your emotions, and question the priorities we set in life. Is success and money worth killing yourself over? What about slowing down and enjoying life along

the way?

As always with all of Annie Seaton's books, you finish reading her stories with a smile on your face, knowing that you have just experienced a wonderful book.

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### **Jennifer Schultheis says**

After a stressful day, *Brushing Off the Boss*, was just what the doctor ordered. Annie Seaton's characters took me away from real life and dropped me straight into Half Moon Bay. This book was a fantastic read and my only complaint, was that I wish it never ended. The characters are intriguing, full of life, and will have you wishing they were real. Annie Seaton definitely knows how to deliver a romance novel and I will be counting down the days until her next book.

Sienna has her life figured out, she is managing an art gallery at the moment, but puts in an offer, to buy it from the owner. On the night of her birthday, Sienna finds out that the gallery is no longer for sale. Why is it no longer for sale.....because the attractive man, she met a couple years ago, decides he's not selling it. Jack and Sienna had a connection when they first met, but because of some circumstances, a date never happened, and Jack left. Now that Jack is back, the sparks are even hotter than the first time around. Only this time, he's the boss. And we all know, business and pleasure never mix....right? Wrong! In this case, business and pleasure mix, very nicely. Throw in some drama from both sides and hold on to your seats for one heck of an adventure.

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### **Heather Anne says**

*Brushing Off the Boss* is the second book in the Half Moon Bay series, but can be read as a stand alone.

I enjoyed the first book, *Tangling with the CEO* and was happy to revisit the characters in *Brushing Off the Boss*, while getting to know a few a little more than others. I really enjoyed the dynamics of this story with Sienna and Jack's constant back and forth with whether or not they should be friends, enemies, or simply co-workers.

Sienna, artist and hopeful gallery owner, gets a big surprise when Jack Montgomery comes back into town after 2 years away. These two first met in *Tangling with the CEO*, but it seems that this meeting is the first that has taken place since that first meeting. Sienna is not too happy when she finds out her plans to buy the Sea View Gallery have been shattered by Jack, whom happens to own the gallery and had his lawyers stop the sell to Sienna.

When Jack and Sienna discover what has happened, they make a compromise. Sienna agrees to work for Jack for two weeks and he can live in her empty apartment at her house for two weeks. Sounds like a breeze, right?

Of course, this proves not to be a breeze when the chemistry & attraction between these two keeps coming between that boss/employee relationship. And after giving into each other for one night, ends up opening the door to a whole lot more the following morning.

What comes next for the story comes as a huge shock to both the reader and Sienna. It's a plot twist I did not see coming, but affected the story in a way that I truly enjoyed.

The ending couldn't have been more perfect. I felt the pacing of the story, especially after the plot twist was revealed, went at a perfect pace and allowed for any questions I may have had to be answered. I truly enjoyed the development of this story and the relationship that formed between Sienna and Jack. I can't wait to see what Annie Seaton has in store for her readers next!

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### **Lisa says**

"Brushing Off the Boss," by Annie Seaton never got off the ground. There was too much mundane, day-to-day activity mentioned and the dialogue was stilted, often hard to follow. The characters never became interesting enough to light a spark to engage me. As far as I can remember, this is the first time I've ever read a romance novel and not cared whether or not the main characters got together. In fact, when they were apart I thought something interesting might happen. It didn't. There just wasn't any romantic or sexual chemistry.

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### **Bette Hansen says**

In this second installment of Annie Seaton's Half Moon Bay series, we find Jack Montgomery back in town much to the surprise of Sienna Sacchi. The spark and awareness is still there but can Sienna ever really trust Jack??

I really enjoy this group of characters and am so glad to finally have Jack and Sienna's story. Overall the story is very good and one I would definitely recommend.

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### **Larissa says**

Brushing Off the Boss is a fun, flirty new story from Annie Seaton. I loved the heroine, Sienna! She's focused and determined, and I loved how she put herself first. She really held her own with the hero, Jack.

Oh, Jack. He's hot, rich, and an artist. \*swoon\* I really liked the way Ms. Seaton developed his character throughout the story. I really saw him grow as a person, which can be rare in category romance.

The two have some great push and pull, and the chemistry is there from the beginning. This is a great, entertaining romance. I highly enjoyed it.

4 stars.

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### **Carol-Ann says**

Another fantastic book from Annie Seaton well-written loved the story and the characters of Artist Sienna Sacchi who's always dreamed of owning her own Art Gallery but her Dreams are about to be dashed,By Sexy playboy Jack Montgomery when he comes back into her life, she refuses to let him interfere in her working life,He has got his own rules never to mix business with pleasure but forcing them to share a tiny apartment pushes them both to their limit! It could ruin everything they both worked for and believe in, Thank you to Annie Seaton and entanglement publishing for letting me read this ARC for my honest review,

## Debra says

Art brings Sienna and Jack together and art may keep them apart. Sienna is managing the art gallery where she works, getting ready for her first art exhibit and waiting for the email saying her offer to buy the gallery is approved. Jack Montgomery the owner of the gallery has decided he is going to leave the family business in New York and come back to Carmel by the Sea to live and work on his art exhibit. He no longer is selling the gallery. Sienna and Jack met several years before and were attracted to each other but Jack left when his father was taken ill. Now that Jack is back, Sienna finds the attraction is still there, but at what cost to her dreams? What Family secrets are revealed and will Sienna run away? Annie Seaton has written another great book and I would highly recommend everyone to read! I love the cover.

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