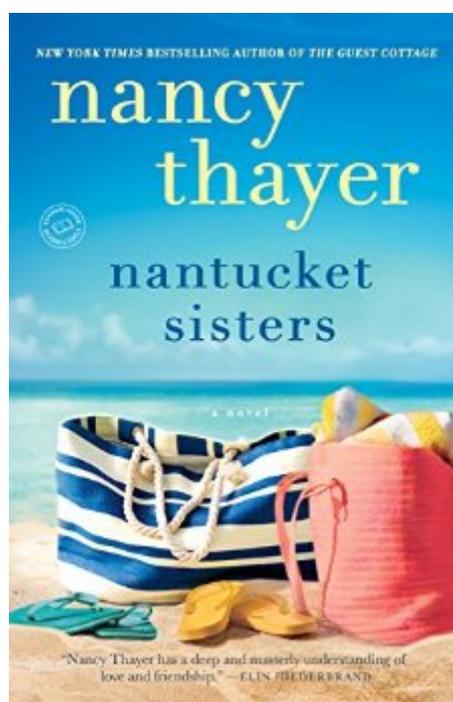


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Nantucket Sisters: A Novel



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Customer Reviews

I don't know what I was expecting when I ordered this book from Vine, but I'm drawn to anything Nantucket oriented, and a story about sisters or best friend-relationships always appeals to me. The story begins when Maggie and Emily are both 11, and the narrative voice sounds appropriate for that age of reader as well, quite child-like in the language and syntax, yet smooth and slick, vastly professional compared to many YA books. It is not, however, aimed at a YA audience, though the reading is cloyingly vapid at first. As I read, I asked myself whether I was mistaken and checked again to see the advertising said this was general audience adult fiction, when the story goes no deeper than "This happens all the time between Emily and Maggie. They think the same thought at the exact same time." But it was early in the story, and the sales blurb mentioned a long relationship and shared pregnancies, so I kept going. What Nancy Thayer does brilliantly - to the point I wish she would write a volume of poetry with her beautiful language that floats above the mundane - is description. Page 48 rings like magic with phrases like "...Quaker ladies and shad bushes bloom in bridal profusion...scarlet wood lilies play like children in the breeze." It almost feels like something lovely is coming, that the reading is going to be worthwhile after all, that we've hit a vein here, and the story will go with it. Alas, the story stays on the level of pre-teen giggling girls, even through very graphic (but devoid of actual emotion) sex. I just hated the whole message that being adult meant

being a slut, and that it was happily accepted as normal. Maggie declares she doesn't want to "do that dating stuff" because she has plans for her life that don't include pregnancy.

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