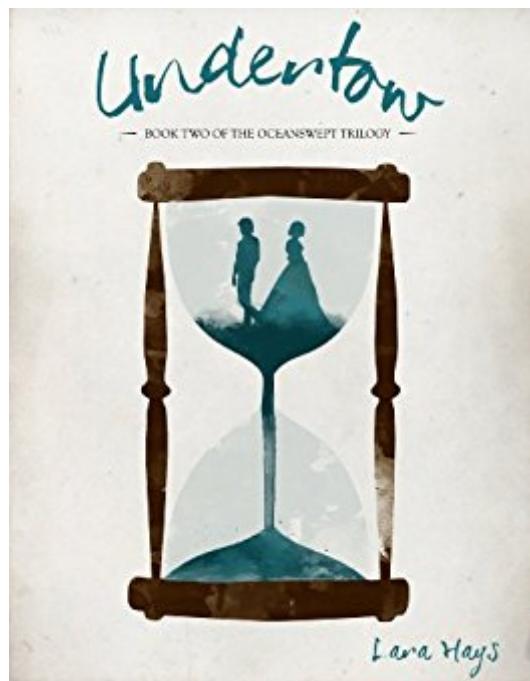


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# Undertow (Oceanswept Trilogy Book 2)



## **Synopsis**

The life she always thought she would have or a new life she is just starting to imagine? Two paths lay before Tessa Monroe as she arrives in colonial St. Kitts with her dashing rescuer, the former pirate Nicholas Holladay. Everything should be perfect, but her worlds are colliding. In the spellbinding sequel to *Oceanswept*, Tessa finds a tempting new future with a handsome baron unfolding before her on sunny St. Kitts while Nicholas discovers that the past he was so eager to leave behind isn't quite through with him yet.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I just finished reading *Undertow* this morning. It broke my heart, and it will break yours too. *Undertow* is a well-crafted and well-written and well-researched book. You'll get lost in the world, sucked into the lives of all the characters. You'll be frustrated and torn and frightened and desperate and heart-broken. And when you get to the end of *Undertow*, you'll be dying for the final book in the trilogy. I so desperately want this series to be made into a movie (or three).

Lara Hays book "Undertow" was able to draw me into the story on so many levels! I loved reading it!

It's an action tale with twists and turns that intrigue the reader and keep them hungry to know the outcome. It's also a thought provoking character study about the social struggles of upper class women in the Caribbean in the 18th century. At times I wanted to shake its young heroine, Tessa for her embattled choices as she grappled with family pressures and self absorbed men! Lara Hays gives her characters real conflict, emotion and deep thoughts as she spins her story. The ending of the book tugs at the reader's heartstrings as larger than life drama unfolds. While it confirms yet again the inner strength of the main character Nicholas, the ending leaves me desperately wanting to know when the next part of the Trilogy will be published!!!

What started off a little choppy and exasperating as Tessa made all the wrong moves and implied all the wrong feelings about her relationship to Nicholas to everyone, made a fantastic about face about 3/4 of the way through to the high-seas adventure and swashbuckling story we had in the first novel. By the end I hated the story having to end! I know Hays is writing the final installment, and there are the novellas still to enjoy, but I can't wait for the final chapter of the high-seas adventure that is Tessa and Nicholas' story!

If you read the other reviews you will see that there is not one that didn't love this book. I loved it too. Great book. One reviewer mentioned that, this, the second book, is better than the first. I heartily agree. I never give a book five stars unless I really love it. I liked the first book too, but, this one is all that I could ask for in a book. It draws you in and makes you really care about the characters. It has excitement, danger, a love story and no steamy sex scenes that you have to skim over because after the first two they are all the same and boring. This book is not boring. I went to the author's web site and signed up to get a notification when the third book comes out. It said this winter and as this is 1/20/15, it should be out soon.

I have read both *Ocean Swept* and *Undertow* and found both appealing reads. The locations, characters and story line were enjoyable throughout. I appreciated the fact, too, that the stories were filled with sexual tension rather than the explicitness used by so many writers in their work today. I'm tired of reading descriptions, on every other page, of what's always happening below a man's waist and ditto for the lady characters. We get the idea. However, by the same token, the lead characters' romance in these books, while endearing, doesn't seem quite plausible.... imagine being around a pirate, through two books; who only gives kisses and doesn't even make a pass? Now that's self-control. Looking forward to the next volume....

What can I possibly say to get more people to read this book? Just read it. (Read 'Oceanswept' first, of course) We pick up with Nicholas and Tessa where the first book left us. Heading to meet Tessa's father in St. Kipps. This book was filled with a lot of emotion, and the ending is heartbreakingly beautiful. This series is quickly becoming a favorite for me, one I will most likely re-read over and over until I die, right up there with any books by Georgette Heyer, and Mary Stewart. Word on the street is that the final book in the series will be released early 2015 and I genuinely cannot wait. If you love adventure, pirates, and romance this series is a MUST read!

I have to say that I am writing this while wiping the tears from my eyes after finishing *Undertow*. It's already 1 in the morning, and I don't think I'll be able to sleep, due to the fact that I keep thinking about Nicholas and Tessa. Thank you for a wonderful story that had me totally engrossed and neglecting the rest of the world. I am hoping for a happily ever after ending, after all "it's written in the stars".

Lara Hays has definitely grown as an author in this second installment of *Oceanswept*. The clean romance is vividly written without getting raunchy and only mildly sappy. Second books of trilogies often feel like they are biding their time, but this one actually has some meat that moves the story arc along. I look forward to the conclusion (another plus in my book, because so many trilogies tend to fall flat). Unlike many of the other series out there, I expect this one to get better and better instead of fizzling and dying. I can think of three series I didn't bother finishing. Not so this time! The winter release can't come soon enough.

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