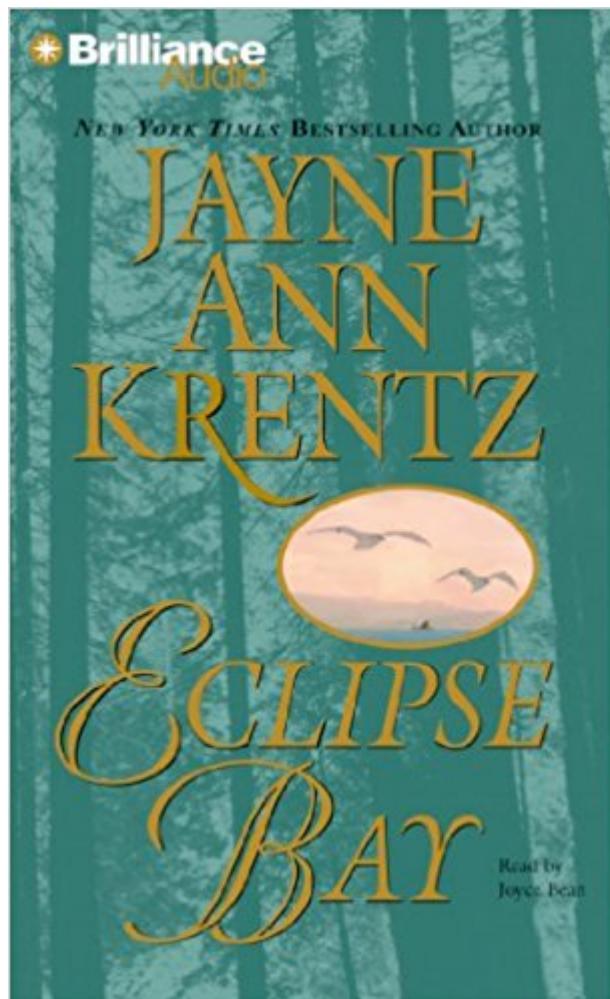


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# Eclipse Bay (Eclipse Bay Series)



## **Synopsis**

Eclipse Bay has grown and flourished on the rugged Oregon coast, where the shore can be rocky and forbidding, full of sharp cliffs and hidden coves. But this small town is also filled with secrets as treacherous as the landscape - and rivalries as fierce as an ocean storm. . . . Their grandfathers hated each other. Their fathers hated each other. And as the next generation of Hartes and Madisons, Hannah and Rafe are expected to hate each other too. But Hannah Harte - a successful wedding consultant with a skeptical view of marriage - remembers the long-ago night on the beach that revealed Rafe as much more than just "that disreputable Madison boy." And Rafe remembers the heroic gesture that proved Hannah's fierce spirit was stronger than any feud - and saved him from near-certain imprisonment. Now - reunited by a surprising inheritance after years of living their separate lives - Rafe and Hannah return to Eclipse Bay, and the hostilities that still divide, and bind, their families. And they are discovering something that is at once delightful and deeply disturbing . . . They don't hate each other. Not at all. . . .

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## **Customer Reviews**

Setting: Eclipse Bay, Oregon, present day Sensuality Rating: 6 Multimillion-selling author Jayne Ann Krentz weaves a classic tale of a rich girl and the town's bad boy who grows up to be very, very good. Eight years have passed since Hannah Harte laid eyes on Rafe Madison--eight years since Hannah risked her reputation by providing Rafe's alibi for a murder he did not commit. Drawn back together by a strange bequest, Hannah and Rafe must first try to figure out how to share their

dreams for the old seaside manor they've inherited and then determine who's willing to try anything, even murder, to stop them. Hannah is astonished to find that the rebellious Rafe, who once loved living up to his family's unsavory reputation, has shed his bad boy ways and become quite a success. And Rafe is equally disturbed to realize that the naive girl he met on a beach one night long ago is all grown up--and how! The first in a new trilogy from perennial favorite Krentz is a tantalizing reminder of the attraction of opposites. Readers will be waiting with bated breath for the sequels. --Alison Trinkle --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Jove has led Krentz (aka Amanda Quick) to a paperback romance trilogy about love and family in seaside places. This first volume sets up the feud between the Hartes and the no-account but very sexy Madison clan. Hannah Harte, a well-organized wedding planner, reencounters raffish Rafe Madison, a self-made chef and newly made multimillionaire stock trader. Their previous meeting occurred eight years earlier, on the Oregon coast, when Hannah supplied an alibi that kept Rafe out of jail. Even though everyone knows that Hartes and Madisons never mix, Hannah's eccentric aunt Isabel has left her home, Dreamscape, to both Hannah and Rafe. As the hostile pair attempt to turn Dreamscape into an inn, and to solve an old murder mystery, Krentz sets fire to their incipient attraction. With her usual entertaining mix of quaint folk, sex and mystery, Krentz takes to these new waters like the smart fish she is. (June) Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

If you want a book with suspense, romance, mystery, and a brilliant dog, this is the book for you. It is the first book of a trilogy. The Madisons and the Hartes have been at odds for three generations, but the evening when Hannah Harte's date dumped her on the beach when she wouldn't have sex with him, and Rafe Madison's date had dumped him because he was ticked off because she was a long way from faithful, Hannah was relieved that she didn't have to walk home in the dark by herself! They talked for a while, argued some about what they intended to do about the future and finally he walked her home. The next morning she woke up to voices in the kitchen, went downstairs, and her father told her that the police were told that Rafe had spent 2 hours on the beach with her last night! Rafe's girl friend, Kaitlin, had been killed by falling off a cliff, and Rafe was accused of murder. When she replied that they had been together, everyone was shocked, but Rafe was cleared. Years later, Hannah's great-aunt left her very large mansion to Rafe and Hannah! (The brilliant dog belongs to Hannah.) Hannah offers to buy Rafe out as she wants to open a bed and breakfast! He refuses, as he wants to open a restaurant! Kaitlin's brother, Dell, still believes that Rafe killed her

and is infuriated that Rafe has come back to town. Rafe has become a Cordon Bleu chef, and Hannah is able to manage an inn, so they decide to work together, somewhat reluctantly. They had to have some work done on the house, and the two brothers working on it talked about a discovery they had made in a house years ago, about the time that Kaitlin died. Pictures of a man, currently running for office, in ladies clothes. Kaitlin had told her brother that she was leaving town, and had a plan in mind to get some money. Blackmail? I don't want to go further, but this book is fun to read and I read it in one session! I enjoyed it thoroughly.

I had read this book years ago and wanted to read something fun and lighthearted with a happy ending while I waited for my husband to finish his golfing with his buddies in SC. I was not disappointed. Made the trip enjoyable.

I thought I was getting another one of JAK's paranormal romances, but was disappointed when it turned out to be a regular romance. (Not knocking the writer or the genre, just not what I normally read!) After getting over the disappointment, I enjoyed this book, it was a fun read. Loved the fact that Arizona Snow was part of the story. She transcends the paranormal and the mundane story lines, and I liked that. Although, I have to admit, I kept expecting Fallon Jones to at least put in a phone call! If you like JAK, go for it, it's a good read. If you like regular romances with a bit of mystery-solving, another good choice. If you're looking for paranormal, well, keep looking.

Enjoyable book! I won't say it's the best (or highest quality) romance novel out there, but it's a fun read.

This is one of my favorite Krentz books. I lost my hard copy somewhere along the way and just bought the kindle version!

I really enjoyed this story.

I bought the abridged audio version of Eclipse Bay and I think it's a good book for a very light read. I actually listened to the other 2 books in the trilogy first and found that I only really liked Summer In Eclipse Bay. I agree with some other reviews that Hannah, one of the main characters was annoying and too preachy. There seemed to be only subtle hints that she liked Rafe, the other main character. Their romance felt pushed and strained. When Hannah and Rafe finally got together in

the middle of the novel, Hannah would have sex with Rafe, but always acted as if she didn't like him, was constantly pushing him away emotionally, she lectured him and then when he finally asks her to marry him, she claims that she loves him so much and wants to be with him forever...yadda,yadda,yadda... I felt like there just wasn't enough romance between Rafe and Hannah to actually lead to a marriage proposal. I also felt that the mystery aspect of the novel was a bit strained as well. However, I'm not giving up on JAK as there are so many books of hers that I do appreciate.

There's a reason Jayne Ann Krentz is one of my favorite authors - the characters are always likeable and flawed, and yet perfect for each other. This one happens to be one of hers that I go back to and re-read periodically, as Rafe and Hannah are two of my favorites. I also particularly love the family dynamics of this story!

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