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*A forced vacation on the beach. The man who broke her heart. A second chance at love.*

Rebecca Holiday's sisters force her to take a two-week vacation on the beach for some much needed rest, but then she runs into the man who broke her heart, the only man she's ever loved. When they decide to spend time together, it's supposed to be closure, but what they discover is a second chance at love.

## The Holiday Acres series

Stranded on the Beach (Book 1, Rebecca and Phil)

Stranded in the Snow (Book 2, Olivia and Scott, published in the Snowed in for Christmas anthology)

Stranded in the Woods (Book 3, Penny and Kent)

Stranded for Christmas (Book 4, Laura and Russ)

## Stranded on the Beach Details

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## From Reader Review Stranded on the Beach for online ebook

### Diana Reeves says

#### Sweet

Rebecca and Phil were once young lovers who's families grew together, their fathers were friends and business partners. One family flourished while the other struggled and it was found that Phil's family had been deceived by Rebecca's. It put a wedge between the families and Phil left Rebecca with a broken heart.

Seven years later, Rebecca's sisters held an intervention and insisted Rebecca take a two week vacation at a small little beach town. It turns out Phil lived and worked at the beach town. The sisters thought it would bring the couple "closure", instead it brought them together.

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### Maria Rose says

This is the first novella in a series of 4 about the Holiday sisters. They run a resort together called Holiday Acres that started as a Christmas tree farm by their father Jed and is now a thriving business that includes rental cottages, an event center and Christmas themed shop.

The Holidays had a falling out with the Matheson family and it caused a lot of pain for all of them, but especially for Rebecca Holiday who had been dating Phil Matheson. Phil and Rebecca had broken up, Phil left town and it's been seven years since the initial fallout. In that time the Holiday sisters had discovered it was their now deceased father who was at fault and had tried to make amends with the Mathesons, but the only one who'd taken them up on their offer was Russ, Phil's uncle who now works with them at Holiday Acres.

Rebecca is on a forced vacation, her sisters Olivia, Penny and Laura having dropped her off at a beachside town for 2 weeks of rest and relaxation. The death of her mother a few months prior to cancer and the constant stream of weddings at Holiday Acres has worn her out. She's thinking that maybe a vacation is a good idea when she runs into Phil who lives there. He's as shocked to see her as she is to see him, and the way they'd left things means there are hurt feelings on both sides. But closure to mend those wounds and move on with their lives sounds like a better deal than they've had to date. And when spending time together rekindles the good feelings they shared, will they discover that closure is the opposite of what they really want?

I really enjoyed this second chance romance! Noelle Adams writes likable characters who, like all of us, make rash decisions and then have to fix things. She also makes her characters empathetic so that you can see both sides of the story when it comes to a falling out.

For Phil, the scandal unfolding in his home town was too much for him and he'd left, hoping Rebecca would leave with him and hurt when she'd said no. Now they have the chance to hash out what really happened and Phil can see that he made a mistake in expecting Rebecca to choose him over her family. But he's still wary about getting too emotionally involved and risking his heart.

Phil's father might have been the wronged party in the family feud between the Mathesons and the Holidays

but he'd also been an emotionally controlling alcoholic and Phil had learned to keep his feelings under wraps. His relationship with his brothers Scott and Kent has also suffered. Having Rebecca back in his life forces him to look at how things are now and whether he's really happy away from his family who keep trying to entice him back into the fold.

Once they get over their initial awkwardness they remember what they liked about being together and with Rebecca on a two week holiday deadline they feel free to reconnect intimately in some sexy love scenes. It's Rebecca who realizes that she's fallen for Phil again but this time he'll have to step up if he wants to keep her. It's a lovely lighthearted romance with a happy ending, and I'm looking forward to seeing more of these two families as romance appears to be in the cards for more of their respective siblings!

This review also appears at Harlequin Junkie: <http://harlequinjunkie.com/review-str...>

Note: a copy of this story was provided by the author for review.

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### **Katja says**

Rebecca and Phil were teenage sweethearts but haven't seen each other for seven years because of a family feud. When she goes on holiday they finally meet again.

Nothing much happens but it's full of breathless emotion and I really loved it. I read it in one sitting which is pretty rare for me these days.

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### **Tirza says**

With this book, I just don't know. It was first released as a serial novel, but I didn't read it then, since the story just didn't really appeal to me. When it came out in book-form, I accepted the opportunity to review it from Ms. Adams.

But the series so far hasn't really been my thing.

This book is a bit too slow for me. It doesn't really have the light humor and sweet moments that I look for when reading Noelle Adams' books. The have their serious, heart-felt scenes, which are important, but this one was too heavy for me. Rebecca is not a character that I really liked. She tried very hard to be down-to-earth, but came across to me as a bit too silly and emotional, making a big thing out of everything Philip does when they reconnect.

Philip himself is also just not a guy I would like as a person. Show me a little backbone, but don't become embittered by an old grudge against an entire family. All in all, both of the main characters were a little too dramatic in my eyes.

I feel kind of bad by giving a negative review, since I like this author so much, but this one I just do not like.

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### **Jessica Wannamaker says**

Stranded on the beach I was lucky enough to receive the advance serial for in which each week a new chapter was released.

The youngest sister that takes care of everyone is being exiled into mandatory vacation- and it's not her first choice. It's a beach sure, but she's too busy to take that time to herself- that's why her family gamed up against her. What's even better is the first love she buried deep down resurrects when that very first love is in the exact small beach town....but will this be a problem or a mystery solved....

Let me tell you, I am a huge Noelle Adams fan and already this series has captured my attention. This book is a sweet reunion where a couple has to patch things up, recover, and move forward....maybe even move on, but only after they give closure for two weeks.

It's a sweet, cute, steamy hallmark sort of story, that makes you warm and fuzzy after you want to yell at them for not getting it together.

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### **Kim says**

I read this as a serial the author put out via email. Now it's available for free in eBook format.

It's a nice second chance romance with a likable hero and heroine. There isn't anything super memorable about it, but I like the author's writing style. She is an auto-buy for me.

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### **Lisa says**

Rebecca is the youngest of four girls and is always taking care of everyone but herself. So her sisters decide they are going to surprise her with a two week vacation. While there Rebecca happens to run into Phil, the ex boyfriend that broke her heart.

Phil left their hometown long ago. He could not take the drama anymore, but in the process of leaving the drama begins he also left his girlfriend Rebecca. Not many people knew where he was so he was shocked when he ran into Rebecca many years later.

I really enjoyed reading this story. I love the storyline and the characters. There was definitely a lot of romance in this book. I loved watching how they reconnected and even worked through their problems from the past rather than ignoring them. If I had to pick one thing I didn't care for in this book I would say the sex scenes were a bit much for my personal taste, but they were not bad and for me that did not take away from the story at all. I am excited to read more from this series. For me this series seems like it will be one of those series you fall in love with all the characters and don't want to end. It makes me wish for a real Holiday Acres I could visit.

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### **Sandra R says**

A nicely written second chance romance. Easy to read and engaging. ?

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### **Maree Repa says**

Five Amazing Stars

## Sisters and Friends

I was absolutely thrilled to receive book one, from the amazing Holiday Acres Series. Written by one of my favourite authors, Noelle Adams. Such a wonderful, most beautiful romance to enjoy!

Rebecca Holiday was just not pleased at all when her work insisted that she would have a holiday. The holiday home that was arranged for her by his older sister, Laura, Who is rather the bossiest person in the world. This extravagant beach house is situated on the shores of Virginia. Rebecca adored this beautiful house.

She was now expecting a birthday party for herself. Her sisters, realised that Rebecca was wearing herself out, decided to organise a holiday for her. She had spent more than a years taking care of their mother who had terminal cancer. Hopefully Rebecca finds romance along the way!

I simply adored this marvellous, most romantic tale. What a wonderful story of love and friendship. I completely adored the characters throughout. It was really enjoyable book!

Congratulations Noelle Adams!!

\* I recommend this book to everyone!!

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## **Emily (Mrs B's Books) says**

\*\*My thanks to the author for providing me with a free copy for an honest review\*\*

This is a second chance at love novella that happens when the couple meet up four years after they split up.

Rebecca has lost her father and six months ago she lost her mother, however she and her three sisters have been heading up the business, but the sisters felt that Rebecca needed a break and stand her in a house on the beach, only the sisters have something else planned too.

Phil left home four years a go as an angry boy and has been living a shell of a life until Rebecca turns up on the pier that he fishes on.

A chance at closure for the pair has them spending time together again, however they get more than they bargained for.

The novella is everything i have come to expect from this author, sweet, sexy and with an optimistic HEA with the start of getting to know at least two other the other sisters who will also get their own HEA.

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## **Ana Paula says**

Stranded on the Beach is the first book in the Holiday Acres series and it was a serial novel Noelle Adams wrote to her newsletter's subscribers last summer. The Holiday Acres will tell stories about two families that grow apart because of business decisions their fathers had and that changed all the way these people related. Rebecca and Philip were in love a few years back but since her father took his from the business, the families had a feud and they separated. It was not Rebecca and her sister's fault and once they discovered how wrong their father was they try to make it right. However, Phil and his brothers are having a hard time to forgive and move on. He isolated himself in a beach town trying to forget and move on with his life. Oddly this is the same city that Rebecca is "forced" to have a few days off on vacation. They reunite in an awkward kind of way and their love story is folded so beautifully in the hands of this author. She is generous enough to give us this story for free and it is so great to see these characters in this book. Give it a chance that you will love it!

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## **Carvanz says**

When Rebecca's sisters leave her stranded at a forced vacation on the beach, the last thing she thought would happen was she would run into Phil who had broken her young heart. There is a lot of history between their families and Phil's ultimate reaction to it had been to force her to make an impossible decision and then he just left. Now they have the opportunity to find closure and they begin to work toward that end. However, this closure is looking a lot like involvement and it's possible that Rebecca's heart is going to get broken all over again when her vacation is over.

This couple reunites with lots of anger and the story has a great enemies to lovers vibe going on. However, it doesn't take long for them to quickly move into a more comfortable position of friends. I enjoyed watching as they both struggled through their awkwardness at wanting more but knowing that wasn't what this was about.

Rebecca is a heroine who simply isn't sure what she wants out of life and I could actually understand her because not every woman is meant to have a power career. Some just want to be a wife and mother. It was really kind of nice watching her as she learned to reach for what she wanted. The fact that Phil was the one to help her do that reaching was awesome. He helped to direct her on that path and I do love a hero who recognizes what the heroine needs and sets out to do what they can to help her.

There is a bit of angst as they must once more face the past and their decisions from that time as well as the decisions they will make now. The pace of this book is very easy and it can be read within a short afternoon. Rebecca's and Phil's chemistry is quite sizzling and interestingly, it is Phil's additional determination that she take what she needs that helps to ignite the smexy scenes.

I am excited about what the rest of these sisters will face as they each find their heroes.

I voluntarily read and reviewed an advanced copy of this book. All thoughts and opinions are my own.

Dual POV

Safe (view spoiler)

Triggers (view spoiler)

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### **Joan says**

By page 5 of Stranded on the Beach I was thinking.. Okay....so your family dump you, alone, without phone, car, credit cards etc in a thwacking great house by yourself for a fortnight to help you relax? Really. I'd go effing insane!

And what a cruel thing to do to someone who is so emotionally and physically fragile that her family think she is in desperate need of a holiday.

What happens next is even worse in my opinion.

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### **Darcie says**

#### **Second chance love**

Oh I love a second chance at HEA so much. Phil and Rebecca's love for one another shown bright every time they were together, even when they didn't realize it or want to believe it. Watching them work through the past and compromise on what their life would be was amazing.

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### **Graylark says**

This was just ok.

Noelle Adams does the one-perspective romances beautifully, but the dual-perspective ones (alternating heroine and hero POVs every chapter) tend to be iffy. There's a lack of tension here as you know everything that's going on from both sides and there are no surprises.

The problem was kind of boringly solved. Hero had a problem, realized it, changed it. The end.

Nitpick: The word "closure" was said by or thought by the characters 47 times in this book. I was very tired of it by the dozenth time.

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