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The Beach House



Synopsis

The beach house is a peaceful haven, a place to escape everyday problems. Here, three families find their feelings intensified and their lives transformed each summer. When thirty-year-old Julia, mourning the death of her husband, decides to sell the Santa Cruz beach house they owned together, she sets in motion a final summer that will change the lives of all the families who rent it year after year. Teenaged Chris discovers the bittersweet joy of first love. Maggie and Joe, married sixty-five years, courageously face a separation that even their devotion cannot prevent. The married woman Peter yearns for suddenly comes within his reach. And Julia ultimately finds the strength to rebuild her life—something she once thought impossible. With equal measures of heartbreak and happiness, bestselling author Georgia Bockoven's unforgettable novel tells of the beauty of life and the power of love, and speaks to every woman who has ever clung to a child or loved a man.

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Customer Reviews

At one time I was an avid reader of romance books. But in the past few years I have found the only romance authors I continue to read are Nora Roberts and Barbara Delinsky. Then the other day

while weeding through some old books I came across *The Beach House* by Georgia Bockoven. This reminded me that some time ago I read one book by her, *Moments*, which I enjoyed. Thinking this was a good book for the summer, I decided to read it immediately. Unfortunately it didn't turn out to be even that worthwhile a beach read as I wasn't that impressed with this book. Every year three families rent a lovely beach house in Santa Cruz, California for one month each. It is tradition for the couples to spend the months of June, July and August swimming and sunning themselves and renewing old summer friendships and rituals. But this year may very well be the last one since the owner, a young woman has recently lost her husband and no longer has the heart to stay at the beach house during the other months without him. Once a source of great comfort for this couple, now the widow only feels terrible loneliness when she is at the house. But as fate would have it and this woman contemplates selling the house and trying to move on, she meets a new neighbor who may give her cause to reconsider selling. The book begins with the owner opening the house for the season and as each month begins we are introduced to each family unit -- a mother and son, an elderly couple and a middle aged couple. As their summer month we find out more about them and see how the month changes their lives immeasurably. But the stories failed to move me and I found one downright depressing and reminded me of the popular *Six Feet Under* cable show.

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