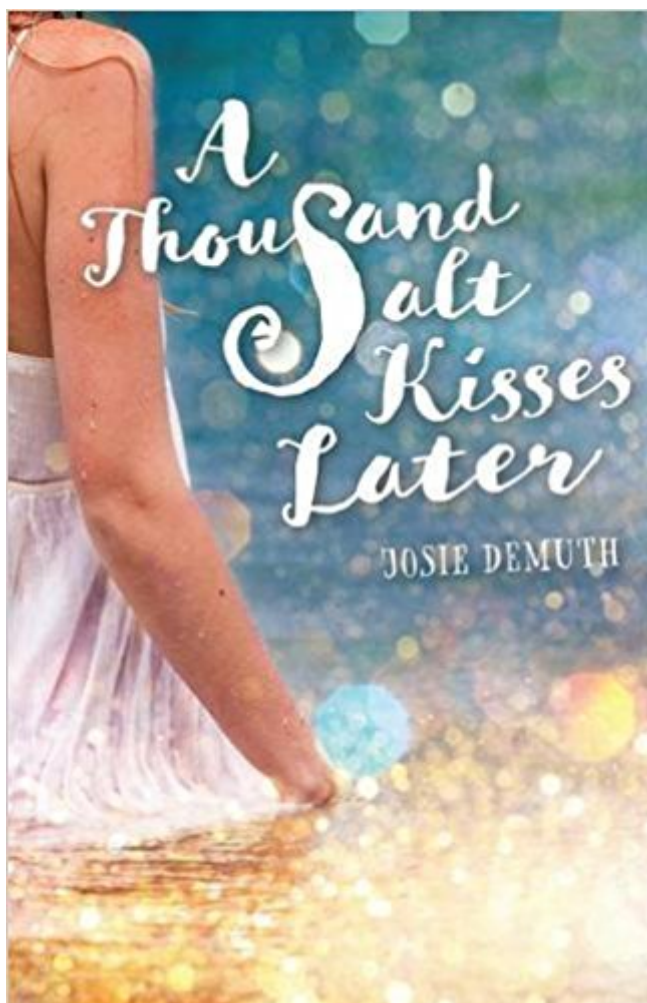


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A Thousand Salt Kisses Later (Volume 2)



Synopsis

The spellbinding sequel to *A Thousand Salt Kisses*. Four years ago, Crystal White fell in love with Llyr, a prince of the magical mer colony living off the coast of Starfish Island. For one summer, he enchanted her with stories of jeweled palaces and underwater gardens, but then he left, returning beneath the waves with her heart in tow. Now, graduated and with no job in sight, Crystal is forced to go back to the island she thought she had left in the past. By the sea again, she realizes she is far from over her first love, and when an opportunity arises to contact the merfolk, Crystal can't resist. Once more with the mer, Crystal is forced to come to terms with the fact that Llyr has moved on, and also with her own magical secret that has endangered her life, his throne, and every mer kingdom. Working against all odds, she has to try to save the people she has come to love and if she can rekindle the romance of her first summer on Starfish Island.

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Customer Reviews

I chose to read this e-book after receiving a free copy. All opinions in this review are my own and completely unbiased. *A Thousand Salt Kisses Later* is the sequel to *A Thousand Salt Kisses*. Crystal White has moved on from her summer of love with Llyr. At least she has tried to. She even stays away from home on Starfish Island so that she doesn't have to think about Llyr. Even though she's dating someone who is very nice and who loves her, he doesn't compare to Llyr. Josie Demuth's writing flows well and this is a quick and easy read. When I wrote the review of *A Thousand Salt Kisses*, I said the one thing I

missed in the book was a detailed description of Llyr's world because Crystal never got to see it. I got my wish in this book and I wasn't disappointed. Josie Demuth's descriptions of the kingdoms down below didn't disappoint. I could picture being there among the merfolk. The characters and their relationships are much more believable than in the first book. Crystal's relationship with Sam, her boyfriend in London, is one-sided and she realizes that she's not being fair to him. I thought it was funny that the one girl who hated Crystal at the beginning of the first book is now her best friend. Even though funny, it is something that often happens. I enjoyed the merfolk, the characters were unique. I did find the relationship between Crystal and Spirit a bit odd, but it did help move the plot along. I liked this book more than the first one. It had more fantasy and drama. It's definitely a book to check out if you enjoy young adult fantasy.

First, I received this book in exchange for an honest review. I did not realize this book was a sequel, but that makes more sense. It would be valuable to read "A Thousand Salt Kisses" before embarking on this installment. Overall, this book was a light read. Without having read the first book, I felt a little lost and that Crystal was not fully developed. I'm going to give a benefit of the doubt that the first book develops Crystal's character and fills in any gaps that I experienced. I thought the book was enjoyable, but could have been better developed overall. The main character (Crystal) didn't really grasp my interest. Will you like this book? If you want light, easy to read, and enjoy merpeople then this is a read for you. If you're looking for something more like Mary Janice Davidson and her mermaid books then no.

Four years after her intense summer romance on Starfish Island with merman Llyr, Crystal White has graduated university in London and is left jobless, homeless and boyfriend-less after her break-up with university boyfriend, Sam. With nowhere else to go, Crystal heads back to Starfish Island. Immediately, her feelings for Llyr resurface, even though she knows that their love is impossible. When an opportunity arises to meet with Llyr, Crystal jumps at the chance. However, when she goes to meet him Crystal not only finds that Llyr is engaged to Princess Kara of the Timsah Kingdom, but that she has found some magic of her own that might upset all of the mer-kingdoms. After finishing the first book, *A Thousand Salt Kisses*, I was really left wondering what will happen with Crystal and Llyr in *A Thousand Salt Kisses Later*. Well, I was not let down. First, I was very happy that this is set four years after the first book; this let Crystal mature a bit and have a relationship that was not with a merman. Also, after four years away, if Crystal and Llyr still have

feelings for one another, it is definitely more than a summer romance. I also liked the elements of magic that were introduced, the title is explained, though Crystal's magic spell is quite a surprise! I also wasn't quite sure if I liked the way that she had to reverse it. Anyway, I'm very glad that more of the mermaid kingdoms were explored; they all seemed beautiful, as well as mermaid customs and how exactly they clothed themselves, drank, ate and danced. The conflict that was introduced with the Timsah Kingdom was interesting, a little bit a dark magic that still needs to be explored more. Also, it seems that it was resolved a little too easily for now. There was not as much focus on romance in this book, which was alright with me, and there was almost a love triangle, which hopefully is resolved as well. Overall, a nice follow up for this fantasy merman.

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