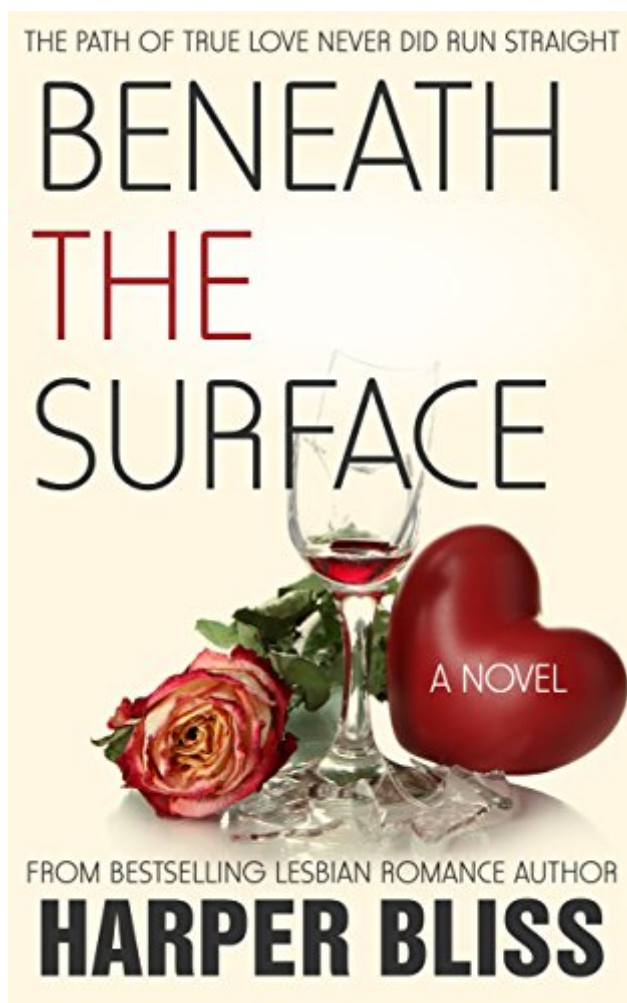




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Beneath The Surface (Pink Bean Series Book 2)



Synopsis

The path of true love never did run straight. Twenty years ago, Kristin Park and Sheryl Johnson were brought together by wine. Is wine also what will tear them apart today? Beneath the Surface goes back in time to the moment Kristin and Sheryl first meet, and offers a revelatory glimpse into the ups and downs of their seemingly perfect relationship. Grab a cup of coffee--or a glass of wine--and find out what really happens behind the closed doors of The Pink Bean. Don't miss this brand new instalment, and origin story, of best-selling lesbian romance author Harper Bliss's much-loved Pink Bean series. Every book in this series can be read as a stand-alone without having read the other instalments.

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Customer Reviews

Although I really enjoyed NO STRINGS ATTACHED, this second book in the series touched on deeper issues and a deeper love between a couple over the span of nearly two decades as opposed to a couple falling in love, the end. The way these two women remained committed to their relationship through both good times and bad as they both changed over the years was

heart-warming. Although they faced different issues, this story reminded me of one of my favorites by Georgia Beers, OLIVE OIL AND WHITE BREAD. It too told the story of the relationship between two women over the span of a couple decades and how their love endured the ups and downs they encountered. I find much more substance to these stories than those that fit a typical recipe of women meeting, fighting their attraction for each other and then giving in to live happily ever after. Well done once again, Harper. I look forward to the third installment.

As time passes, I have learned to expect more from Harper Bliss's stories; and she never disappoints me. It took me a bit to want to read *Beneath the Surface*, because the topic touches too close for comfort. However, once I started reading, as always happens with Harper's books, I couldn't put it down. Considering she writes fictional lesbian love stories, the artful way she gives each character the opportunity to display their passions, but also their emotional baggage and hopes for the future, can feel very real. This love story between Kristin and Sheryl is a good example of such art. The story of Kristin and Sheryl transcends time and overcomes weaknesses, making stronger their commitment to each other and the love they share. It is a tale of hope, love and waking up to a reality that can break the spirits of those struggling and their loved ones. The story shows how love can bring strength to those who feel weak and abandoned to their despair. Fiction or not, this story reminded me that real love can be enough to make us want to be better for another person. In comparison to *No Strings Attached*, the 1st book of this series, the topic in *Beneath the Surface* can be considered on the darker side, but not less appealing. The story is well written and developed in three stages, giving the readers the opportunity to understand how fear becomes addiction and acceptance becomes hope. I hope you enjoy this book as much as I did.

Beneath the Surface by Harper Bliss is a deeply moving romance novel about true love, the kind of love that even in the direst of circumstances gives the support a loved one needs. Harper takes us back in time when Kristin Park and Sheryl Johnson first meet twenty years ago up until the present day. She takes us, yet again, on a journey full of emotions, through good times and bad and captures the characters feelings perfectly. It's a journey filled with despair, sacrifices, hope and unconditional love to happily ever after, stories that Harper writes so well. *Beneath the Surface* is the second book in The Pink Bean Series, set in and around a coffee shop in Sydney Australia. You can read this second book in the series as a standalone book without any issues. The minor characters from one book are featured in the next one and their stories are brought to life. The first one in the series *No Strings Attached* is a brilliant coming-out-later-in-life romance novel. Harper

Bliss writes excellent romances. They draw you in, engage your mind and capture your heart. Well written, well-paced and with an excellent balance of internal monologue, dialogue, and sexual encounter, this will definitely be on my re-reading pile. On a final note, as with any book published by Harper Bliss and Ladylit Publishing, this book is of an exceptionally high quality.

What an excellent story! A long time ago in the early 60s there was a Jack Lemon Lee Remick movie titled *The Days Of Wine And Roses*. This story reminded me so much of that movie. This was a love story between Kristin and Sheryl that transcended a span of 20 years from the start of their love to the middle when they started struggling with the relationship and what it was doing to Sheryl and Kristin emotionally and finally to the present when their love for each other helped them overcome the tragedy of addiction/alcoholism. It was a very dark story but told with a lot of love and positivity through the very end. I would have to say that this is one of Harper Bliss's best book ever. Well done!

Harper (author) gives us two characters clearly meant to be together - Kristin & Sheryl - and maps a course of their long-term romance that demonstrates that demons and hope both can play a role to enable lovers to experience love and even sorrow. We peek into the lives of these realistic characters and watch them battle through pain, expectations, despair, joy and commitment to each other. Countless times, I imagined myself sitting in a spot in the booth of *The Pink Bean* observing all of the scenes unfold. A very good f/f romance -- I cannot wait until book 3 of the series from Harper.

Alcoholism is not an easy habit or addiction to get away from, however, curable. Again another story I can identify myself with. Many people are not Kristin who tolerated Sheryl drinking problem. Personally, I got an ultimatum, "booze or me". Well I am alcohol free for over 11 years. Looking forward to part three, will it be Josephine or Amber? The book made a deep impression as far as the difference between feminist and lesbian. No difference. Lovely story, highly recommend it. Learning from other cultures is always interesting.

I have been waiting for this book, since I finished the first one. I truly enjoyed understanding and seeing where the *Pink Bean* owners Kristin and Sheryl had journeyed. This was a bit darker intone, but a wonderfully written story, with the hurdles of life and how certain decisions affect us deeply and how no matter our bad decisions we can always find the light at the end of tunnel that helps us

realize we can find our way back with the help of our loved ones. I can't wait for the next part in the series. Loved this book!!!!!!

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