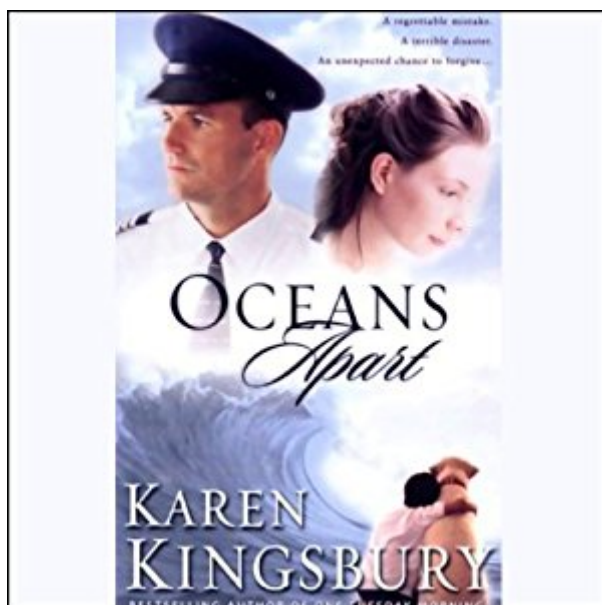


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# Oceans Apart



## Synopsis

A riveting story of secret sin and the healing power of forgiveness. Airline pilot Connor Evans and his wife, Michele, seem to be the perfect couple living what looks like a perfect life. Then a plane goes down in the Pacific Ocean. One of the casualties is Kiahna Siefert, a flight attendant Connor knew well. Too well. Kiahna's will is very clear: before her seven-year-old son, Max, can be turned over to the state, he must spend the summer with the father he's never met, the father who doesn't know he exists: Connor Evans. Now will the presence of one lonely child and the truth he represents destroy Connor's family? Or is it possible that healing and hope might come in the shape of a seven-year-old boy? This title is also available as an unabridged Audio Pages CD. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

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## Customer Reviews

at a HUGE disappointment. The author spent so much time trying to make the husband (and mistress) sympathetic, she forgot to make him repentant! I spent the whole book waiting for him to see the devastating impact of his sin, but I waited in vain. Especially as the author seemed to be working just as hard to portray a reality in which there were none. She couldn't seem to make up her mind about which petty excuse would get the reader to accept this philanderer. Was it "I thought it was my wife" excuse? Or the "thrown together by circumstances but I wasn't really attracted to her" excuse? The "he really loved her (but apparently only for one night) excuse that both he and the wife tell the kids? or the one I found to be the most disturbing....the subtle but eerie unspoken

implication tht God somehow WANTED and willed this to happen...? That one was just creepy!!! It would have been better to leave him unlikeable but RESTORED. the way she does in her other series, REDEMPTIONIn the end, everyone paid the consequences for the husband's sin but him; and everyone repented and made peace with God but him. His only time of sorrow was spent moping that he can't have His way in keeping his "boy

Karen Kingsbury is one of my favorite writers. Oceans Apart deals with a real life problem which is too prevalent today. Readers will be reminded that God forgives and sets the example for each of us and that for love to exist, we have to forgive. The story is believable and the characters have depth. I was also able to relate to the description of depression and the problems it can create for the depressed person and those who love the depressed.

My ReviewKaren Kingsbury always has a way of taking relevant issues and building stories that make you think. This book, Oceans Apart was no exception. From the moment I opened this book, I knew it was going to be a special story. I was right! To take such an issue as infidelity and it's consequences, and weave a story of redemption and grace, just wow!!!The main character's Connor and Max, had no idea of the existence of each other. Connor's marriage was the picture of perfection, until tragic circumstances caused his world to collide with Max's. The heartbreak of infidelity combined with the very visible consequences in the form of a child, brought Connor to his knees. Not only that, his wife had to examine herself and make some difficult choices regarding the future. In the end, God's grace and mercy allowed the entire family to work through the difficulty and come out on the other side whole and restored.From a Christian PerspectiveThere's not much more that I can say other than what the author portrays in the book. We will face many difficult situations in life. We have a choice to face them with God's grace or try to solve them through our own understanding. A verse that is repeated throughout the book is Isaiah 55:8 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD." This pretty much sums it up. Either we are going to trust His ways or we are going to fail using our ways.

I loved this book. So many times I've had the feelings that Kiahna had before boarding her flight. Most of the time I've learned that they were telling me something. I felt so bad for Max. He was only a child and didn't understand so much about life. His mom adored him more than life. God had a plan for Max though to fulfill his life completely. There were times when I was so angry at Michele I had to put the book down. It's only because I've forgiven much more in my life than what she had to

endure. She was being so selfish. She didn't want to know anything but her hurt feelings. Naturally she came around and Connor and the girls got their brother and Max could keep his beloved dog. It truly is a book of forgiveness. I learned a lot about myself.....I am very forgiving and I'm so happy I have that ability. This was a wonderful book and I wanted to learn more about Connor and his new son.....this book could go on to a second book.

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