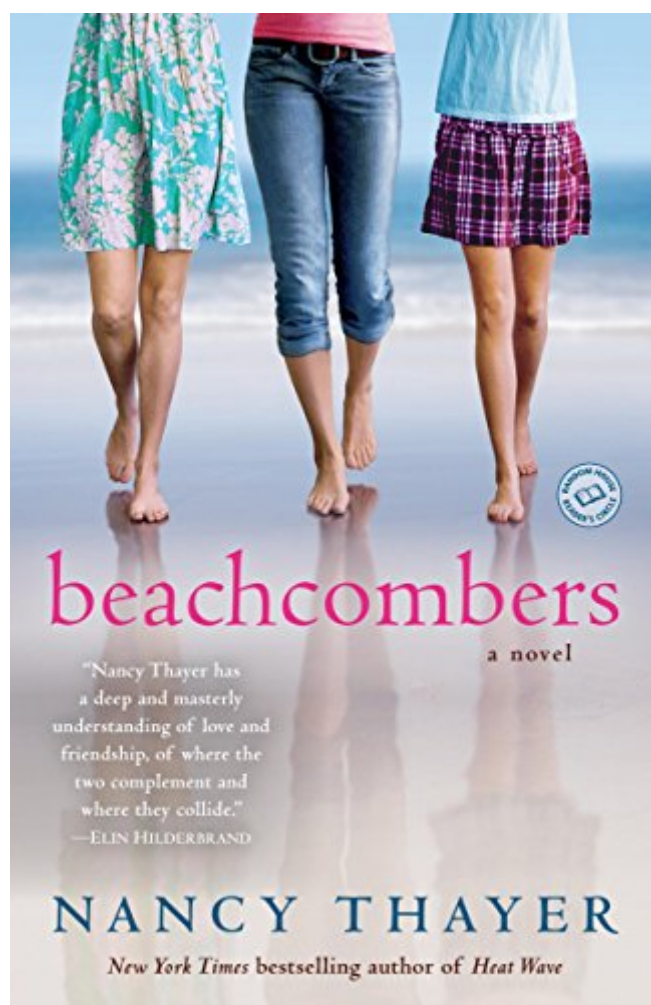


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Synopsis

BONUS: This edition contains a Beachcombers discussion guide and an excerpt from Nancy Thayer's *Heat Wave*. Abbie Fox hasn't seen her father or two younger sisters in almost two years. But now Lily, the baby of the family, is sending Abbie urgent emails begging her to return home. Their middle sister, Emma, has taken to her bed, devastated after losing her high-powered job and breaking up with her fiancé. Also, Lily is worried that the beautiful, enigmatic woman renting their guesthouse has set her sights on their widowed father. The Fox sisters closed ranks years ago after the haunting, untimely death of their mother, but seeing their dad move on with his life forces each of them to take stock. Over the course of the summer, the sisters' lives grow as turbulent as the unpredictable currents off the New England coast: Abbie breaks her own rules in the name of love, type-A Emma learns a new definition of success, and strong-minded Lily must reconcile her dreams with reality. At summer's end, these unforgettable women will face profound choices and undergo personal transformations that will surprise even themselves.

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Beachcombers is the story of three sisters- Abbie, Emma and Lily- from the island of Nantucket.

Following the sudden death of their mother when they were young, Abbie stepped up to help her father, Jim, by becoming the mother of the family. Abbie spent the majority of her teenage years and early twenties taking care of her younger sisters, so when the opportunity arose for her to be a nanny for a wealthy family and travel with them- she took it. After college, Emma landed a great job in a big city, making great money. In the blink of an eye, though, she loses it all- her job, the money she was saving to help her family, her fiancé- who left her for another woman. Suddenly Emma finds herself back on "the island" (as locals call Nantucket) with no idea how to start over. Lily, the baby of the family was gorgeous with an awesome personality to boot. Since she was only seven when her mother passed away, Lily was used to being babied. Unlike her sisters, Lily returned to the island after college and helped her father run the home. Secretly, though, Lily longed for something more- something beyond the island. Marina was a very successful business woman, who built her company from the ground up with her husband. They lived a lavish and successful life and were completely happy- except for one thing- Marina couldn't have a baby. So when her husband surprises her one day by telling her that he's leaving her for her best friend- Dara- who was also pregnant. Marina finds herself getting divorced, selling her 1/2 of the business she helped build and running as far away as she can... and she ends up on the island looking for a way to heal from her hurt. She ends up renting a place to live from Jim Fox, the father to all three girls mentioned above.

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