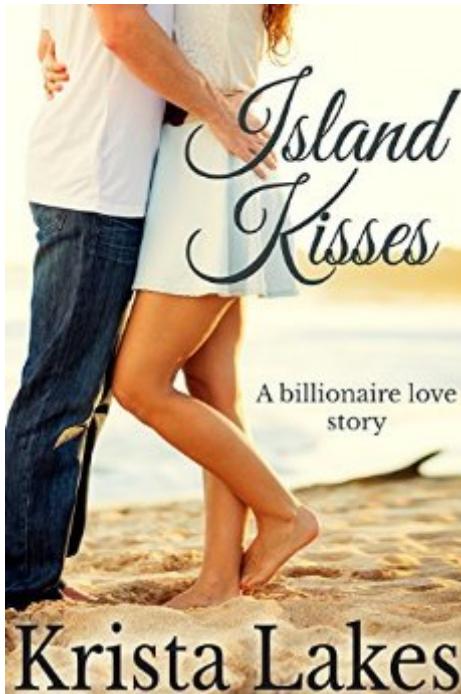


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# Island Kisses: A Billionaire Love Story (The Kisses Series Book 9)



## Synopsis

After hundreds of catastrophic dates, she never expected to find love. Harper Thomas loves bad dates. She goes on hundreds of them a year, and then blogs about them online to make her living. When her sister signs her up for a new dating service, Harper's not expecting to find anything other than more ridiculous men. She certainly isn't planning to meet him... Gabe Honors is one of the billionaire owners of Kindling Dating. He also happens to be Miami's most eligible bachelor, but his search for love has never been successful. That is, until he decided to use his own dating service. The first time he meets Harper, he knew that she was the one. However, in order to make sure that it really was love, he kept his identity a secret. He soon finds out, secrets never mix well with love... Can a billionaire CEO finally stump this bad-date-blogger? Can Harper look past the money and find the man? Or will they only be left with memories of their island kisses? Island Kisses is the ninth book in a series of standalone billionaire romances. If you like sweet stories on the beach, then you'll love this story of a regular girl and a handsome stranger falling in love.

Gabe faced me, placing his hands on my sides. "This was fun," he said. "Yes. So much fun." I agreed. "Thank you so much for today." The streetlights lit up his happy grin. It was infectious when he smiled like that. "Can I see you again soon?" he asked, his voice cracking slightly at the end. Are you freaking kidding me? Yes! Of course you can! Call me every day! Let's go out tomorrow, I thought. "Yeah, I think that'd be okay," I said calmly, doing my best to hold back my enthusiasm. Inside, I was doing cartwheels and happy dances. "Perfect." He paused for a moment, but didn't move. "Well, have a good night. I'll see you soon." "Goodnight," I replied. I didn't move either. My heart hammered in my chest and I wondered just how pink my cheeks had to be. I was having a hard time breathing I was so nervous and excited for this moment. Gabe leaned in. He didn't kiss my cheek this time, though, he brought his lips straight to mine. A burst of electricity filled the air, exploding all around us. His kiss took my breath away and my knees went weak. I brought my hands to his shoulders and pulled myself closer to him. I had one hand around the back of his neck and the other on his cheek, feeling his stubble as it grazed my fingertips. Gabe slowly pulled away, looking at me with those beautiful green eyes. Then he kissed me again, this time with even more passion. A soft moan escaped my throat as he pulled my body against his. Our lips parted and our tongues dashed in and out of each other's mouths, filling me from head to toe with a tingling sensation. My heart was beating quickly now, filled with eagerness and lust. Every emotion and desire of the evening flowed through me. My hands moved across his face, pulling him as closely as possible. It was like I couldn't get enough of him. I had spent so much time on bad dates and in bad relationships, and this one kiss was breaking the dam,

allowing all of my passion to flow out of me. I could have kissed him like this for hours. Days. Months. I could have kissed him like this forever and never have grown tired of it. But, we had to come up for air eventually. Gabe slowly broke our kiss. I was practically panting and beyond turned on. If we hadn't been out in the parking lot, I'd probably have ripped off his clothes right there. "That might have been the best goodnight kiss I've ever had," he whispered... For a limited time, enjoy a bonus novel, Freshwater Kisses!

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## **Customer Reviews**

I have read all of the Kisses Series. They are each stand alone books, with occasional references to characters in the other books. I cannot wait for the next one to come out. In this book Harper, an online blogger, and Gabe, the co-owner of a very successful online dating website, meet in an unusual way. Harper had a negative outlook as to ever finding a good date, in fact she looked for bad dates for her blog posting. So her sister signed her up on an online dating site to hopefully get her into good dating instead of the continual bad dating pattern she was in. Rosie and Thomas filled out Harper's profile without Harper's knowledge. Harper was not happy about that when she found out, but the date that came about because of it was completely unexpected. Both loved football, the

very same team even, they loved the ocean, and the rain. After the first date, she couldn't wait for the second, neither could Gabe. Everything was going really good, then they hit a rock in the road that threatened the hot relationship they had. Read this book and find out how an imaginary date that Harper made up brought them back together. As always, Krista's books make you feel like you are part of the story, both romantically and all the ups and downs that are encountered throughout the story. Once you start reading, you cannot put it down until you have finished it. It's hot outside, and this romance certainly didn't lower the temperature. Hurry and publish the next Kisses, I certainly am looking forward to it.

I have read a few other books from this series, and they all left me feeling the same way this particular book did. It was a sweet story, but it felt like it was lacking some things. The storyline was entertaining, but we get hardly any background at all on any of the characters, so it is hard to figure out why they react to certain situations like they do. I felt like Harper was very cynical, which her family calls her out on, but we don't know why she is so cynical and she never really tries to break the mold she has made of herself. Even when she starts to really like Gabe, her inner voice still isn't what you would expect in a true to life situation. It isn't bad, but it leaves a lot of questions of "why is this an issue?". Also, the big fight Harper and Gabe had that broke them up was just blown way out of proportion, and honestly felt like it was only put there for the purposes of adding drama to the story line. A little communication would have cleared it up right away, but instead the story was taken way into another direction. Basically, the story is sugary sweet, with a little drama, a very small sex scene, and a happy ending. It is a good book to read if you are looking for a low angst romance, but it isn't a real in depth look into the characters lives. I received an arc in exchange for an honest review.

This is book 9 in this wonderful love story series. This is a book about Gabe and Harper. If you like a sweet and funny romance this book is for you... If you like your romance, and the hot and like the sparks fly between the two this book is for you.... If you have read any of the previous books this is for you... What is great about this series, is all the books are standalone's but that are still a really great read... I did receive this book in exchange for a honest review. However I Loved it so much, I bought my own copy..... You should too...

I didn't realize that this was a series and I'm Thankful they can be read individually. I have to say it was an easy read and entertaining. Harper is freelance writer and she decides to write about her

"bad" dates to make a living. Until her sister does something we all wish family members would do and that is stay out of my personal life. So just to appease her sister she follows through with it and meets Gabe who happens to be a dream come true for her. There is trust issues between both of them and eventually it comes back on them, but can they overcome it to move on? I just wished I could hear it from his POV. I wanted to hear his thoughts about everything that was going on with them. This was a first for me and I will definitely continue with her other books.

I did not enjoy this book. I have loved this series, but this one was awful. I do not like Harper, even a little. There was way too much internal dialog, repetitive thoughts that were bad the first time. I did not need to read them over and over. Harper was so self absorbed. It was perfectly fine for her to lie to Gabe about a couple of big things, but the fact he told her what he did for a living, just not the name of the company, was a complete deal breaker for her? Really? I would not recommend this book. We never truly get to know Gabe, and Harper was not worth knowing.

I read several of the original Krista Lakes billionaire books and fell in love with them. The first several in the original series were great. But it now seems as though she is not really trying or someone else is writing these using her name as the quality is just not there. This story, about a blogger who is set up with the founder of a dating website, had a decent premise, but like the book before it, it's filled with fluff trying to drag it out to the 50% mark (where it ends...luckily I read it with Kindle Unlimited, but beware if you are purchasing it!) It has silly substitutions in it, like the famous quarterback of the football team the watch (and meet) is Peyton Boyton instead of Peyton Manning (get it? "Boy" vs "Man"? Dumb) There are also a ridiculous amount of typos which drives me crazy (short trip) in a book by an author when it's the 5th or 6th book (or more!) that they've written. I'm more than willing to cut someone slack when they are starting out but in a series of books this far down the line? Shouldn't there be a pretty great proofreader hired by this point? (There was even a point where the name of the baby changed from one page to the next! And Brian was "Brain.") I think I've reached the end of the line with my KL books. Now that all of Jack and Emma's friends have been married off, I think the stories have run their course.

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