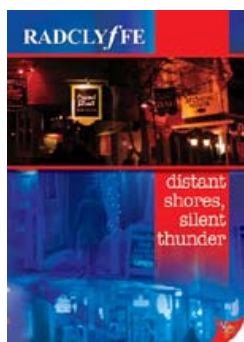


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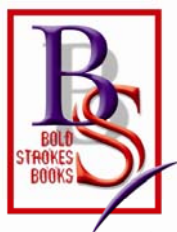
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Dr. KT O'Bannon is at the top of her game. Although few women can resist the attractive doctor's charms, surgery is the overriding passion in her life. She thrives on the adrenalin surge from the life and death drama of the ER. In a split second, a near lethal knife attack leaves the surgeon facing an uncertain future. Bereft of her *raison d'etre*, KT grows despondent as she faces inactivity and a slow, arduous recovery. In desperation, she approaches her former lover for a job. The request creates a dilemma for Dr. Victoria King who has not forgiven KT for betraying her. Underneath the layers of anger and pain, Tory still cares for KT. Should she help her ex-lover and risk jeopardizing her current relationship? Will Tory's partner, Reese Conlon, trust her to work together with the woman she once loved?

Distance Shores, Silent Thunder is the third novel in the Provincetown series which includes *Safe Harbor* and *Beyond the Breakwater*. Radclyffe weaves an intricate tapestry about passion and commitment between lovers. The story explores the fragile nature of trust and the sanctuary provided by loving relationships. This novel epitomizes Radclyffe's unparalleled skill as a leading author of torrid lesbian romance.

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Radclyffe has created the third novel in her Provincetown Tales series with the publication of *Distant Shores, Silent Thunder*. Sheriff Reese Conlon and her partner, Dr. Tory King are adjusting to domesticity and the challenges of raising their daughter Reggie. In fact, they have never been happier. The raucous summer season is winding down in Provincetown, and all are looking forward to the slower pace that the decreased demands the off-season afford police and medical personnel. However, Dr. KT O'Bannon, Tory's ex-lover and prominent trauma surgeon has reached a crisis in her life more devastating than her break-up with Tory. Now she must call upon Tory for the favor of a lifetime. Another returning character is young deputy Bri Parker who is dealing with her lover Caroline's absence while trying to contain her fellow officer Allie Tremont's interest in their being more than just colleagues. All comes to a head with the discovery of an overdosed teenaged boy in a parked car on the side of the road, and more startling, a dead teenaged girl in the brush area near the vehicle. Soon the various characters will intersect and create a multitude of situations which, for better or worse, will affect the lives of all concerned.

A hallmark of Radclyffe's writing is her uncanny and consistent ability to create captivating and authentic characters who, at the same time, are steadily evolving and displaying different aspects of their personalities and lives - just like real people who experience life changes. No super heroes here, just ordinary folk going about the daily business of living and coping with the curves thrown. In this novel, the reader is given more insight into the brash surgeon and unfaithful lover, KT O'Bannon. An unexpected career change has caused her to re-evaluate both her professional future and her character flaws. The introduction of the highly likable Pia Torres as KT's physical therapist serves as the catalyst for KT's introspection. Pia is a woman with whom the reader can instantly connect. An attractive, sensitive, and successful young woman, Pia knows exactly what she wants for her life and is not willing to compromise her ideals or goals no matter how sorely tempted she may be at times. Another character worthy of interest is the injured boy's attorney, Trey Pelosi. Here we have a highly competent and successful professional woman. Her dry wit and legal maneuverings make for an ideal sparring partner for Sheriff Reese Conlon. They have assessed each other through skillful observation and terse comments, and each sees in the other a talented adversary. There is certainly a degree of cockiness to Trey, but the reader cannot help but grin when Trey audaciously manages to outmaneuver Reese at each turn. "Why do I think you're over-qualified for your job and probably wasted out here in the middle of nowhere (p. 288)"? Although Trey's presence in the novel is in a supporting role, similar to any great character actor in a film, when Trey is onstage, she grabs the reader and the spotlight in a most delightful and exhilarating style; this leaves the reader unequivocally wanting so much more.

When writing more than two novels revolving around the same main characters, how does an author keep it fresh, vibrant, and absorbing? As Radclyffe's novel once again proves, this is accomplished by creating and introducing compelling new characters, developing intriguing pacing and original plotting, and taking pre-existing secondary characters and creating new conflicts for them. The care exhibited in crafting this latest installment is evidenced in the subtleties of the prose, the nuances of body language, and the genuine understanding of the more things change, the more they remain the same. It offers another enjoyable snapshot of life and love in that seaside community. *Distant Shores, Silent Thunder* is a thoroughly rewarding and winning reading experience.

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In this third book in the “Provincetown Series” (after *SAFE HARBOR* and *BEYOND THE BREAKWATER*), Reese Conlon and Tory King are back. Their romance, begun early in the series, has settled into a solid day-to-day life with their new baby. Tory, a doctor, is nearly ready to go back to work at the clinic, and Reese has continued to work in town in her capacity as deputy sheriff. But their lives are about to be upset by the return of Tory’s ex, KT O’Bannon. Tory has effectively shut out memories of KT, but when her ex shows up, Reese and Tory’s lives are shaken up in a big way.

But Reese and Tory are only a part of the novel. This multi-plot story connects and examines the lives of a delightful group of women living in Provincetown including Bri Parker, a rookie deputy and recurring character. Bri is lonely for her girlfriend, Carolyn, who is out of the country studying art for a year in Europe. Bri’s continued learning process as well as the relationship she has with cute fellow officer Allie comes into play as the death of a young girl in the dunes is investigated. Also important is Pia Torres, a physical therapist. She’s a woman not willing to trifle with others. She’s looking for a “forever” soul-mate and would rather live her life without a partner than accept anyone who gives her less than one hundred percent.

At the heart of the story is the journey KT must take toward wholeness and a new way of living her life. Will she be able to make peace with Tory? Will she continue with her Casanova ways? Or does she want something more in her life? Unexpected attractions flare for KT, and she doesn’t know how to handle them or the limitations with which she’s faced. KT’s plotline is compelling and angst-filled, and her emotional journey forms the heart of the book.

Simmering in the background is illegal activity and a drug distributor who may go to desperate lengths to protect himself, which could put both civilians and deputies in danger. All of this, against the backdrop of the beauty of the eastern coast, makes for a compelling and immensely satisfying novel, finely crafted and perfectly integrated. Storylines and questions hinted at in the previous two novels are all sewn up here. Radclyffe can close out the Provincetown series with this third and masterfully written novel—or she can easily go on with any number of sequels about the lives of these fascinating people who live, work, and love in Provincetown.

-Lori L. Lake, author of *Have Gun We’ll Travel*

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If there were ever a series that created a yearning to visit a particular peninsula in Massachusetts if only to catch a glimpse of Sheriff Reese Conlon, her loving partner, Dr. Tory King, Rookie Officer Bri Parker, and now Dr. KT O'Bannon, and Pia Torres, PT, OT, CMT, then Radclyffe's *Distant Shores, Silent Thunder* will clinch it. After being immersed in the first two novels, *Safe Harbor*, and *Beyond the Breakwater*, and the fourth in the best-selling Provincetown series **Storms of Change**, one can only hope that Radclyffe never tires of writing about these characters because readers will never tire of reading about them. It's not easy to keep a series fresh, but Radclyffe is proficient at bringing in new blood while keeping us abreast of old favorites, to satisfy and yet fuel the insatiable hunger for the ultimate escapism of getting lost in a book.

What endears Radclyffe to her followers goes beyond telling an exciting story in a great setting and tapping into all aspects of human nature. The award-winning author has her fans eating out of her skillful hands by giving them characters who are so real it's either impossible not to search every cruiser or bike for Reese and Bri or to hope if you ever need a doctor in an emergency that Tory or KT will come to the rescue. If you enjoy witnessing the mending of a broken heart and spirit, falling in love, or aspire to having forever with one special person, you will love *Distant Shores, Silent Thunder*. Radclyffe eloquently puts into words what it feels like when a woman loves another woman with her body, heart, and soul, and it's riveting.

Distant Shores, Silent Thunder takes us on the tumultuous journey of a woman when her career and confidence are shaken for the first time and redeems her in every way possible. It is easy to forgive Tory's ex-lover, Dr. KT O'Bannon, and her past transgressions because Radclyffe has us falling in love with her transformation. Fate has landed the surgeon a low blow but in the process has taught her what's important in life. KT meets a therapist who not only helps restore the use of her hand, but who restores faith in matters of the heart. KT and Pia are perfect together and as far as love interests go, it's a match made in heaven, but can heaven really be found on Earth?

Whether the scene is between Reese and Tory, Bri and Allie, or KT and Pia, Radclyffe keeps the pace fluid while doing each couple justice. It's wonderful to follow Reese and Tory's pre-marital bliss with baby Regina. Even when Reese's oft-dangerous job and other threats loom on the horizon, the couple's relationship remains solid. Bri shows great promise as an officer and Reese is very proud of her, while Reese is Bri's hero and mentor. Bri's character is put to the test in more ways than one. Is Bri strong enough to remain faithful to her lover studying art abroad in the face of stiff competition by a persistent, desirable fellow officer Allie? Then there is the pleasure of rooting for KT and Pia and hoping they will have their ever after. Further keeping the interest for continual sequels, new characters are always popping up as well, and Counselor Trey Pelosi shows great promise of future story lines.

Few authors write medical drama better than those who have lived it. Radclyffe's medical expertise enhances the clinical scenes dramatically but her writing is never condescending or over-the-top. There is that perfect balance so that everyone can enjoy and understand what's going on. She also writes police procedurals with the same flourish. It is no surprise that *Distant Shores, Silent Thunder* was awarded a 2005 Lammy and was a Goldie finalist in the Romance category. *Storms of Change* continues the saga and is touted as being Radclyffe's best work to date. This reviewer thinks that every work is her best, only it just keeps getting better.

Romance is a leading seller in fiction and Radclyffe has yearning, love, sex, and satisfaction down to an art. *Distant Shores, Silent Thunder* earns five plus stars and is one of those books you can read more than once and enjoy it more each time.

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