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From Brilliance Audio on MP3-CD : Whiskey Beach before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Whiskey Beach:

581 of 614 people found the following review helpful. Running out of ideas?By Paper or KindleNora Roberts (and her alter ego J.D. Robb) are auto-buys for me, but she isn't always on top of her game, and here she bobbles the ball. From the very first pages, I was disappointed. First - though this would probably be the least of the problems for the average reader - there wasn't enough editing. I've noticed this over the past couple of years, and it may be due to churning out too many books on schedule. Ms. Roberts claims to write all her own books. Now consider that she produces two mysteries, one romantic suspense, and at least one novella each year. That's a pretty tight schedule and doesn't leave much room for the edits and rewrites that books are subject to. In this book, it's noticeable that "filler" words are used multiple times in a paragraph, and descriptive passages seem retreads from previous books. Second, the setting and some plot points are definitely reruns. Old family house on a hill/bluff/cliff overlooking the water? Try her MacGregor series, Calhoun series, Three Sisters Island series. Old family house with a secret treasure? Yup, back to the Calhoun series. Third, how about the characters? Abra is one of the author's stock types, an all-competent, nurturing free spirit. She's a yoga instructor, a housekeeper, a good cook, a shoulder to lean on. The wounded hero? Eli is rather weaker than most, and the interaction between him and Abra is more therapeutic than romantic. The ending is strangely flat and some of it is frankly unbelievable. There is little real suspense. I love romantic suspense, but I need at least one strong ingredient. Since the suspense is watered down and the romance is lacking, I found this an unsatisfying book. Her previous book, "The Witness", had some similar problems but was more engaging overall. "Whiskey Beach" is a disappointment. I hope this isn't a trend. I would rather have one wonderful book by Ms. Roberts in a year than several

mediocre novels. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. She's a jack of all trades and he's hopelessly scarred. 3-3.5 stars
By Michelle L. Beck
Eli Landon has been living in pure hell...a mere shell of the man he once was (a successful criminal defense attorney). For the last year, he has faced the daunting task of living with the fact that everyone (besides those that are close to him and love him) thinks he killed his wife. Eli and his wife, Lindsay were in the mist of a divorce, when he discovered that she had been having an affair (with Justin Suskind). Following a very public argument, Lindsay was discovered beaten to death with a fireplace poker in their Boston home. Detective Wolfe, the lead investigator on the case, has dogged Eli's every move and will stop at nothing to make sure that Eli serves time in jail for the deed, even if the evidence doesn't quite add up. The lover's wife (Eden) has vouched for his presence the night of the murder, and no matter what Eli does, or who he hires, he finds that evidence concerning his innocence is just as hard to find as the evidence to convict. Having decided to go home...to Whiskey Beach...to take care of his family residence (while his grandmother recovers from a bad fall), all Eli wants is peace and quiet. Time to lick his wounds and find solace. Time to write a novel (something that he has always wanted to do) and heal. What he never expected was his grandmother's housekeeper, Abra Walsh to act like a whirlwind and completely take over and change his life. She makes him eat (even when he doesn't think he's hungry); encourages him to exercise; cleans his house; and even tricks him into getting a dog. She's even committed to helping Eli prove his innocence. We also find that Abra has scars herself, and is healing from an ordeal in her past. She too does not want to follow the future that was so carefully scripted for her, but instead acts as a "jack of all trades".....teaching yoga, cleaning houses, cooking, making jewelry, server/bar-maid and giving massages. As the two get close, they face danger. Eli discovers that someone has been searching the basement of Whisky House (for buried treasure) and may have been responsible for his grandmother's accident. And when Abra is attacked in his home and people start getting killed, the two deduce that the death of Eli's wife, may be somehow related to these latest events. As the killer is revealed and the motive made clear, the two find a love that will rival no other. I must first say that I am a huge Nora Roberts fan, but this story was just ok. I'm not sure if it was because it reminded me a little of something else by her, or why, but I did not have my satisfied feeling (like I normally do) at the end of this one. Maybe it was because I thought Abra was a little too corny (and a little all over the place) or maybe it was because Eli was a little too something...I'm not sure what it was....but I wasn't in love with this one. However, being a die hard fan, I will eagerly await the next Roberts book. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. These are not the kind of books I normally choose to read. BUT I am hooked on Nora Roberts
By Rowan
These are not the kind of books I normally choose to read. BUT I am hooked on Nora Roberts. The first of her books I read was The Cousins O'Dwyer series, followed by 'The Inn BoonsBoro Trilogy.' Highly recommended by my granddaughter. Not at all what I expected from a 'romance author'. Her books are fey, tucked full of whimsy and magic. Not playboy for women. Not Christian romances, somewhere in between, full of multi-generation families that love and depend on each other. That always welcome a new member of the family with warmth and love. Yes, definitely hooked.