

Meet the Girls of Mischief Bay

In Mischief Bay, fog rolls in from time to time, but these three unlikely friends will help each other through it. They'll turn to each other for support and advice, they'll laugh together when life gets ridiculous and they'll console each other when it gets tough. When the sun shines again, the horizon stretches on forever.

Nicole

Like many moms, **Nicole Lord** is run a little ragged. In theory, she believes in equality between the sexes, but every once in a while, a secret part of her longs for the days when the man earned the money and the woman stayed home with the kids. She would love to spend more time with Tyler, her adorable four-year-old son. She feels guilty for every milestone missed.

It wasn't so bad when her husband, Eric, was working, but a few months ago, he quit. He didn't even discuss it with her first, just announced it after the fact as if it was the greatest thing ever. He says he's writing a screenplay but refuses to let her see it.

Now Nicole is teaching extra classes at the Pilates studio she owns just to make ends meet, plus taking care of everything at home. Marriage is supposed to be a partnership, but what does a woman do when she's asked to carry more than her fair share of the load?

Pam

Pam Eiland should have nothing to complain about. She has a great husband who loves her, grown kids who still enjoy hanging out with her, a beautiful home and perhaps the world's ugliest but most lovable dog. Her life is the stuff of envy. And yet, she feels restless.

She remembers with longing when she and John were newlyweds who couldn't get enough of each other. And when the kids were young, and they'd have to find creative ways to sneak in some alone time. Life then was exciting and fun.

These days, "hot" has become "lukewarm." Routine.

Pam will do anything to bring the sexy back to their marriage. How will her husband react when she tries to shake things up?



Shannon

Somewhere along the way, **Shannon Rigg** forgot to fall in love and get married. Her parents tried to instill a goal of mediocrity in her, but she rebelled against her childhood by excelling at everything she did. Now 39, she's the hotshot CFO of a successful tech firm. She has a six-figure salary, a beachfront condo and a killer wardrobe...but no husband, no kids.

Part of the problem is that many men are intimidated by her career, or annoyed when its demands are inconvenient. And part of the problem is that Shannon is attracted to bad boys—one in particular, a dangerously sexy music producer who's great in bed but not so great at sticking around.

She always thought she wanted children in a vague "someday" sense. But she's almost 40. Someday is here.

Is it too late for her to decide she wants to have it all? Or could The One be right around the corner?

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