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Blurb: Catherine Marshall is used to being invisible. Although she's intelligent and talented, she's an underachiever and lives her life in other people's shadows. She has a job she hates and dreams she's too afraid of pursuing. When she wins a writing competition and her long-term boyfriend persuades her to spend the prize money on air tickets to Hawaii, she's convinced he's about to propose at last. Instead, he betrays her and unable to change the tickets, Catherine goes to Hawaii alone to mend her broken heart.

Jake Donovan can't hide from being in the spotlight. A Hollywood superstar and one of America's most eligible bachelors, he's in Hawaii taking some time to decompress after the filming of his latest hit show wraps. Surrounded by paradise he should feel like he has it all, but he's feeling jaded and aware of a growing dissatisfaction with his world.

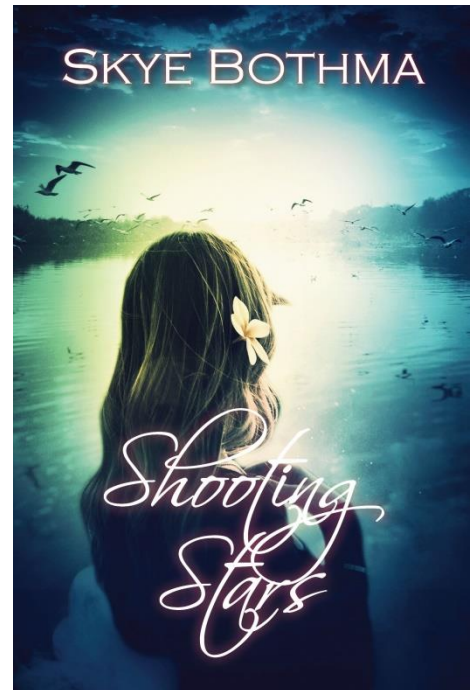
When a chance encounter brings their two lives together Catherine and Jake discover they have more in common than expected. Together, they escape their everyday lives and develop a fragile intimacy. But as reality closes in, it becomes clear that the fairy tale is not likely to survive in the real world and they begin to question whether their meeting was meant to inspire personal change or if it really was fated in the stars.

About the Author

Skye has been a Pahiataua resident since February 2020. She is a graduate of the Whitireia Diploma in Publishing (2007) and has been working as an editor in communications, media and publishing for 20 years. *Shooting Stars* is her first novel.

Advance Reader Reviews

***** "Skye Bothma wrote a slow-burn romance, capturing Catherine's life as her work and past relationships prevented her from finding happiness. Jake's generosity toward a stranger amazed me. I enjoyed the creativity used to introduce the characters in the story. The snobby lawyers Catherine worked for would have made me quit in less than a day. Jake's fame failed to impress Catherine, and this was a major appealing factor throughout the entire book. I was impressed by the vivid descriptions of Catherine's visits to tourist attractions. The witty dialogue between Jake and Catherine felt natural. I felt a



true connection with Catherine's inner turmoil and self-doubt. The range of emotions in *Shooting Stars* made the story engaging. I would recommend this book to readers who enjoy romantic adventures. " – Stephanie Chapman, *Readers' Favorite* (<https://readersfavorite.com/book-review/shooting-stars/1>)

***** "I found this book a very enjoyable read. Catherine and Jake are two people who come from very different paths and backgrounds, brought together by a high stakes chance encounter. The writing flowed easily and the journey of the two main characters kept me hooked and wanting to find out what would happen next. I felt that Jake's character was just lovely - very likeable, caring and charismatic and it was easy to get invested in him and his romance with Catherine. I've never been to Hawaii, but I got the impression that it was described very carefully and authentically here." – JessTheCat (Goodreads)

***** "This story is a spirit-lifting journey of two souls finding each other and is a quick read. The characters are well-developed and you get involved with the flow of it easily. The lead characters play realistic characters and we instantly feel connected especially to the female protagonist who is a receptionist at a law firm.

After a bitter end to a relationship, our female lead goes on an unexpected vacation to Hawaii and everything changes for the better. The male protagonist is a TV star and has his own demons to deal with and happens to be in Hawaii at the same time. How they meet, what happens next is interesting and the author indulges the reader in feel-good cosmic vibes.

When we are given a second chance, would we do something better or repeat our earlier mistakes? Do we make our own happy endings? These are some of the issues the protagonists deal with while we eagerly read on to see what happens next.

Second chances are something that we all wish for, especially when it comes to our mistakes. In this story, we will be looking at a story of redemption and how one person's journey towards a second chance is filled with lessons about making the right choices. We explore how this character learns from their past mistakes and finds a way to make better decisions in order to create a brighter future. Is it possible to make something better out of our second chance or if we are doomed to repeat our earlier mistakes?

The struggles a famous TV Star faces are portrayed with great depth evoking empathy and shows us the inside track of their life. The author delves deep into the life of the TV star and paints a vivid picture of the struggles they face. With great depth and detail, readers are taken on an emotional journey as they experience the highs and lows of fame. The character is written with great empathy and readers will find themselves relating to their struggles in some way. The book is sure to evoke strong emotions in its readers, making it an enjoyable read for anyone interested in exploring the inner workings of celebrity life.

As readers, we often get attached to characters in books and want to know more about them. This is especially true for *Shooting Stars*, a captivating novel that will leave you wanting more. While the ending of the book does bring closure to the story, I can't help but wish that the author would write a sequel to explore further into the lives of its characters. Very used to watching Netflix series, I know. Pick it up for a nice evening read and enjoy!" – Glorious Sunrise (<https://glorioussunrise.com/shooting-stars-by-skye-bothma-book-review/>)

***** "It was so refreshing to read such an imaginative, creative, descriptive story that it absolutely entranced my heart; you had me smiling, tearful and heartbroken (you had me feeling Catherine's heart break as if it were my own) and, as an especially surprising bonus, the story continued when I was sure I was reading the prelude to the epilogue...several times over!" – JDH (Goodreads)

***** "*Shooting Stars* by Skye Bothma is an irresistible romance that effortlessly sweeps readers off their feet. With relatable characters and heartfelt emotions, this book is a genuine gem that will leave you completely captivated.

Catherine Marshall, the protagonist of the story, is a character that instantly resonates with readers. Despite her intelligence and talents, she often feels overshadowed and lives a life of underachievement. When her long-term boyfriend betrays her, she finds solace in a solo trip to Hawaii. There, she

unexpectedly crosses paths with Jake Donovan, a jaded Hollywood superstar searching for something more meaningful in life. Their chance encounter sparks a deep connection as they embark on a journey of self-discovery and love.

The chemistry between Catherine and Jake is undeniably electric. Skye Bothma skilfully portrays their relationship, infusing it with tenderness, passion, and a touch of destiny. Against the backdrop of Hawaii's stunning landscapes, their shared experiences and growing intimacy create a sense of enchantment that will leave you yearning for more.

What sets *Shooting Stars* apart is its ability to transport readers to the breath-taking beauty of Hawaii. Skye Bothma's evocative descriptions effortlessly bring the island's allure to life, immersing you in a world of sunsets, swaying palm trees, and the soothing rhythm of the ocean. It's a setting that adds depth and a touch of magic to the characters' personal transformations.

Additionally, the side characters in *Shooting Stars* provide delightful surprises and unexpected support. From the catty girls at work who constantly underestimate Catherine, to Amira, her kind-hearted work friend, and the gruff boss who fails to recognize her true potential, these characters add a layer of authenticity.

Shooting Stars is a captivating tale of love, self-discovery, and the power of unexpected allies. Skye Bothma's skilful storytelling and make it a must-read for anyone seeking an enchanting romance with a touch of destiny. So sit back, relax, and let *Shooting Stars* sweep you away on a journey you won't soon forget." – R J Astruc (Goodreads)

***** "This was a good read. The story drew me in and kept me entertained." – Rach31 (Goodreads)

***** "I really enjoyed this book and thought it was a good beach book. I was hooked right away and throughout the book. I liked how the book wrapped things up. It was a great ending. I would recommend this book and I would read another book by this author. – K Gillespie (Goodreads)

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