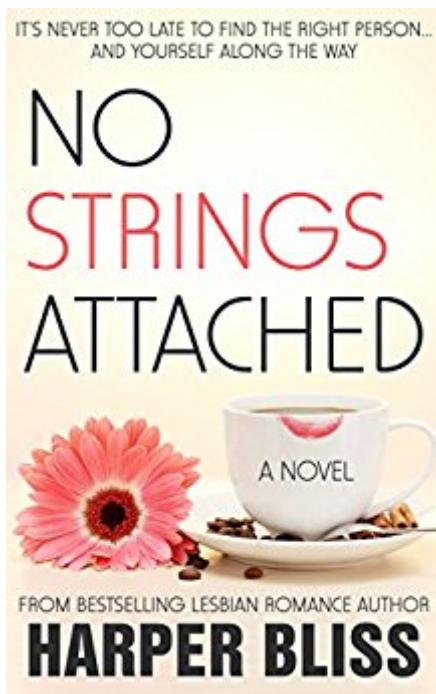


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No Strings Attached (Pink Bean Series Book 1)



Synopsis

It's never too late to find the right person... and yourself along the way. Micky Ferro has lived her entire life according to other people's expectations. She married a man, had two children, and became a dutiful stay-at-home mom in suburban Sydney. Until she realized, with a little help from her best friend, that her picture-perfect life wasn't making her happy. On the first anniversary of her divorce, Micky decides it's time for the next step in her journey and gets a job at her neighborhood coffeeshop, The Pink Bean. Becoming a barista sparks a big change in Micky's daily routine, but could loud-spoken American customer Robin do the same for her love life? Don't miss the first book in this heart-warming new series from the bestselling author of the French Kissing and High Rise series. Every book in this series can be read as a stand-alone without having read the other instalments.

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Customer Reviews

No Strings Attached by Harper Bliss is a brilliant coming-out-later-in-life romance novel.

It's the first book in her brand new series, The Pink Bean Series, set in and around

a coffee shop in Sydney Australia. After her divorce and many, many years of persistent doubts, fears, and everything else that had held her back for so long it is time for Michaela (Micky) Ferro to take action, real action. After a gentle nudge from her life-long friend Amber she decides that she has to take the plunge sooner rather than later. Robin Mortimer, a Regional Diversity Manager for Asia Pacific, strolls in the coffee shop The Pink Bean one morning to order her usual cup of coffee. When Micky fills out her order she is astonished by Robin's rudeness but also strangely attracted to this intriguing woman. Harper Bliss takes us on a journey with this beautiful forty-four year old woman to self-discovery, of doing the very brave thing of coming out later in life. It is emotional, redeeming, sweet, uplifting and, yes, from time to time very sexy. It's a journey filled with courage to happily ever after, stories that Harper writes so well. No Strings Attached is a quick read that will make you want to go have a cup of coffee (or thee) in The Pink Bean. Although this is the first book in a new series it can be read on its own. The story is well rounded but I'm convinced that after you've finished it you will be looking forward to the next book in The Pink Bean Series as much as I do.

I really enjoyed this novel. I think it's become one of my favorites, displacing some other works. It's more than just a romance, as is so much of Harper's work. It's also a coming out in middle age story, as the blurb says. It's difficult to come out at any age, but it must be even tougher to uproot all of your life, family and friends at a later age when you've established what you think is yourself and your life. I liked the way the author handled all the other people in Micky's life. It was thoughtfully done, accounting for their feelings and possible discomfort. Micky is not just uprooting herself, but her children and ex-husband as well. Micky comes to terms with herself, her identity, and feelings as well as exploring her new lesbian life. The romance is also well done. The first woman she meets doesn't want any strings attached (hence the title) but even though we don't learn as much about her, we learn that she too is undergoing a change. Micky is introduced to another possible love interest who also came out later in life. They have a lot in common. I wasn't sure who the final love interest for Micky would be until late in the book, so I liked that. It adds an extra touch to not know for certain at the beginning of the tale who will be Micky's love. I really like how Micky dealt with and explored her new life and feelings.

No Strings Attached is not only a story about a lesbian, but the journey that brings Micky to accept

herself in all her splendor. After almost two decades married to the father of her children, Micky realized she is no longer happy. A year later, she finds herself as a divorce, sharing custody of her two teenagers with her ex-husband, unemployed- she had never work and now she has too much time in her hands-, and as a woman who will need to rediscover and redefine herself in order to find happiness again. She will step out of her comfort zone, strip off her self-imposed boundaries, and embrace her new life with passion. She is no longer the young adult with the luxury of waiting and meeting Robin is going to bring some spectacular changes to her life. Robin is the accomplished professional, taking charge type, the Alpha... Her professional life has brought her to understand that to avoid a broken heart she must avoid getting attach to her lovers. However, she knows she had never found "the one". The day she meets Micky she acts like an ass, making the mother of two uncomfortable and defensive. That will last until their first date. Micky and Robin will have to deal with different changes and challenges that are bounded to bring hefty complications. If they want to have their happy ending, they will have to find a way to make it work. They will have to walk away from their own- and others' expectations by finding common grounds and making new rules. Tastefully written, this latebian's story offers a great balance of passion, romance and tricky situations.

A beautiful story of a woman discoverin her true self and finding love along the way. This book was captivating from the start and very spicy. Characters were written very well...you will definitely fall in love with the main ones. Can't wait for book 2.

Micky, recently divorced straight woman with two kids, finds more than she bargains for in Robin, a nomadic corporate executive female, when she decides to take a job at the local coffee shop to kill time. Micky enters into a female/female sexual affair with no strings attached only to experience love unexpectedly. Harper is great in building the tension between her characters and creating enough push and pull to keep readers engaged. This follows a seemingly May to December love affair between two women with differences in age. Harper does a solid job creating an "unwillingly" f/f romance.

Another great read from Harper Bliss. Story, great; main characters, great; secondary characters, good. I was so close to giving this five stars, but it fell just short. Maybe there needed to be just a little bit more conflict. If you're a fan of Harper Bliss, as I am, or enjoy a good sweet romantic book, this is a must read.

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