

1: The Weekenders – Mary Kay Andrews

About Mary Kay Mary Kay Andrews is the New York Times bestselling author of 24 novels including The Weekenders, Beach Town, Save the Date, and Summer Rental. The Beach House Cookbook is her first cookbook.

Her novels have an equal mix of style and substance, sass and subtlety. Her latest novel, *The Weekenders*, is no exception. Her characters have some depth and her plots are not outside the realm of possibility. In her earlier books, Andrews favored a dash of whodunit, but in her last few books, she shifted her focus to the relationships between her characters usually of the romantic variety rather than setting up a murder mystery. *The Weekenders* has her returning to her roots with a little bit of both. Despite being in an unhappy marriage, Riley Nolan Griggs is looking forward to a relaxing summer on Belle Isle, North Carolina in her vacation home with her family. But when she and her daughter Maggy arrive on the ferry, her estranged husband Wendell is nowhere to be found. She finds their island home locked, a notice of foreclosure posted to the door. Little by little, details come to light—Wendell been negotiating land and development deals and trying and failing to raise the capital for a growing list of projects, most of which promise to affect the landscape of Belle Isle. The more she learns, the more Riley wonders if she ever knew her husband at all. Nate plays an important role throughout the rest of the book, as well. Andrews has two outstanding strengths as an author: Riley is at that crossroads that many soon-to-be-divorced women experience—she knows that divorce will change everything, yet she wants to keep things as status quo as she can, mainly for the sake of her daughter. Maggy is devastated by the death of the father she adored; Riley is furious at her husband for leaving her with few options and even less in their bank account. She was already prepared to walk away from their life together; his death simply makes the transition to her new life a bit more delicate. Andrews spends a good bit of time on the logistics of their relationship, which goes back to their college days. The sheriff shows up to do more questioning every few chapters or so, but Riley and her best friend, former attorney Parrish Godchaux, seem to make more progress by doing their own snooping. Clearly, Andrews is focusing on Riley and her reinvention. *The Weekenders* is the perfect companion to a beach chair, large umbrella, and icy cocktail preferably also with an umbrella. Sara Hodon is a Pennsylvania-based freelance writer whose work has appeared in over two dozen print and online publications.

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Mary Kay Andrews is the pen name of American writer Kathy Hogan Trocheck, based in Atlanta, who has authored a number of best-selling books under the Andrews pen name since Trocheck graduated from the University of Georgia with a journalism degree in

To make matters worse, her husband is nowhere to be found. She turns to her island friends for help and support, but each of them has their own secrets and the clock is ticking as the mystery deepens. Cocktail parties and crab boil aside, Riley must find a way to investigate the secrets of Belle Island, the husband she might not really know, and the summer that could change everything. No doubt about it, her husband was a dreamer. Hollow words meant to placate or stall. What was it her grandfather used to say? And yet, here she stood. She brushed a stray lock of dark brown hair from her eyes and squinted down at the screen of her smartphone. Her fingertips raced over the keys. It was the texting equivalent of screaming. It was the prettiest day in weeks, but Riley Nolan Griggs was oblivious to all of that. She glanced again in the direction of the parking lot, willing his car to appear. The black Jeep CJ. What a stupid car for a grown man. Vehicles were streaming into the lot now, station wagons, big SUVs, all of them carrying people intent on making the last ferry of the day. All of them with the distinctive oval BI sticker connoting membership in the tribe of Belle Isle. Vehicles pulled to the curb in front of the ferry terminal to unload everything needed for another summer on the island. Passengers spilled from the cars, lugging coolers, wheeled suitcases, bicycles, leashed dogs, and fishing gear. Deckhands, most of them deeply tanned college boys in navy blue BI-logo golf shirts and baggy cargo shorts, scurried around the baggage area, loading all the freight into aluminum carts that would be rolled onto the ferry. Women greeted each other with that peculiar high-pitched Southern squeal of delight. The boat would leave at seven on the dot. He knew that, knew how crazy it made her when he cut things this close. But there was no sign of the black Jeep. He was doing this to torture her, she was sure. Waiting until the last possible minute to make an appearance. She could already picture the moment. Her face reddened, her stomach twisted, and she felt the familiar acid taste in her mouth. Sworn to her he would make the last ferry today, no matter what. The woman was bearing down on her with laser-like intensity. She wore a pink-and-lime-green cotton Lilly Pulitzer shift and pink Jack Rogers sandals. Riley, trapped, managed a weak greeting in return. I swear, I wish I had your metabolism. Have you lost a ton of weight over the winter? Riley was already tense and overheated, and the last thing she needed right now was a volley of nosy questions. She took a step backward. Andrea turned to her companion. OMG, I love it so much. It was an oversize leather number in trendy turquoise, with a large, dangling gold-monogram charm that Riley secretly found just the tiniest bit gaudy. But she knew the gift had been expensive, and besides, it did hold a lot of stuff. Wendell gave it to me for my birthday last year. Is Maggy here, or did she decide to do summer camp this year? Maybe just eating healthy. Banks, their unruly pug puppy, under control. But I really need to go give Maggy a hand with that crazy dog of hers. She hurried away from the ferry dock, the soles of her rubber flip-flops slapping against the furnace-hot asphalt. Banks finished his toilette and came scampering toward his mistress, his plump little body wriggling with happiness and relief. Now Maggy looked up. While you were busy Snapchatting with your girlfriends just now, you nearly got run down. And Banks managed to drop a deuce on those rosebushes over there. She tore off a sheet and handed it to her twelve-year-old daughter. Now go clean it up before somebody rats us out and we get issued a littering citation. Riley was struck by how much her daughter had grown over the past year. No more sweet-smelling baby shampoo for Maggy. No more baby anything, for that matter, Riley thought ruefully. In October, Maggy would officially be a teenager. It was the latest model iPhone, of course, ensconced in a neon purple case with a florid monogram on the back, and the screen was littered with a dizzying array of unfamiliar app icons. What if her blood sugar gets low? Or she needs to get in contact with me? Her husband had changed in the past two years. His thick black hair was streaked with silver. His blue eyes, made brighter by new contact lenses, narrowed. I call you every night. I talk to Maggy every morning. Trying to make a living for my family. You think I want to work all these crazy hours? For the full moon party. I love, love, love it! He says I look like a hoochie mama. You hate it, too. I

think it suits you. What made you decide to go red? I was bored with being blond. I spotted you chatting with Belle Isle Barbie when I pulled into the lot. What did your new best friend want? And did she just now sprout boobs, or is that my imagination? But so far, no sign of him. Your husband is AWOL. An old flame has rematerialized. How could things get worse? Think sun, sand, romance, drama and a fine sheen of witty commentary.

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3: The Weekenders by Mary Kay Andrews on Apple Books

Told with Mary Kay Andrews' trademark blend of humor and warmth, and with characters and a setting that you can't help but fall for, the New York Times bestseller The Weekenders is the perfect summer escape.

Wendell Griggs was big on promises. No doubt about it, her husband was a dreamer. Hollow words meant to placate or stall. What was it her grandfather used to say? And yet, here she stood. She brushed a stray lock of dark brown hair from her eyes and squinted down at the screen of her smartphone. Her fingertips raced over the keys. It was the texting equivalent of screaming. Some people stay all summer long on the idyllic island of Belle Isle, North Carolina. Riley Griggs has a season of good times with friends and family ahead of her on Belle Isle when things take an unexpected turn. While waiting for her husband to arrive on the ferry one Friday afternoon, Riley is confronted by a process server who thrusts papers into her hand. And her husband is nowhere to be found. So she turns to her island friends for help and support, but it turns out that each of them has their own secrets, and the clock is ticking as the mystery deepens. Cocktail parties aside, Riley must find a way to investigate the secrets of Belle Island, the husband she might not really know, and the summer that could change everything. It is good light reading, which I seem to need right now, perfect for the beach, where unfortunately I am not. It was not a read that I became deeply involved in, other than occasionally wanting to slap the pre-teen daughter Maggie or give Riley a good shake. If you need something not too demanding for any reason, this is the perfect read. All opinions expressed in this review are entirely my own. Please refer to my Goodreads. This review and others are also published on my blog sandysbookaday.

4: Lesa's Book Critiques: The Weekenders by Mary Kay Andrews

Mary Kay Andrews is at the top of her game and delivers as a gifted storyteller, and pens some of the best beach books that are thoroughly engaging. THE WEEKENDERS has a one of the greatest locations, good character development and story lines.

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8: Mary Kay Andrews - Wikipedia

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9: Confessions of a Book Addict: Book Review: The Weekenders by Mary Kay Andrews

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