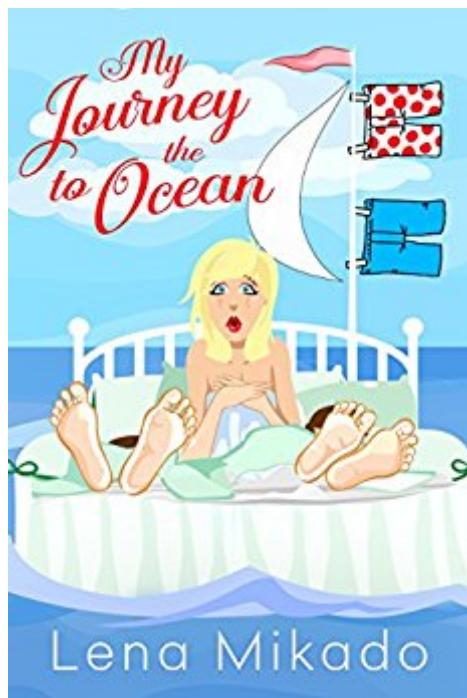


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# My Journey To The Ocean: Chick Lit Romance Redefined!



## Synopsis

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## Customer Reviews

This book has all of the fuzzy, pink, glittery frills of the standard chick-lit novel- the feminine musing of superficial concerns, the goofball friends, the fairytale references, those wicked sabatuerettes of progress who bring out those ugly feelings of competition, the wrong Mr. Right, and the oh-so-right Mr. Wrong, and the general climate of "I wasn't looking for this, but I found it anyway" all play "by the book" that is the over arching methodology of this genre. Though, this book has something more; beyond the fuzzy pinkness, is a recurring theme of expletives, the need to urinate at inconvenient times, drunken disorderliness, more expletives, infidelity, and the "iron clad virgin" -that is the protagonist- which rather makes a mockery of resistance, while most chick lit novels skirt around the issue with holier-than-though subtexts. It could be its autobiographical nature, that avoids the vapidity of your average chick-lit novel, OR it could be the periodical philosophical introspection that interlude the story's progression, or it could be both? I think it is both. I love this book, I enjoyed it immensely- all of the "characters" aroused a subtle reminder to find meaning in everyday life. AND...the moral of the story? Ironically is, -"No one can save you, but yourself, and don't you forget it!" I love this book, I love it most of all because it doesn't expect women to just be satisfied with glittery, pinkness. Lena Mikado- if you please, lead the rainbow parade of woman pride, into the turquoise waters so that we can all find our ocean!

This is a fun memoir about youth, enjoying life and making choices. I had trouble with the author's narration and rambling style. Sometimes she would go off in philosophical tangents and jump around the story leaving me trying to keep track and wondering where she was trying to go with all of this. But since I have strict policy of sticking with books until the end unless they are complete rubbish, I was glad that I kept reading. By the end I was emotionally invested and interested in what happened even if still frustrated at the author's style. The YouTube slideshow link after the epilogue really made me appreciate the book that much more as it allowed me to visualize the story and relate to the characters better. While I wasn't particularly enjoying the book for most of the time that I read it, by the end I was left wanting more.

Overall really enjoyed the story and read it in one evening, just couldn't stop. The story brought up so many memories from my own love life, and I really re-lived some of those moments again, very vividly. When my husband got home he couldn't figure out what happened to me and why I look at him as in our early days of dating :) I think it really helps that book is based on a true story, and it makes the whole thing so realistic, and so funny. I wish there were other books by this author

already published.

The story totally captured me from the first lines. It was so easy to imagine a Russian girl first totally alone in New York, clasping on her passport in a hostel room, then going out of the aircraft in the hot and humid Florida air, and her adventures there...It's not just an ordinary love story one can see in every movie with a happy or not-so-happy ending, it's a TRUE love story, which really happened and really made my Kindle turn into some creature with its own soul and character that knew how to make me laugh, give me that almost forgotten feeling of butterflies in a stomach and many more so different feelings and emotions that it really makes it difficult to call this love story just "a book". It's a bit more than that. Here in Russia we say "summer is a short life" and it really is totally different from any other time of the year. The author lived it the way only a 21-year-old girl can - having fun and learning and growing up and not being afraid of changing her entire life. Hope I didn't say tooo much!!I would recommend to read this incredible story to anyone I know (I actually already started doing this). Way to go, Elena!

My Journey to the Ocean was such a pleasant surprise. What I thought was going to be chick lit fiction turned out to be the funny, yet profound autobiographical story of A Russian girl exploring what it means to be a young woman while she works in the US. Lena Mikado's sense of humor will make you laugh from the start. She doesn't hide any of her flaws and tells the story with unceasing enthusiasm. We watch her stumbleÂ“figuratively and literally (from partying)Â“as she tries to decide if she should do what she thinks she's supposed to do, or if she should follow her heart.I loved her willingness to make fun of herself and her deeper observations on life. This is a fun read for those who seek love, meaning, and adventure.

An adventurous spirit wrought by phobias great and small, and brain-washed by fairytales of how life ought to be, Elena faces them all, as well as unknown debacles, on her journey to the ocean. Indeed, what is a journey to the ocean, really, other than a journey to our inner most selves. Told directly to the reader, this is a story of a girl seeking experiences to sate her powerful hunger for seeing whatÂ“s out there beyond her hometown in Russia, her dedication to staying true to a fiance that represents all the comforts of the familiar, and finally, the courage to step out of her own expectations and take a chance on herself. My Journey to Ocean is filled with inevitable alcohol fueled escapades of youth and almost strangers converted into lifelong friends by adventures shared far from the shores of home. Mostly, however, itÂ“s the story, as old as time, of finding

love where you were never looking for it, finding yourself when you didn't even know you needing looking for, and finding out that there are myriad possibilities if you're brave enough to look for them. Read it, feel her electric zest for life, and remember falling in love all over again.

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