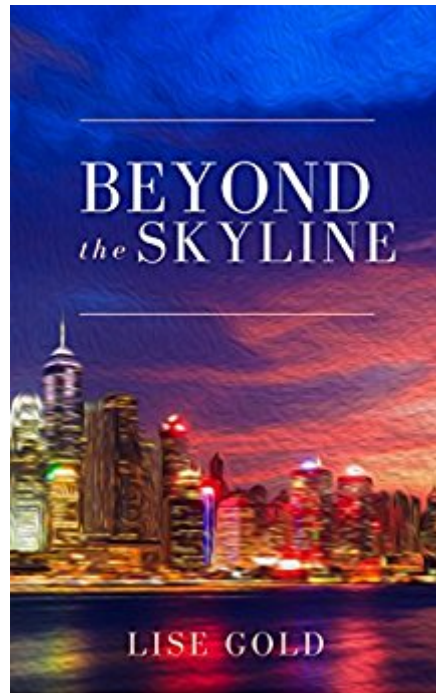




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Synopsis

Sophie Scott is a privileged but hard working London girl who's had just about enough of her mother's obsessive attempts to set her up with an eligible bachelor. She has no interest in dating and has never been in love. When she meets her new colleague Mel on a business trip to Hong Kong, her whole world is turned upside down by the beautiful and independent woman who couldn't be more different from her. It's hard to hide from love in a city that never dims its lights. But love is never easy when everything you know changes...

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Customer Reviews

Sophie and Mel are coworkers on a work assignment as designers in the city of Hong Kong. It doesn't take long for their feelings for each other to surface. Sophie, who has never been with a woman, struggles to contain her feelings for Mel. Mel is also fighting her own feelings for Sophie but has a lot more to lose if their relationship is discovered. There are many other obstacles for them to overcome to make this relationship work. Can they survive? I loved this story and found the book

hard to put down. The supporting characters are well developed and presented in a beautiful setting. It's obvious the author did her homework. There are steamy sex scenes and very realistic family scenarios they must overcome. Great Job Lise.

This story is written in such a wonderful way and with so much detail. You can taste and smell Hong Kong and the whole atmosphere. Add to that two amazing women and you have the basis for a wonderful love story. The main characters are from two different cultural traditions and backgrounds. Each character stands out individually and I really felt connected with them. The spontaneity and charisma of Mel is captivating. The chemistry and the tension build over the course of the plot is expertly done and the flirtation is very playful. The author has a natural way of writing and it is such a pleasure to read. This is a romance I highly recommend.

This book annoyed me because there were quite a lot of grammatical errors, starting about a quarter of the way in, as though the editors stopped proofreading after the first 50 pages or so. It was clear that the author is an American talking about British culture, as she used the American spellings of words, such as emphasize as opposed to emphasise. There were also factual errors which irritated me, as the author kept talking about bars (which do not exist in England), as opposed to pubs, and apartments (which, again, do not exist in England), as opposed to flats. If this was proofread, the editor should have picked up on these blatant errors. Also, it became confusing as to who was talking seeing as the author kept adding different characters in the same paragraph as the person who was speaking. Finally, too much time was spent on describing Hong Kong. As much as this might be fascinating to a reader who's never been to HK, the story dragged on because of it.

With just two books this author has quickly become a favorite, and I'll probably pick up future books automatically. Sophie and Mel are both such attractive characters, Mel especially is impossible not to fall in love with. Both Gold's books have an international setting, which I especially enjoy because I love to travel myself. I visited Hong Kong earlier this year and love the way it played such a central role in this story. I have only one minor complaint-- in these escapist lesbian romance stories authors should understand there are two key moments for the reader-- the first time the characters make love and the first time they profess their love. Gold does a marvelous job with the first one here, the second one is totally botched! The first time it comes out it's a throwaway statement made while talking about something else entirely, and the other woman doesn't even react to it. Other than that I loved it and know I will be reading it again.

I don't usually write reviews but I'm actually really impressed with this new author. I've read both of her books so far and they are great, very relatable. Well written, great story line.

15 stars. Buy it!! Its way past the standard dopey melodrama that gives me facial tics & rolling eyeballs. It's actually written by an adult for adults. You go, Lise!

Unfortunately don't have time for in depth review. But, just saying: good, good, good !!!Also, suggest get your hands on author's previous book, Lily's Fire.

this new author has such a way of creating angst and flavor to these characters and she has me hooked now....I want more so much more. I miss her characters and that basically sums it up.

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