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This wasn't the adventure she'd signed up for...

A sexy boss, a rough crossing, and pirates—all Brylie Winston wanted was a job to help her earn money to buy her own restaurant. She hopes to earn it by working as a chef on a cruise to Antarctica. But she's slept with her boss, which throws her off-balance even more than the rough seas and warnings of pirates in the area. And he's determined to have a repeat performance...

Bad boy former snowboarder Marcus Devlin is running from his reputation, sent to learn the family business after decking a senator's son and making the papers. So maybe he indulged in a last-minute fling before boarding his family's cruise ship to Antarctica. Perhaps Fate is showing him that wasn't so bad—the gorgeous redhead who snuck out of his bed is on the cruise. She'll be a lovely distraction during his exile. But when modern-day pirates take over the ship, his instinct is to protect her and the other passengers. But what does a spoiled rich boy know about saving people's lives?

## Midnight Sun Details

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## **From Reader Review Midnight Sun for online ebook**

### **MBR says**

Midnight Sun is the latest contemporary romantic suspense release by M. J. Fredrick. Midnight Sun starts in a deceptively simple manner and lulls the reader into a false sense of security before the adventure aspect of the novel kick starts with a bang and refuses to let up until towards the very end. The story starts off with Brylie Winston leaving the hotel room in Hobart, Australia where she spends the night with a man for the first time in a year and half, always paying heed to the caution that rules her life until she meets the charming Marcus who manages to practically knock her proverbial socks off with his sheer charm and sexuality.

Come morning, Brylie more than regrets succumbing to Marcus's well-played seduction which had sent her senses spiraling as she finds out that Marcus is none other than her boss and the youngest son of the Delvins who owns and operates the ice breaker turned cruise liner on which Brylie acts as head chef. For Marcus, the cruise trip to Antarctica is his way of saving face after his latest scandal and when he finds out that the red head who rocked his world the night before works for him, things start looking up for Marcus until he finds out that Brylie has no intention of indulging in a repeat performance.

However, Marcus is not one to give up and before long, Brylie finds her defenses crumbling in the face of Marcus's true personality that comes to light as they spend time together. But before their purely sexual acquaintance can go any further, the cruise liner comes under attack by pirates who are willing to do anything to see that their demands are met. Its by pure luck that Marcus and Brylie manage to hide and outwit their captors until Marcus is forced to give himself up, sacrificing himself for the rest of the passengers on board for whom he feels responsible. Its the sheer bravery and quick thinking on both Brylie and Marcus's part that eventually saves the day and not a minute too late at that.

Midnight Sun is a well rounded addition to M. J. Fredrick's already impressive collection of romantic suspense novels. This one offers a hero who is not well versed in the art of defense and guns and the whole lot but still manages to think on his feet and tackle the problems they face, even though his family thinks of Marcus as someone who will never take responsibility seriously. Marcus suffers from "itchy-feet-syndrome" and it is only when it comes to Brylie and the hair raising couple of days that they go through that Marcus finds his anchor in life. It is the situation that both Brylie and Marcus finds themselves in that eventually creates the unbreakable bonds of intimacy which otherwise may not have happened.

Brylie is a trademark M. J. Fredrick heroine. Smart, capable, independent and yet vulnerable because of her past, Brylie is a heroine worth admiring as she on many occasions proves herself beyond capable in handling a chaotic situation with both feet planted firmly on the ground. Though Brylie tries hard not to fall for Marcus, she is no match for his arousing kisses and touches that at the same time serves as the healing balm to soothe her wounded heart and pride. And Marcus in turn finds in Brylie a reason to strive to be more and give love and commitment a shot in his otherwise sporadic existence.

Filled with adrenaline pumping moments and those sensually stirring scenes of passion that never fails to evoke all the right kind of emotions, Midnight Sun is recommended for those who love romantic suspense in unusual settings. And believe me, Antarctica is as unusual as it gets!

**Rating=4/5**

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### **Carrie says**

3.5\*

Grade B/B-

Over enjoyable short romantic suspense with likable characters and interesting suspense plot. A few unbelievable plot choices hold it back from being really great, but it's definitely worth reading. I've enjoyed everything I've read by this author so far.

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### **CaffeinatedFae says**

This book was entertaining but not really anything more. It is a quick and easy read. The characters are likable. I found it entertaining but I wanted more out of it. I felt like the author told me how the characters were feeling and didn't show me.

All in all it was a well written book that kept me entertained. It was quick and easy.

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### **Marianna says**

Ok. So I read this book in two days because it was a nice story line and had quite a bit of suspense for a romance novel. HOWEVER, whoever published it needs to hire better proof readers. It was very distracting to stop and re-read a sentence because of a typo. I would have given this book either 4 or 5 stars because I really did enjoy it, but the typo problems really distracted me, taking away from the whole reading experience.

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### **Radella says**

Quite honestly, it's a cheesy book... but it really does read like the sort of cut-rate action movie that Steven Seagal would star in (and parts did remind me slightly of his Under Siege movie).

Brylie is the chef on a cruise ship bound for Antarctica. Her dad's the captain, which makes things a bit awkward when she accidentally sleeps with the owner of the ship. She thought it was a one night stand...

Marcus Devlin is the habitually short-tempered screw up of the Devlin clan. He's got money beyond belief and a playboy attitude. The family hopes some time aboard the ship will give his life some direction, but the only direction he wants to take is straight to Brylie's bed. When pirates strike, things start getting interesting. Brylie and Marcus don't know much about thwarting the pirates, but they'll do what they can to protect the people on board while irritating the pirates at every turn.

It's cheesy, but that's not a bad thing. While there are some tropes (crawling around through the ventilation shafts?) the action was vividly described. Brylie and Marcus' chemistry is explosive, and even though Marcus has no military or even security background, he makes a mostly-believable character.

It was a great afternoon beach read.

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## **Anne OK says**

*Love, exciting and new  
Come Aboard. We're expecting you.  
Love -- life's sweetest reward.  
Let it flow, it floats back to you.*

*Love Boat soon will be making another run  
The Love Boat promises something for everyone  
Set a course for adventure,  
Your mind on a new romance.*

A one-night stand -- that was all it was supposed to be! With no plans for a repeat performance, she slips out of his hotel room before dawn. So how and why is he now standing on deck of the Ice Queen as she boards the cruise ship for work?

Avoiding the awkward “morning-after” isn’t going away. Brylie Winston is the chef; her dad’s the Captain, and her one-night stand, Marcus Devlin, is the owner of the cruise ship line and her boss. Can it get any more complicated? You bet!

Author MJ Fredrick welcomes you aboard for a cruise to Antarctica with promises of high-sea adventure that includes scurvy pirates, stormy seas, a plane crash, a helicopter crash, and, oh yes, some mighty fine romance. All this adds up to a fast-paced, action-filled fun and highly entertaining voyage.

You’ll want to book your passage early – this is a trip you don’t want to miss!

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## **Hayley says**

A wonderful story full of passion, suspense and action - even with a few pirates thrown in!

I love the way it started with Brylie running out on Marcus and I imagined that the story was going to see him try and track her down - I didn’t imagine that she was going to be the head chef on the boat owned by his family that they have sent him on to try to keep him from getting into trouble. Unfortunately for Marcus, trouble was on it’s way to find him.

I love the first introductory scenes especially when Marcus finds out that Brylie is also the Captains daughter! You can see that there is going to be some really great scenes between them, but I’d never of guessed the amount of action that was about to unfold.

I don’t want to give all the details away but I will say that the action that came as the pirates took over was great, Marcus’s quick thinking managed to keep himself and Brylie out of harms way - but for how long? I enjoyed the early scenes where they were struggling at trying to follow orders from each other as they are both headstrong, independent individuals.

I read this virtually all in one sitting as it's fast pace and strong storyline just swept me along and I wanted to find out how it ended. I really enjoyed the different genres in this book and think that the author did wonderfully blending them together so well. For me it's definitely a Must Read

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## **Hbeebti says**

3.5 This kinda reminded me of a made for TV movie.

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## **Geraldine says**

Another typical free iBook. This one was however better written and the storyline was different to other books

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## **A Voracious Reader (a.k.a. Carol) says**

Brylie Winston and Marcus Devlin, two strangers in the night that pass said night in a bout of wild passionate sex. Brylie sneaks out while Marcus is asleep and goes to her job as chef on a cruise ship heading to Antarctica. Marcus wakes up and instead of being relieved that Brylie is gone, he decides he needs to find her. Only first he needs to show up for a cruise (run by his family) to Antarctica, his family's idea of punishment for doing something stupid. To his surprise, Brylie is his employee. They set off and the excitement begins.

This was a decent story with great writing, but I just couldn't like the two main characters. I liked Brylie more than Marcus, but even she ticked me off by letting her hormones rule her head in regards to Marcus. Marcus is one of those guys I can't stand, he's rich and selfish, pushy and obnoxious and doesn't take 'No' for an answer. Brylie was a wimp who let him walk all over her.

When pirates attack the cruise ship he redeems himself a bit by being a quick thinker, but then he ruins it by being Mister I'm-in-Charge-even-though-I'm-less-than-useless-because-I'm-a-spoiled-rich-ass. Gah! The danger and life-threatening situation should've changed him at least a little bit, but by the end he was still the same jerk, in my opinion. I have no respect for Brylie for sticking with her rich loser at the end.

Brylie and Marcus were like little pebbles stuck in my shoe while hiking the Grand Canyon. The view is awesome, but the pebbles are so annoying it takes away from the splendor. The story Midnight Sun was awesome, but Brylie and Marcus were annoying.

\*The author provided a copy of this book for me to review. Disclaimer is on my blog.

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## **Deborah says**

I loved this book! Once I started, it was difficult for me to put down. I've read so many romance books that after a while, many of them seem the same: same plot rehashed, same story twists, same predictability, etc. Happily, that was NOT the case with this book! Ms. Fredrick comes up with the most interesting plots that have not been over-done. I mean, how many romances set in Antarctica have you read??? This book has it all: sexy romance, modern day pirates, action, and adventure! I've read 4 books by Ms. Fredrick so far this year. I really love her writing style. She knows how to write a great romance/adventure. If you are on the fence about reading this book, don't be! : )

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## **Piper Denna says**

Ever do something one night, and regret it the next day?

From the moment Marcus wakes up to find Brylie gone, he misses her. And from the moment later in the day when Brylie discovers hottie Marcus--her hook-up from the night before--is actually her boss, she knows this voyage is going to be trouble. Brylie's got more reason than "office politics" to be wary of a relationship with a silver-spooned snowboarder who has the power to fire her from her job as head chef aboard a tourist ship to Antarctica. When Marcus's family sent him cruising on one of their ships to keep him out of trouble, they had no idea the danger they'd sentenced him to—or that their "bad boy" would end up a hero.

Cruise ships and conflict, pirates and private pasts, tension and tempestuous seas... MJ Fredrick grabs with an action-packed plot, relatable characters, sizzling hot romance, and plenty of suspense--proof positive that "self published" is not synonymous with shoddy fiction.

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## **Dianna Hardy says**

This was a really good read. The whole thing reminded me of "Die Hard", but where the romance is a main focus, as well as the action. It's a fun read, and the tension during the action scenes was well written. Would recommend.

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## **Sarah says**

This is a Kindle free book that I randomly downloaded when I was playing with my new Fire. To be honest, I had low expectations. So I was happy to get sucked into the plot and find myself really enjoying the story. I found a lot of poor editing (stupid typos) and I thought it ended rather abruptly, but overall, I quite liked it :)

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## **Tamsin says**

This would make a good movie. Also, the description of this book should include that the entire book is

based on pirates that take hostage a cruise ship. There is a lot of action and twists, but the two main characters "need to survive" is a main theme in the plot. A different story from what I was expecting, but it kept my attention till the end.

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