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Reed Haflinger and his aloof wife take an impromptu trip to Mexico's Riviera Maya, but it's not the reconnection Reed was hoping for. When she departs early for home, he stays at the resort, lost in what remains of a vacation he feels he deserves. But when a brief interaction with a beautiful female traveler offers a clue as to how to meet her again, Reed must decide whether to venture out of his comfort zone in search of her, or accept that he will always let life pass him by. In this mesmerizing debut novel, travel writer Ray Bartlett brings us a dark, complex love story as lush, beautiful, and unflinching as the landscape of Tulum itself, a place that you – just like Bartlett's unforgettable characters – will not want to leave.

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Debbi DuBose says

I won this book through a Goodreads Giveaway, and the following is my honest opinion of: Sunsets of Tulum by Raymond Avery Bartlett. This novel is an exquisitely written literary romantic fiction story. Reed Haflinger is a TV news reporter for Channel 7 News in Boston. He reports from the news helicopter, until, the morning that something goes wrong, and he almost dies in a helicopter crash! Suddenly, Reed's whole perspective and outlook on life changes. He tells his wife, Laurel, that it's time to take that vacation trip to Cancun, Mexico. She agrees to go, but, after 3 days, she says she has to get back to work. Reed goes off to find a woman at a hostel; she had lost her book at the resort where he is staying. He's also quite attracted to her. Once he gets to the hostel, he decides to stay there. This is where the down to earth people stay; right in the same community as the Mexican people do. Reed becomes more and more attracted to this simple life, and this freedom loving woman, Clione. He begins to think that he would like to stay in the Yucatan, with Clione; whom he's beginning to fall more in love with every day. What will Reed decide to do? Will he leave his troubled marriage, and his TV news reporter job, to stay in Mexico? This is an intriguing and interesting book. The characters are so very real, that they will stay with you long after you have finished reading. You will not be able to forget these people or this beautiful story!

Gustaf Berger says

Mr. Bartlett's first novel Sunsets of Tulum is a winner, an engaging story of love lost and found again. He captures your attention from the first chapter, in which news cameraman Reed Heflinger barely survives a near helicopter crash while filming in Boston, all the way to the surprising end. Reed walks away with minor scratches but with a determination to change his life, taking his wife Laurel to Yucatán, Mexico (a stunning character in itself) to repair their shaky marriage.

He finds more than he bargained for and ends up re-evaluating who he is and what life means when he meets a lively woman many years his junior. Sparks fly, sex and adventure abound and Mr. Bartlett, a master of description (as one might expect from an accomplished travel writer) escorts you right into place and mind. The characters in this book are nuanced and real. The plot twists are unexpected.

I have only one criticism. The sex scenes (and there are plenty) are described in a detail but too clinically to be erotic. Nonetheless, they deepen our understanding of the humanness of the lovers. I can't wait to read his next book.

Erica G says

Loved, loved, loved this book. When it ended, I was not ready for it to be over.

Roxanne says

I won this from Goodreads. I really enjoyed this book about a man who has a crisis in his life and then he goes to Yucatan, Mexico to try and repair his relationship. This book tells an excellent and compelling story.

Rita Mahan says

Really didn't care for this book except for the lovely descriptions of scenery in Mexico.

Sheri Breault Breault says

I loved this novel! It had me enthralled from beginning to end!

Jim Nidositko says

There's enough I want to say about this book that I have a bit of a difficult time unpacking it. I may come back to this review later to add more, but for now let me say that I'm really picky about the fiction I read both in terms of the quality of the story and the quality of the writing. On both fronts, Ray Bartlett's debut novel here is on par with the best authors that I read -- the ones whose next book can't come soon enough. This is a story of deep soul searching, heartache, and personal revelation. Engaging, touching, and thought provoking. Among my thoughts reading it was that it might become a beacon for a generation to help its lost souls find themselves.

In addition to the usual sales channels, you can purchase the book directly from the author's web site which offers signed copies. Also note: a much larger percentage of the sales price goes to the author when you purchase directly rather than through a discount site.

Rebecca Skane says

A trip to the Yucatan meant to rekindle his marriage ends up changing his entire life. Full review to come.
Full review: Sunsets of Tulum Book Review

Tylene says

I got this book from Amazon and really enjoyed reading it. I felt like I was there with the characters as I was reading and the book kept my interest the whole time.

Thank you Raymond for wonderful book. I can't wait to read more of your books.
