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After moving to California from the tropical island of Guam, Phoenix Farmer's marriage to her high school sweetheart, Bradley unravels. Forced to find a job, she retreats into the world of SECRET SHOPPING and thrives. As Phoenix discovers her true self without Bradley, she becomes an unwilling goddess with the help of her best friend Rachel. She snags the attention of Thomas-the creative, handsome and persistent target she has been assigned to evaluate. Can she hold off Thomas's charm until her divorce becomes final? What will she decide when her father falls ill unexpectedly and pulls her back to Guam?

## **Secret Shopper Details**

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## **From Reader Review Secret Shopper for online ebook**

### **Jane says**

*Secret Shopper* offers humor, witty conversation and some silliness as Phoenix finds out her husband Bradley is having an affair. The jerk waits until he is away at basic training for the Army to phone to tell her

In the mean time she has found a job as a secret shopper and started working out at the gym and dropped the extra pounds she had carried. As she does her secret shopper evaluation on Thomas at a local sub shop, she finds him attractive.

Rachel her best friend comes from Guam for a total makeover for Phoenix and the fun begins as the two run into sexy Thomas at the local karaoke bar. Phoenix is still married and does not want to start with anyone else until she is free, so the delay and just friends starts as Bradley delays signing divorce papers. This is a fun romantic comedy with a good touch of reality as the two would-be lovers keep finding blocks to being together. The supporting characters add to the fun and reading about the culture of the people of Guam was a bonus. Will these two crazy would-be lovers find a way to be together? You will just have to read the book to find out the rest of the story.

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### **Angie Peoples says**

What an emotional roller coaster ride of emotions! This book covered so many tough topics (I. E. cheating, divorce, death, dating, marriage) with such elegance and heartfelt emotion. I loved the humor of the characters and the grace in which the author covered such hard subjects. Fantastic book and well written.

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### **Toni Dare says**

In *Secret Shopper*, Tanya Taimanglo maps Nix's emotional journey dealing with a broken marriage, body issues and loss, while finding the courage to love again. Reeling from Bradley's infidelity, emotional and sexual detachment, she focuses on losing weight and the new job. Meeting Thomas while on assignment, Nix cannot help but acknowledge the attraction between them yet tries to walk away afraid of making another mistake. Patient and determined, Thomas does not mind being stuck in the friend zone as he waits for her love. Unconditional love and sacrifice wins the day as Nix finds her forever love with Thomas.

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### **Tanya Taimanglo says**

Tanya here, just sharing the link to The Indie Bookshelf's Erin Roth's 4.5 Star review of my novel, *Secret Shopper*! Thanks! <http://www.theindiebookshelf.com/2013...>

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### **Silvia says**

Absolutely loved this sweet story.....we all need more Thomas in our life. At times Phoenix was a PITA but I still loved her and her musings and I really had to laugh when she chucked out the name Mustafa. Highly recommend this book as wonderful pick me up.

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### **Naomi says**

A good book and it was free!

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### **Lisa Swanepoel says**

This was a well written surprise. Although it is a love story it was not numbingly predictable. Phoenix is a likable character that I couldn't help rooting for as she rediscovered herself as her marriage fell apart.

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### **Yve says**

This was such a surprising find for me. Phoenix was such a down to earth heroine that I felt that I could easily relate to her. While I don't know what it feels like to have your husband cheat on you and have to go through the heartbreakin process of starting over again, I do know what it's like to be so far away from home without any family around to support you through those difficult times.

I loved Thomas and how enthusiastic he was about Phoenix's heritage. I loved how he was so patient with her, and was interested in building a strong friendship between them because ultimately, every good relationship should start off with a strong foundation like that. Thomas was absolutely PERFECT and exactly what Phoenix needed to move on with her life.

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### **411Junkie says**

What a lovely story! This book was recommended by a friend and I'm so glad to add this to my read shelf. It's beautiful story about a woman whose divorce forces her to find her true self. I loved reading through Phoenix's challenges. I'll be posting a full review on my website, but I'd recommend this for anyone looking for a good story.

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### **Carrie says**

This has got to be one of the best books I've read in a long time! I am still reeling from it! I found myself constantly laughing, not wanting to put it down, and crying so much at the end that I could hardly see the screen on my kindle! All signs of a great book!

Both the hero and heroine are down-to-earth, good-to-the-core people. I found myself so wrapped up in their story. Thomas was so sweet and likeable and admirable. Phoenix, the heroine, was funny and kind and deep. Incidentally, she is from Guam...half Korean...I was so intrigued by this aspect of the story. I loved reading about Guam and the people and culture. It all just endeared the story to me that much more.

Don't let the title fool you. It sounds like a light-hearted contemporary romance. It's not. The plot was involved and unpredictable. The characters were strong and real. The journey that this book takes you on is thought-provoking, engaging, and heart-wrenching.

What a beautiful experience this book was for me!

For the more sensitive reader...throughout the book, there is only occasional, mild swearing, but there are about 2 intense scenes where there are a couple of uses of an extreme word. As far as love scenes go, there really isn't much to speak of, but there are a couple of encounters that are completely un-detailed. There is innuendo, though.

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### **Karen Weiss says**

Enjoyable read, funny and sweet and a good Christian read.

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### **Jennifer says**

This book was not at all what I expected. I thought it was going to be a lighthearted story about a mystery shopper who falls in love with one of her targets. Boy was I wrong! This book was an emotional ride on Nix's journey of self discovery after her husbands infidelity. In the end love conquered all, but it was a rough ride.

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### **Luci says**

I really liked this book! Very good read and it kept me up very late into the wee hours of the morning! Which is a good thing because then you know it's worth it! First off loved her name Phoenix because it's way cool and she had me cracking up with her thoughts, lol! As for her no good cheating ass husband...I wanted to kick him in his non existent balls for being a bastard! Thomas Thomas Thomas...damn that man had the patience of a saint! But it was totally worth it in the end! \*SIGHS\* Very romantical with the tattoos and the proposal was AWESOME!! Super happy for Phoenix & Thomas HEA! It would be cool if we got a novella to see what they are up too along with the other characters! \*hint hint\* :-)

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### **Denise Laspina says**

I enjoyed this book. I liked the characters. There was humor and fun as well as some drama. It was a little wordy in places but I really liked it.

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## **Julie says**

I received this book from the author in exchange for a review.

Secret Shopper by Tanya Taimanglo is a captivating page turner. It is a delightfully told story about a girl from Guam, the ups and downs of her loves and family, hard endings and promising beginnings.

The story is well written, fun and filled with lovable characters. The romance is chivalrous and fairly chaste which is a refreshing change from the current trend. The characters are interesting yet realistic. Readers will be rooting for Phoenix as she blossoms into her own woman.

Phoenix is a good girl, a good daughter, a dutiful wife, and a woman with many issues and unfulfilled needs. The Secret Shopper is about her journey through a broken marriage, body issues and personal loss. Overwrought by her husband's infidelity, among other things, Phoenix focuses getting control of her life. She needs to lose weight and find a job! While on the job as a secret shopper, she meets Thomas. There is an instant attraction, but she doesn't act on it. Thomas is a good man, and he patiently waits for Phoenix's love while proving himself a steadfast friend.

No secret here...Secret Shopper by Tanya Taimanglo is a charming 5-star read!

This review was done in conjunction with Book Junkie reviews: <https://bookjunkiewordpress.wordpress...>

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