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Isabel Stamos makes the best choice of her life to leave her suburban Los Angeles, all work and no play, lifestyle to escape to the beautiful beach serenity of San Diego. Here she finds the peacefulness she has been longing for in attempt to shed her lonely barriers. In the midst of running away from the dreadful life she left behind, she's hoping for a new career, a new social life and most desperate of all, a new beginning.

On a calm, hot, sizzling July afternoon, under the tranquil California sun, Isabel is set to enjoy her first days in the new city when she has an awkward encounter with a beautiful stranger. Why is Luke Brady dressed in an expensive suit at the beach is beyond question. But the instant attraction between these two strangers is evident.

Luke's surprised at his own impulsive behavior of offering Isabel a job interview at his prestigious company. She's pleasant, composed and intelligent so he ignores his attraction and gives her a career instead. Working side by side on a daily basis, Luke soon realizes this Greek beauty is clearly on the run and disturbed by some dark secret. She's been severely wounded and this unexpected sense of possession causes Luke to want to protect her. He anxiously tries to keep a professional relationship between them but her naive ways keep luring Luke back into Isabel's world.

## **Beginnings Details**

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# From Reader Review Beginnings for online ebook

## Jamie says

*Sale alert!! This one's on sale for 0.99 right now! Such an awesome story..if you've not read it yet, get it while it's still on sale!*

<http://www.amazon.com/Beginnings-Brad...>

***First let me say..this book was like a breath of fresh air! Aneta Krpekyan has a real talent of creating a scene that just pulls you in with such amazing descriptions that you feel like you are right there...***

We first meet Isabel Stamos... she's running from something. She's left her job, her home, and pretty much her identity. She's looking for a fresh start. A start that can help to keep the demons at bay that haunt her at night. She feels free for the first time in months. Now if she can just figure out what to do with her life....

***Isabel's laying on the beach, just contemplating her future..***

when her eye's land on man. A very sexy man that's a little out of place. Dress pants and business shirt, sleeves rolled up.. just staring out into the water...

Luke.. sweet sexy Luke. Runs the San Diego branch of his families business. He's happy with his life and secure in who he is. The beach is a get away for him.. a place to think outside the office

Well..Luke ends up saving Isabel from near "disaster" and the two strike up a conversation... just so happens that Luke needs an assistant since his current one is leaving.. and Isabel needs a job. The chemistry between them was immediate..... But Luke decides to put his attraction aside to give her a chance. He can tell there's something going on with her and he wants to know what it is. Neither can remember the last time, if ever, they felt such a strong attraction and connection...

Of course they fall hard.....working together for long hours every day with the attraction they both have, can only lead to one place...

But Isabel's demons still haunt her, and may not be as far behind her as she thought. Can Luke get her to truly let him in? Can he save her from outside forces and even from herself?

This really was an easy read..The chemistry was awesome, the steam level just right, and the story kept me

interested the entire time. There was no drag time and very little angst. We've even got a little suspense thrown in. I loved the main characters of Luke and Isabel, along with the supporting cast.. Amanda and Andrew; Jake and Emilia.. We get to know them in this story and I can't wait for them to have their own stories... which Aneta is working on right this very minute!

I really did enjoy this one and I'll definitely be checking out the rest of this series.. I especially can't wait to get my hands on Jake! This was a great debut novel for Aneta and I see great things for her future!

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### **Daniela Rodriguez says**

Won this great book and I am so happy I did! It did not disappoint me! Luke Brady has made it to my list of book boyfriends.

Isabel had some traumatic issues that plagued her and she couldn't just run away from them. She broke her walls down for herself and for Luke. He had patience with her, he did everything in his power to try and get her to see that life does go on after a bad past. I'm glad he didn't just throw in the towel and give up on this girl. All I gotta say is "Where is my Luke?!" ♥?

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### **SueBee★bring me an alpha!★ says**

**★★★★! Beginnings (book 1). A feel-good & sweet story about a girl running from her past, falling for her new boss & the budding romance that ensues while her past comes back to haunt her!**

*“I've woken up next to you just once and I can't imagine not having that every morning. I want you're beautiful face to be the first thing I see when I open my eyes.”*

The Brady Trilogy are stand-alones following the three Brady siblings. Books should be read in order:

**Book 1: Beginnings**

**Book 2: Untitled**

**Book 3: Untitled**

**Beginnings** is the story about **Isabel Stamos, Izzie** who recently rather abruptly left Los Angeles and

**moved to San Diego.** On the beach near her mother's beach house she meets **Luke Brady, V.P. of his family's advertising firm.** He has come to the beach to think and have a break from work. They strike up a conversation and **Luke invites her to interview for the position of his assistant.**

And so their story begins... very much as a **boss-employee forbidden attraction with both fighting their feelings.** But their friendship and budding romance quickly becomes more **complicated with the mystery of Isabel's past.** As the story would indicate it is about **new beginnings,** but as Luke and Isabel soon discover: **one can't run from the past...**

***Luke Brady: 29 years/V.P. of B. Pentagon Print & Advertising/Heir/\$\$\$\$dark brown hair/green eyes.***

Seven words to describe **Luke: Focused, smart, strong, leader, protective, lonely and noble.**

***Isabel Nicolette Stamos, Izzie: 26 years/American-Greek/former paralegal & Law student, assistant/\$\$\$\$dark brown hair/brown eyes.***

Five words to describe **Isabel: Fragile, meek, broken, stubborn and endearing.**

In **Beginnings** we also meet the **other two Brady siblings,** Andrew and Emilia. At times a felt that entirely too much time was spent on the sibling's lives and love interests. I also might have wished for a little more steam.

Overall **Beginnings is a feel-good read with lessons learned.** A **budding romance** and an **unfolding of a mystery!** Both Luke and Isabel are compelling and **I rooted for their HEA all along!** A **debut** by Aneta Krpekyan!

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Hero rating: 4.5 stars

Heroine rating: 3.5 stars

Sex scenes rating: 4 stars

Sex scenes frequency: 3 stars

Storyline concept rating: 4 stars

Storytelling skills rating: 4 stars

Story ending rating: 4 stars

Book editing rating (5 = no edits spotted): 4 stars

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**Overall rating: 3.75 stars**

**Would I recommend this series: Yes.**

**Would I re-read this series: Maybe later.**

**Would I read future books by this author: Yes.**

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## **Dana ~ The Dirty Smut'atter says**

I received this ARC from the author for an honest review.

Can you truly run away from your past without it eventually catching up to you?

We met Isabel on the beach in San Diego just trying to have a normal carefree life enjoying the splendors of The Pacific Ocean. She is captivated by male in a sharp business suit with thick brown hair, dark green eyes and an incredible smile. Luke Brady was only looking to get some fresh air and relax in the middle of his day and never expected to find a female that actually captured his attention. He is use to women that are after his status and what comes from his success. What starts as pure innocence between these two quickly turns into a pull of is too strong for either to ignore.

These two skirt around their feelings for each other and secrets of Isabel's past start to confront them at every turn. It comes to a point where Luke has to make a choice between protecting the one women that has captured his heart or watch her slowly pulled back under. The fight is anything but easy, but with the help of the entire Brady clan [I can't wait to get more on Drew and Jake] these two surface on the other side whole and full of love.

FYI: This is the first book I have read by this author and she pulled me in from the very beginning of the story and kept my attention all the way till the end. It was a great mix of background, emotions and heat that I have come to love from books. I can't wait to get more from her in the future!!

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## **Adelina says**

I finished this book in about a day because I could not stop reading it! Aneta has a way of engaging the reader so that you feel like you're in the story, and I felt the whole range of emotions reading this book. I love books where I can just immerse myself and feel myself living in another person's life, and that is exactly what this did. I loved the characters and their stories and can't wait for more from the lovely Aneta! Congratulations :)

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## **Annette says**

I love Luke and Isabel!!! Isabel is running away from something in her past and meets Luke at all places.....the beach! There is a attraction between the two and Luke offers Isabel a job interview while she stands before him in a bikini!! Whats not to love about this book?!?!?  
This is a must read and it to be followed with two more books in the series. I for one can't wait to read them!!

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## **Lousine says**

Great read! Amazing storyline. Very addicting, hard to put it down. Loved it and def recommend it.

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## **Heccsanía Michelle Michelle says**

I loved it! Couldn't put it down. Can't wait to read more about Emilia, Amanda, Andrew and oh God Jake he's sooo hot!

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## **Aneta Krpekyan says**

**Beginnings (Brady Trilogy #1) Kindle Edition is on SALE for just today 02/14/14 for only \$0.99**

**<http://www.amazon.com/Beginnings-Brad...>**

**Here is a sneak peak of Luke and Isabel at a Bon Fire**

Isabel smiled as Linda left. She certainly was a hand full. The woman had an excessive amount of energy and was unable to stay in one spot for too long. And what's the deal with these people and their blunt conversations? Didn't any of them think of censoring their thoughts before speaking? Talking about their love lives like it was as casual as exchanging recipes. She wondered if the San Diego air would soon make her as bold as Linda. Highly doubtful. She was still thinking about the sassy blonde when Luke, beer in hand, sat next to her.

**"Having fun?" he asked, smiling.**

**Much to her immediate relief, Luke had put his shirt back on. If he sat next to her this close and half naked, she was sure to hyperventilate and humiliate herself.**

**"I'm having a great time," she smiled back. "Was there anything you needed? I can go set up for the barbeque."**

**He caught her arm to stop her from rising. "No, stay. Everything is where it's supposed to be."**

**So what's the story behind your tattoo?" She regretted it as soon as she asked. "Sorry, it's none of my business," she said instantly. How more obvious could she make that she'd been sitting there staring at him? Luke's lips twisted into an amused smile.**

**"Don't be, I don't mind. I got it after I found out Matt was an ex tattoo artist and I asked him to design one for me a couple of years ago. You see, my grandfather had one right here," he said, pointing to the inside of his wrist, "So I told Matt to design a similar one for me. I don't know why I did. I had never planned on getting one before. It was more of a spontaneous spur of the moment thing in honor of my grandfather. Hurts like hell, I'll tell you that," he grinned.**

**"Well at least it looks really good."**

His green eyes lingered over hers. "You think so? I'm glad you like it," he smirked.

Isabel let out a nervous laugh. She quietly cursed herself. Way to go making it obvious you were checking him out Isabel. "So why the Celtic design?"

"I guess because it's a symbol to my heritage." His arm brushed against hers and her whole body heated from the slightest touch.

"Irish?" she managed to continue.

"Half, from my father's side." He grinned.

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### **Caroline O'Sullivan says**

I have just finished reading this amazing book and I have to say I really loved it.

Firstly man can Aneta set a scene, the opening page was described so well I could have been there, just perfect.

Loved the story about Luke and Isabel so much, they were both really nice people, people I would love to hang out with, and well Luke screams HOT!!!

I can not wait for book 2 :)

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### **Wendy's Thoughts says**

#### **3.75 Beginning, Searching and Found Stars**

This new series is about a lot of things. There is our first main character, Isabel. Looking at her as an outsider, she has everything that a young woman could want....

She is beautiful and creative like her Mother, the artist....

She is intelligent and capable, like her Father, the philosopher....

She has no concerns or financial worries, so her future should seem bright, right....

But everything is not what it seems.... Isabel has been running away from a horrific experience she had at her last position with a high profile law firm in Los Angeles. Something happened which caused panic attacks, nerves and insecurity. Her mother has been her rock and with counseling, Isabel feels ready to start fresh... to have a new beginning in San Diego.

Luke Brady's life seems pretty perfect, too.

He is the head of a national print firm; well established and financially sound, with clients who respect and appreciate the talented teams which handle the accounts.

He is well liked by his employees, clients and friends; with a bevy of attractive women wishing to be his arm candy any night of the week.

He has the solid support of his parents and his brother and sister. He even has friends so close they are



consider part of this extended family.

So what could be his stress... he has it all, right...

But he feels empty... feel that arm candy and business is not all life should be... he just doesn't know how to label this feeling he is having while gazing out at the sea... and is in deep thought about it until he notices her.... Isabel... and then an incident brings them together to actually talk...

He is struck by the essence of her... wide eyed, open to the new adventure of her move... talkative yet a little fragile in some way too...

And as life would have it... she was looking for a new position and he was thinking of how he was going to handle his personal assistant leaving... and offers her an interview for the next day.

Of course they both feel an attraction... but both are very aware of how a relationship would be out of the question... he ends up hiring her... she was more than qualified; and she knows to get involved with her boss is just asking for trouble. So both decide to play this situation straight and work together only.... Right.....

Both try.... But over the course of months, meetings and planning the Christmas and New Year's events for the company, the pull and desire for each other becomes too strong to ignore. Luke has experienced feelings for Isabel unlike any he has ever had for a woman; he wants to protect her, care for her and see her healthy and free from whatever she is hiding from him.

They have very steamy moments yet the level of steam is more implied than seriously graphic.

There is more than just the chemistry of a romance to this story through. The other part of this tale is confronting your demons, not hiding from them. Isabel is carrying her demons with her to her new beginnings in more ways than she knows. Through the story we find out what her concerns are and how she must learn to be brave enough to look them in the eye and deal with what she has experienced. By doing that, it is the only way she will be able to accept the love Luke has for her and free herself from her terror.

There were a number of things I enjoyed about this book; the author was able to transport me to Greece and make me feel as if I was there through the telling of family remembrances by Isabel. She told Luke of her time with her grandparents, Mother and Father with the kind of detail and flow which made you feel as you were part of the conversation. It was a lovely moment.

The other highlight was the depth of character she gave to the secondary players. The co workers had some zip; Isabel's mother and Luke's parents were fully formed and she really hit the mark with the creation of the brother, sister and extended family of Amanda and Jake.

I have to say, Jake sort of stole the book away from Luke for me... he was described so strongly and his back story so complete, he lit up the pages every time he appeared.

This had a strong ending and although this is a trilogy, you can breathe a sigh of relief..... it seems they can be read as stand alone. There are excellent options for the upcoming books; I am sure there is Andrew's adventure with Mandy and I know Jake is in the wings with Emma.

I will be watching to see what new beginnings will be happening with them.

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## **MELISSA \*Mel Reader\* says**

(4.5 I LOVE Luke Brady Stars!!!)

(ARC provided by author via SueBee)

(Recommended by SueBee)

Isabel Stamos is a woman looking for a new beginning. She was working for a law firm in L.A. and after her

world is suddenly rocked, she takes off to her mother's beach house in San Diego to try and start over. She is taking a few days to relax on the beach and figure out her next step. One day while out enjoying the sun she spots a gorgeous man in a suit staring out at the ocean. They end up meeting and talking, and he offers her a job at his advertising firm.

Luke Brady really was in need of a personal assistant. Isabel is a great fit with his company and does a wonderful job. The only problem is Luke's strong attraction for her. He wants to keep things professional with her, but starts to realize that is impossible with his growing feelings for her. He really just can't resist her, and this is when the book really gets good!:D

As much as I loved Luke and Isabel's relationship, I found myself also continually wanting more of the other two couples. I absolutely can't wait for the next two books about the Brady siblings. I adored playboy Andrew and can't wait to see him settle down with one lady, and Emilia was just a little firecracker. Can't wait for more Jake as well! So many wonderful characters to love in this book, and so excited to read the next two installments in this series!!!

-She was stunned by his dark green eyes and incredible smile. He had thick brown hair and a strong jaw line.

-She couldn't remember ever facing a man this gorgeous oozing with sex appeal.

-She wanted this man. Wanted him more than she was verbally willing to admit. If words couldn't speak for her then she hoped her eyes would send a clear message.

-"I care deeply for you Isabel." He lightly stroked her face with the back of his fingers then traced her lower lip with his thumb.

-It was all the assurance Isabel needed. She placed her delicate hands on his chest, slowly rose and closed the distance between their lips.

-She did not recognize the woman within herself when she was with Luke. It's as though an unknown source was feeding her confidence to take what she wanted.

-I'm a man with a lot of control and I can't seem to control myself around you.

-He wanted her and every movement of his hard lips on hers sent a whole new shiver of excitement racing through her body.

-His eyes, his smile, his voice, it all did a number on her.

-Luke Brady had become her utter weakness and it was exhilarating.

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### **Mandy says**

I loved this book! I absolutely adore Luke Brady and the entire Brady family. I am normally not a fan of books written in 3rd person but it really worked for this book. I love that this book wasn't really angsty and I really loved how Isabel and Luke's relationship developed. I'm looking forward to reading the other books in this trilogy! Highly recommend!

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### **Marine says**

What can I say about this book that the other readers haven't already? It was amazing, captivating, sexy, romantic...YES! all of the above. I was so entranced with the story and by each character I could swear I was in the story looking at it unfold before my eyes. The way I know I loved a book and will definitely read it again is when it's over and I feel sad and like I'm missing something. I got attached to the characters (uhm uhm hottie Luke) and cannot wait for book two! Especially looking forward to Jake :)

Aneta is the next new hot author, let's see what she cooks up for us next :)

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### **Nicole Banks says**

Loved this story! Author does an amazing job drawing you in from the first scene! (I'm a sucker for a beach scene) I enjoyed izzie and luke together and the whole boss assistant love thing was nicely done I like how she made it her own and not a replica of the million smut/love stories we've read. I'm actually looking forward to jake and Emma's book (i hope there's a book) I would love to see Emma bring stone cold jake to his knees lol

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