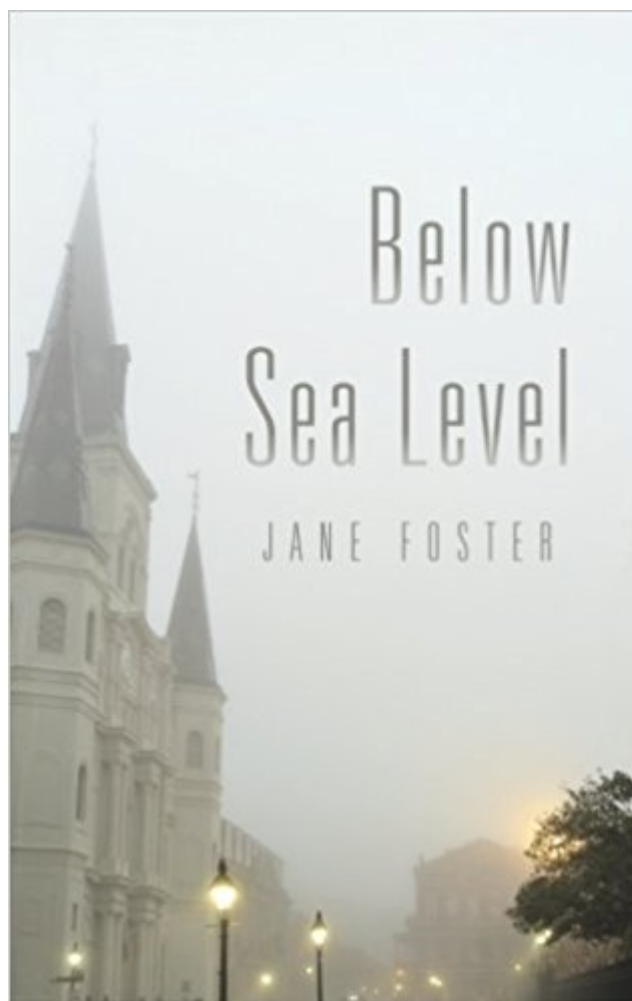


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# Below Sea Level



## Synopsis

'With compassion and insight, Jane Foster examines how a perfectly happy family is pulled apart, not by the challenge of raising a young family far away from home, but by alcoholism. Leaving her husband in Tokyo and escaping back home to New Orleans with her children, thinking there is no other way but out, old friends show Lila that there is still hope if only she can learn to pray. Because when human strength is not enough, turning to God can make all the difference, as we find out in this touching account of one family's journey back to happiness. Below Sea Level won the 2013 Illumination Book Award bronze medal for fiction.

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## Customer Reviews

Foster's "Below Sea Level" is a treat for all the senses. Her vivid descriptions allow us to experience the sights and sounds, scents and tastes found in two of the most exciting cities in the world. And her gift for characterization reveals many complicated layers of the people who make this book so compelling. I actually couldn't put it down. Read it in one day. Recommend it wholeheartedly.

I loved this book! Jane Foster has done an amazing job of making you feel like you are there...her obvious love and knowledge of New Orleans and Paris are evident, and the characters make you want to "root" for them. I hope there is a sequel! I'll be the first in line!

Jane Foster in her fluid prose clearly tells about a search for the meaning in lives that were marred

by addiction before they, and in particular Philip, found their own path to treatment and faith in God. Her characters come alive amidst the beauty and charm of New Orleans and Paris, places that she describes so well from experiences there. The message of forgiveness and the search for meaning in life are not new themes, but her characters transcend the ordinary to voice the need to forgive, but not forget, and to make the often hard decisions on the road to recovery and happiness. (Ginny Hilyard, CT)

The underlying theme of 'Below Sea Level' is that change can be achieved- and is worthwhile; but that is just one part of this lovingly told story of a family- and their friends. The author has a gift for describing events and places in a way that you do not forget, even after the last page has been turned. I can imagine with great pleasure the Thanksgiving table described on page 182: and would very much like to have been invited to that feast.

What a gift Jane Foster has to paint a beautiful picture with her words. Family dynamics, beautiful locations that draw you right into the story. The sadness of what can happen to "picture perfect" families when addiction to alcohol rears its ugly head. The beauty of inviting God into a personal relationship. Seeing how God's grace and mercy are available to those that seek the hope that can be found only in him. Pray this story finds its way to the many that need to read and heed the message.

"Below Sea Level" is so well written . The moment you finish one page....you want to go the next page. You do not want to miss one word/syllable of this interesting book. Jane Foster deserves much applause for her writing ability.I am looking forward to a sequel where I can follow the characters. ....Wondering what other. Fascinations they may encounter. This book exceeded my expectations. I can only speak of it in "Superlatives". I knew it would be excellent if written by Jane....but I never dreamed I would Love Love Love it so. Thank you , Jane.

I loved the book and was captivated by the characters and the story. I finished it in a day. Jane foster has a wonderful ability to tell a very hopeful story about a family pulled apart by alcoholism. Prayer and forgiveness are critical for the happy ending. I recommend it and look forward to reading Jane Foster's new book "Sliding!"

I thought this would be another book about lecturing on alcholism.....was I wrong! This was a

wonderful read about spiritualism and friendship. I loved Debo and the other friends and foes that made up this delightful book. I suggested it to my book club, and they are reading with great delight and we will discuss this at our meeting next Wednesday. Bravo to Jane Foster and her wise insight into a delicate matter. Peggy Elliott

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