

**TEN BEACH ROAD** AUTHOR WENDY WAX'S NEW NOVEL, **OCEAN BEACH**, HEADS TO MIAMI WHERE FIVE FRIENDS TRY TO RENOVATE A SOUTH BEACH ART DECO TREASURE AND FILM THEIR FIRST T.V. SHOW WHILE GRAPPLING WITH REALITY, PAPARAZZI, RELATIONSHIPS, AND PARENTING

**OCEAN BEACH is Published as a Trade Paperback Original and E-Book on Sale June 26**



**Praise for Ten Beach Road—**

"If you loved Jennifer Weiner's *Fly Away Home*...then try *Ten Beach Road*...  
[a] warm, wry novel."—**Collette Bancroft, St. Petersburg Times**

"Share with your mom, sisters, daughters, gal pals."  
—**Nancy Pate, On A Clear Day I Can Read Forever**

"[This] dynamic, fast-paced story is a loving tribute to friendship and the power of the female spirit."—**Las Vegas Review-Journal**

"Friendship between women is celebrated and will make you cheer in this uplifting book."  
—**Parkersburg (WV) News and Sentinel**



"Recognizes the power of the female spirit, while being unemotional, and a little romantic."  
—**Fresh Fiction**

"Great escape reading, perfect for the beach."—**Library Journal**

"Full of laughter, heartache, secrets, loyalty, and courage... run out and pick up a copy!"  
—**Night Owl Reviews**

"Intriguing...I found her insight into human nature to resonate."—**Rundpinne**

"Vivid...You can almost smell the salty air...the challenges and determination of these women is undeniable...  
[each] made for a very compelling heroine."—**LuxuryReading**

"Funny, heartbreaking, romantic and so much more...This story about recovery and restoration on so many levels is just delightful."—**The Best Reviews**

Wendy Wax introduced Madeline Singer, Avery Lawford and Nicole Grant and their story of friendship, family and triumph in her book **Ten Beach Road**, which USA Today cited as one of "six that belong in your beach bag." Now, these three head to Miami in **OCEAN BEACH**, on sale June 26. There they hope to use the skills they mastered renovating Bella Flora, a dilapidated historic home, to spin straw into gold once again, this time with the cameras rolling for the first season of their reality show, *Do Over*.

Wax, born and raised in St. Pete Beach, Florida is no stranger to Miami, but hadn't visited there for years when she began researching **OCEAN BEACH**. Her first memories of it are from childhood. "When I was little, we stayed at the Fontainebleau Hotel and ate at Wolfie's," she says, admitting to a touch of nostalgia for the now closed landmark deli. Today, she knows much more about the city, especially South Beach's legendary Art Deco structures, one of which inspired the home at the center of the novel.

The Millicent, a once fabulous Art Deco Streamline, and the reality show *Do Over* have Madeline, Avery and Nicole again donning their tool belts. Madeline's daughter, Kyra, who created the pilot and sold the program, is at the helm for the first season, and she's brought her six-month old, Dustin. Avery's runaway mother, Deirdre, an interior designer, is there, too, as is The Millicent's owner, show business legend and nonagenarian Max Golden.

Arriving in South Beach, they discover The Millicent in far worse shape than they expected and that the network has added a second camera crew with orders to film not just the renovation, but them, warts and all. With money running low, their private lives in limbo, and their only other source of income, Bella Flora, still unsold, no one is walking away—despite *Do Over's* miniscule budget, their tiny salaries, saboteurs in their midst, and their concern that Max has much more riding on the project than reclaiming his home.

Then Dustin's uber-celebrity father shows up, superstar wife, kids, body guards and entourage in tow and The Millicent becomes the focal point for paparazzi from around the world.

It's make or break time for their careers—and possibly their friendship. All in all, not the perfect circumstances for a major renovation.

As she has in the past, Wendy Wax focuses on women and relationships, telling a story of adversity, friendships, family ties, joy and heartbreak, sharing her distinctive voice and leavening the struggles of her protagonists with her trademark honesty, wit and tenderness.

#### **ABOUT WENDY WAX**

A St. Pete Beach native and longtime Atlanta resident, Wendy is perhaps best known to readers for her exploration of women's friendships and the emotional bonds tying people to their families, friends and work. Her writing has been called "entertaining and informative" (St. Petersburg Times) and The Atlanta Journal-Constitution praised her "breezy wit and keen insight."

Ten Beach Road, Wendy's best selling novel to date, has gone back to press seven times since its first printing in May 2011, and was recently made available as a mass market reprint in addition to its trade paperback and electronic formats. It is the first of Wendy's novels to use her hometown as her primary setting.

Wendy has always been a voracious reader. Her love affairs with language and storytelling paid off beginning with her first shift at the campus radio station while studying journalism at the University of Georgia.

She returned to her home state and then studied in Italy before graduating from the University of South Florida and going to work for the Tampa PBS affiliate, WEDU-TV. She was best-known in the Tampa Bay area as the host of *Desperate & Dateless*, a radio matchmaking program that aired on WDAE radio, and nationally as host of *The Home Front*, which aired on PBS television affiliates across the country.

The mother of a toddler and an infant when she decided to change careers to write professionally, Wendy has since written eight novels, including the upcoming **OCEAN BEACH**, Ten Beach Road, Magnolia Wednesdays, The Accidental Bestseller (a Romance Writers of America Rita Award finalist), Leave It to Cleavage, 7 Days and 7 Nights, and Single in Suburbia. Her work has been sold to publishers in ten countries and to the Rhapsody Book Club. Her novel, Hostile Makeover, was excerpted in Cosmopolitan magazine.

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