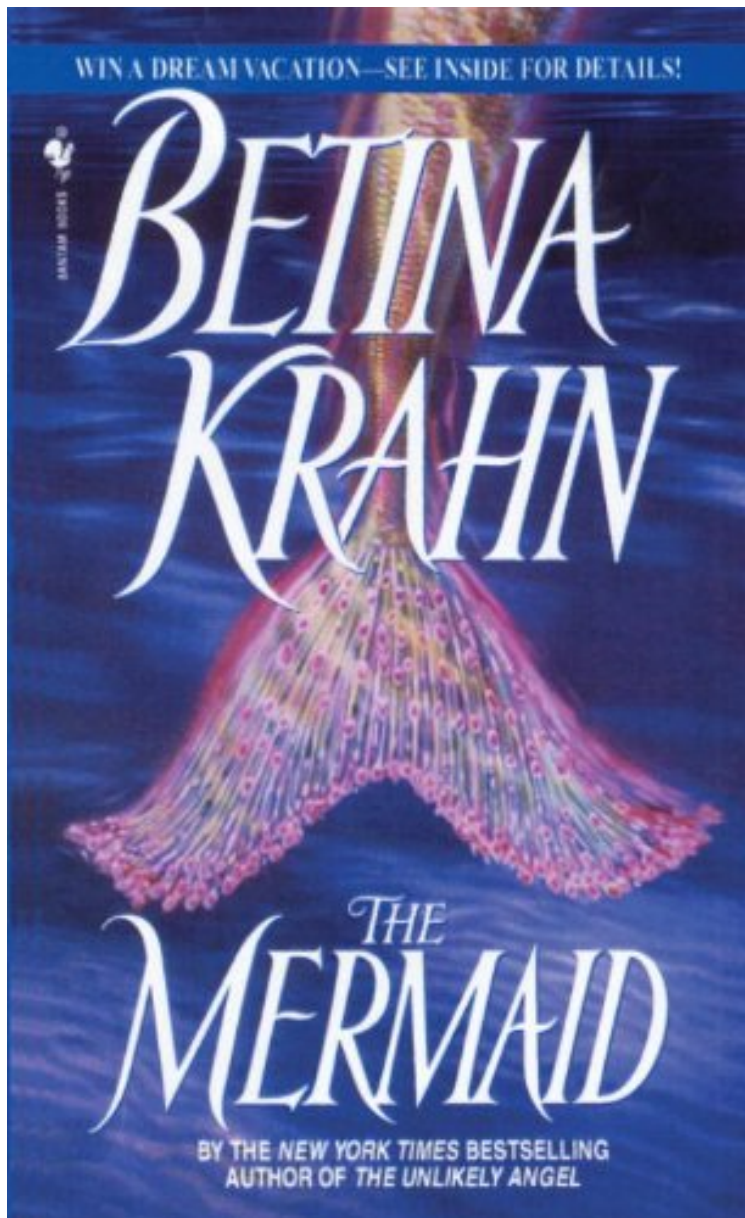


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A great VictorianVon Ein KundeTitus Thorne is famous for his work exposing scientific quacks andcharlatans. When he

returns to the College of Cardinals in Oxford where he is the chair of the Ichthyology Department, his peers assign him the job of discrediting Celeste Ashton. The press and the public are having a feeding frenzy over Celeste's work "The Secret Life Of Dolphins". The excitement caused by her sensational book and its accompanying shrilling publicity gets Celeste an invitation to speak at the prestigious joint meeting of the Zoological and Oceanographic societies. Instead of critical acclaim from her male compatriots, the scientists ridicule her work. Though dismayed by their treatment, Celeste dares one of her critics, Titus, to observe her as she proves her claims to be true. Titus is forced to accept her challenge. Titus travels to Celeste's home where he spends a fortnight with the young writer and her zany grandmother. Almost immediately, Titus and Celeste are extremely attracted to each other, an attraction encouraged by Celeste's Nana. However, Titus is here to expose the woman as a charlatan out to make a quick pound. Though he now loves her, he still doubts her claims, leaving no chance for a future together to develop. If he does not remove the seaweed from his brain, he will lose something more precious than scientific research, he will lose the love of a lifetime. Betina Krahn proves that she is one of the best writers of Victorian romance with her classy new novel, *THE MERMAID*. The minute details of the scientific community and its research methodology enhances an already intriguing story line that is simply superb. The reference to Jules Verne is sheer brilliance. However, it is the constant chauvinistic attitude of the all male scientific community towards a female researcher that makes this novel one of the best historical romances of the year and will be well received by fans of the sub-genre. This is one book heading straight to the keeper shelf. Harriet Klausner
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Von jordan@labs.net I have found all of the books I have bought by Tina humorous and delightful. They add many hours of smiles. I am always checking Walden Book Store at the mall wondering if she has another release.

Kurzbeschreibung With the wit of *The Last Bachelor*, the charm of *The Perfect Mistress*, and the sparkle of *The Unlikely Angel*, Betina Krahn has penned an enchanting new romance about a woman ahead of her time and an academic who must choose between cold reason and...*The Mermaid*. If Celeste Ashton hadn't needed money to save her grandmother's seaside estate, she would never have published her observations on ocean life and the dolphins she has befriended. So when her book bursts upon the London scene, making her an instant celebrity, she is unprepared for the attention...especially when it comes from handsome scientist Titus Thorne. While Titus suspects there is something fishy about her theories, Celeste is determined to be taken seriously. Soon their fiery clashes create sparks neither expects, not least when Celeste dares Titus to let her give him a personal tour of the world she knows so well. But when a shady entrepreneur takes too close an interest in Celeste's work--and Celeste--Titus must decide if he will risk his credibility, his career--and his heart--to side with the Lady Mermaid. From the Paperback edition. From Library Journal Sheltered scientist Celeste Ashton has no idea that her unorthodox work with dolphins would end up causing such a stir in both the academic community and the popular press. When the Times labels her a "mermaid" and a group of prestigious scientists condescendingly question her research and her qualifications, she has no choice but to allow the "professional skeptic," ichthyology professor Titus Thorne, to come to her sea-side home and observe her dolphins in action. The result is an unusual story written with whimsy and grace. Krahn (*The Unlikely Angel*, Bantam, 1996) lends a lively, humorous touch to some of the more important women's issues of the day. Her fans won't be disappointed in this one. She lives in Minnesota. Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc. Pressestimmen "Krahn has a delightful, smart touch." --Publishers Weekly