

# Media Kit

## Book Details

**Title:** *Shooting Stars*

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4.4 on Goodreads

**Blurb:** Catherine Marshall is used to being invisible. Although she's intelligent and talented, she's an underachiever and lives her life in other people's shadows. She has a job she hates and dreams she's too afraid of pursuing. When she wins a writing competition and her long-term boyfriend persuades her to spend the prize money on air tickets to Hawaii, she's convinced he's about to propose at last. Instead, he betrays her and unable to change the tickets, Catherine goes to Hawaii alone to mend her broken heart.

Jake Donovan can't hide from being in the spotlight. A Hollywood superstar and one of America's most eligible bachelors, he's in Hawaii taking some time to decompress after the filming of his latest hit show wraps. Surrounded by paradise he should feel like he has it all, but he's feeling jaded and aware of a growing dissatisfaction with his world.

When a chance encounter brings their two lives together Catherine and Jake discover they have more in common than expected. Together, they escape their everyday lives and develop a fragile intimacy. But as reality closes in, it becomes clear that the fairy tale is not likely to survive in the real world and they begin to question whether their meeting was meant to inspire personal change or if it really was fated in the stars.

## About the Author

After twenty years working as a professional editor in online communications and book publishing, Skye Bothma now writes full time. She is terminally single and lives a quiet life in rural New Zealand with her adopted greyhound. Born in South Africa, she considers herself a global citizen by effort. As a person with several chronic conditions, she is an advocate for raising awareness and acceptance of neurodiversity, chronic illness and invisible disability issues. She enjoys travel, learning about the world, arts and crafts, gardening and attempting the occasional DIY disaster. *Shooting Stars* is her first novel.



# Accolades and Editorial Reviews

## Top 100 – Shelf Unbound Book Review Magazine 2005

Selected as one of the top 100 indie books of 2025 by Shelf Media. See [https://issuu.com/shelfunbound/docs/winter\\_2025\\_the\\_indie\\_book\\_award\\_issue](https://issuu.com/shelfunbound/docs/winter_2025_the_indie_book_award_issue) (page 85)



## Gold Award – Literary Titan, May 2024

In Skye Bothma's heartfelt novel, *Shooting Stars*, readers are drawn into a tumultuous world of love, betrayal, and self-discovery. The protagonist, Cathy, navigates through the complexities of her job, ex-partner, and unexpected encounters that force her to reassess her life and dreams. Bothma's emotionally resonant story captures a quintessential struggle between personal aspirations and societal expectations, making it an engaging and relatable read.



Bothma's writing is sharp and evocative and pulled me into Cathy's emotional rollercoaster. Her ability to craft vivid scenes is evident as she intricately details every emotion, from the palpable tension in office confrontations to the crushing disappointment of personal betrayal. The dialogue is particularly strong, offering authenticity to each character's voice and enhancing the unfolding drama. The thoughtful pacing of the narrative allows for deeper introspective moments that enrich the understanding of the protagonist's inner journey, even though I felt it occasionally tempers the story's momentum.

The novel's exploration of personal growth and resilience is not just a personal journey for Cathy, but a poignant commentary on societal expectations. Bothma excels in depicting Cathy's evolution from a passive observer in her life to an empowered individual who confronts her realities and takes charge. This transformation is not only inspiring but also a critical commentary on the often-overlooked emotional labor that women endure in both professional and personal arenas.

The story challenges readers to think about the importance of authenticity and self-value in a world that frequently demands compromise and conformity. The book's setting, a bustling corporate office where interpersonal dynamics come into play, serves as a microcosm to explore these themes. At times, the motivations of the secondary characters appear somewhat superficial, but they effectively serve their roles in propelling Cathy's journey forward.

*Shooting Stars* is a fun and uplifting story that will resonate with readers who enjoy women's fiction stories of personal struggle and triumph. It's ideal for readers who are navigating their own crossroads in life or anyone who appreciates a story that combines emotional depth with the complexities of everyday life.

<https://literarytitan.com/2024/04/20/shooting-stars-2/>

## Five Stars – Readers' Views, 2024

On the surface, *Shooting Stars* by Skye Bothma is a sweet, contemporary love story sure to capture the attention of romance enthusiasts. But dig deeper, and you uncover a multidimensional novel about self-discovery, challenging preconceived notions, and taking a leap of faith. Catherine is stuck in the mundane aspects of her life, feeling heartbroken and invisible, but her trip to Hawaii provides a clarity that she hasn't felt in some time. A burgeoning relationship with a TV star is every woman's fantasy. Still, Catherine must grapple with her nagging sense of doubt and insecurity if she wants Jake in her life permanently. Meanwhile, Jake has his own



insecurities to face as he fears Catherine won't be able to cope with the harsh realities of dating a famous actor.

From the intoxicating sights of Hawaii to the absorbing romance, it's easy to get swept up in *Shooting Stars*. The writing provides a welcome (exotic) escape (especially for readers in the North!). Soaring above Pearl Harbor, Waikiki Beach, and the majestic Diamond Head, I was easily transported on the breathtaking helicopter ride with Jake and Catherine. Exploring beaches and historical sites with a handsome suitor – what could be better? The author skilfully infused a palpable tension between the characters that was delicious to experience – stolen glances, unspoken words, and a red-hot attraction. Would Catherine and Jake's love withstand the obstacles? I was heavily invested until the final page!

For those who love contemporary romance with stunning, picturesque settings, you'll want to grab a copy of this novel. The unique premise and engaging themes put it a cut above other books from this genre. So, pour yourself a delicious fruity drink, put your feet up, open your heart, and let Skye Bothma take you to paradise with *Shooting Stars*.

– Stephanie Elizabeth Long,

<https://readerviewsarchives.wordpress.com/2024/01/17/shooting-stars-bothma/>

### Five Stars – Readers' Favorite, 2024

Skye Bothma wrote a slow-burn romance, capturing Catherine's life as her work and past relationships prevented her from finding happiness. Jake's generosity toward a stranger amazed me. I enjoyed the creativity used to introduce the characters in the story. The snobby lawyers Catherine worked for would have made me quit in less than a day. Jake's fame failed to impress Catherine, and this was a major appealing factor throughout the entire book. I was impressed by the vivid descriptions of Catherine's visits to tourist attractions. The witty dialogue between Jake and Catherine felt natural. I felt a true connection with Catherine's inner turmoil and self-doubt. The range of emotions in *Shooting Stars* made the story engaging. I would recommend this book to readers who enjoy romantic adventures.



– Stephanie Chapman,

<https://readersfavorite.com/book-review/shooting-stars/1>