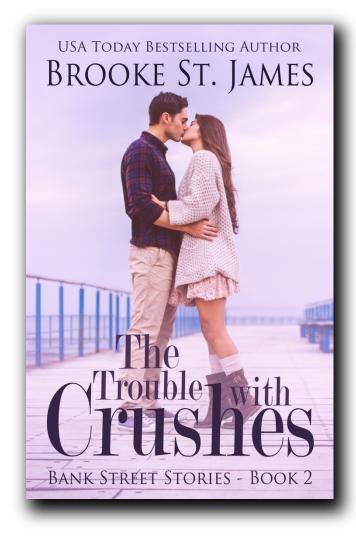
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A TALE OF SECOND CHANCES, REDEMPTION, A LOVE THAT GROWS STRONGER OVER TIME, AND THE CONTINUATION OF A MULTI-GENERATIONAL LOVE STORY.

The Trouble with Crushes (Bank Street Stories - Book 2) by Brooke St. James



The first time Abigail Cohen met Daniel King, he was nursing a busted nose from an altercation with Billy Castro. He was a couple of years younger than her, about to head off to Vietnam, and hadn't quite discovered the man he was meant to be.

Abigail was only on Galveston Island for the summer and was so boy crazy that she was blinded to Daniel's feelings toward her. By the time she saw the error of her ways it seemed too late for a second chance. Daniel had outgrown Abigail and Galveston, and it didn't seem likely that he'd come back to either one.

Bestselling author <u>Brooke St. James</u> will release a mass market paperback edition of <u>The Trouble with Crushes</u> [978-1400333004; \$14.99; Elm Hill; August 2022] as part of a distribution deal with HarperCollins Christian Publishing.

The Trouble with Crushes by Brooke St. James is the second of nine full-length novels and one Christmas-themed novella (book 2.5) in her popular, multi-generational romance series, the *Bank Street Stories*. *The Trouble with Crushes* introduces readers to Abigail Cohen, the younger sister

of Tess Cohen (heroine in *Easy Does It*).

When Abigail first met Daniel King, he had a busted nose from a fight with Billy Castro. At the time, he seemed like nothing more than a little brother type of figure in her life. Though Abigail could easily be described as boy-crazy, she never thought of Daniel in that way.

Before too long, Daniel was shipped off to fight in Vietnam. The two maintained their friendship through weekly letters, but eventually Abigail lost interest in Daniel altogether. Daniel eventually returned as a war

hero. He had definitely grown up and had also seemed to outgrow Galveston. It was through a chance reunion with Daniel that Abigail finally started to realize he had held a torch for her all those years. As that realization hit, a flood of emotions and feelings for Daniel began to emerge.

But Abigail felt the need to right the wrongs of her past first. With time, healing, and forgiveness, the love between them would grow into something spectacular.

Brooke St. James weaves another signature feel good romance that will leave you feeling happy and uplifted. She continues the saga of the Bank Street crew with the second book in the series, and continues to serve up all the Galveston beach vibes and 1960s nostalgia from book 1. Known for her real characters, Brooke writes clean romance novels free of angst, drama and cliff-hangers–and always offers a happy ending.

The USA Today bestselling author has published more than 70 books and sold over 2 million copies. She was inspired to write this series after a trip to Galveston Island with her family seven or eight years ago. "The timeless feel of the Strand and downtown area and the serenity of the beach and boardwalk area appealed to me," she said. "The first book in the series, Easy Does It, features world champion boxer, 'Easy' Billy Castro. I wanted to trace the impact of his career and boxing academy on his family and the community. In *The Trouble with Crushes*, Daniel King and Abigail Cohen build a sort of second-chance romance with the gentle nudging of Billy and his wife, Tess"

Perfect for fans of Karen Kingsbury, Robyn Carr, Nora Roberts, and Debbie Macomber, *The Trouble with Crushes* can be read as either a standalone or continuation of the Bank Street Stories series. It will be available at <u>Amazon, Barnes & Noble</u>, and <u>everywhere books are sold</u> on April 5, 2022.

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