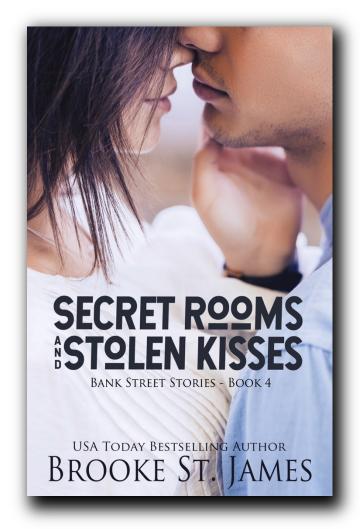
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A CHARMING STORY WITH ENDEARING CHARACTERS THAT WILL HAVE YOU SMILING ALL THE WAY TO THEIR HAPPILY EVER AFTER.

Secret Rooms and Stolen Kisses (Bank Street Stories – Book 4) by Brooke St. James



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I, Tara Castro, could for instance, get all caught up in the magic of finding a secret room and fall madly in love with someone who I initially despised. It could be possible for me to find a soulmate in someone I once thought was heartless.

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Bestselling author **Brooke St. James** will release a mass market paperback edition of <u>Secret Rooms and</u> <u>Stolen Kisses</u> [978-1400334797; \$14.99; Elm Hill; December 2022] as part of a distribution deal with HarperCollins Christian Publishing.

Secret Rooms and Stolen Kisses by Brooke St. James is the fourth of nine full-length novels and one Christmas-themed novella (book 2.5) in her popular, multi-generational romance series, the *Bank Street Stories*. **Secret Rooms and Stolen Kisses** introduces readers to Tara Castro, the daughter of Billy and Tess Castro (MC's in **Easy Does It**).

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Tara was living in an apartment above a former jewelry store, just across the street from her father's gym on Bank Street. In fact, it was the same apartment her parents lived in when they first got married. She grew up in that neighborhood, and it was her dream to open a dance studio and art gallery where the jewelry store had once been.

Her plans seemed perfect and she was ready to pitch them to the new owner of the building, Trey Harper. It would be their first time to meet and nothing went as planned. Tara's first impression of Trey was that of a heartless businessman who didn't seem to care for the dreams or lives of those around him. Though she was discouraged and somewhat hopeless about her dreams coming true, Tara persevered. As time passed, the discouragement and distrust morphed into sparks and the wonderment of true love. She would soon discover God had greater plans for her than she had ever imagined, and along the way she would uncover some secrets the building had been hiding for years.

Brooke St. James offers the best yet in the Bank Street Stories series with a fast paced, fun read, that will have you smiling all the way to their happily ever after. 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 *Secret Rooms and Stolen Kisses*, Tara Castro introduces the second generation of the Bank Street crew as the series shifts into the 1990s.

Perfect for fans of Karen Kingsbury, Robyn Carr, Nora Roberts, and Debbie Macomber, **Secret Rooms** and Stolen Kisses 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 December 27, 2022.

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