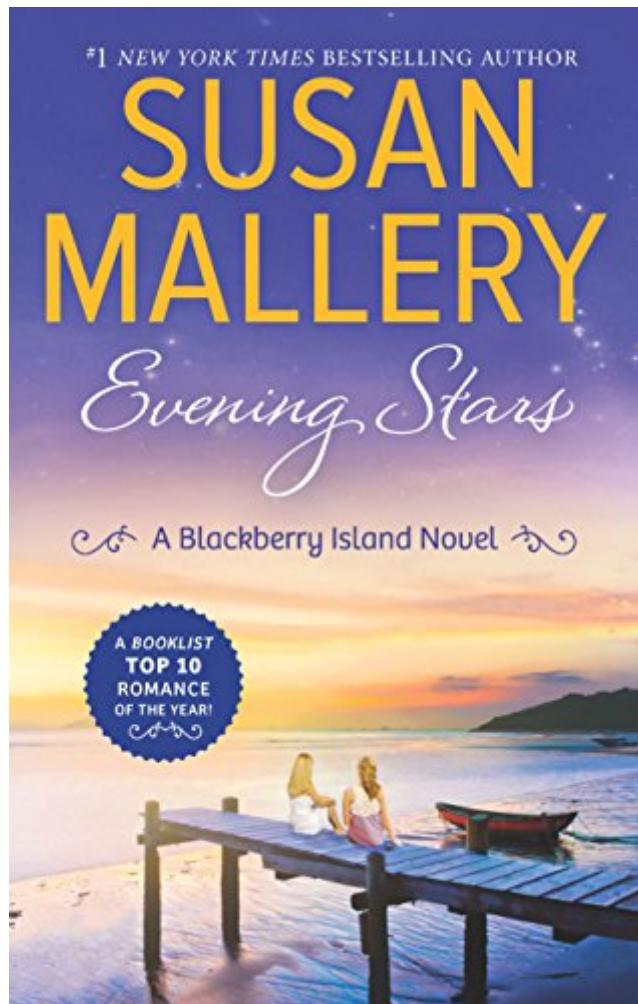


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# Evening Stars (Blackberry Island Book 3)



## **Synopsis**

New York Times bestselling author Susan Mallery returns to Blackberry Island with the poignant tale of two sisters on the verge of claiming their dreams. Small-town nurse Nina Wentworth has made a career out of being a caretaker. More "Mom" than their mother ever was, she sacrificed medical school and her first love so her sister could break free. Which is why she isn't exactly thrilled to see Averil back on Blackberry Island, especially when Nina's life has suddenly become complicated. Nina unexpectedly finds herself juggling two men; her high school sweetheart and a younger maverick pilot who also wants to claim her heart. But as fun as all this romance is, Nina has real life to deal with. Averil doesn't seem to want the great guy she's married to, and doesn't seem to be making headway writing her first book; their mom is living life just as recklessly as she always has; and Nina's starting to realize that the control she once had is slipping out of her fingers. Her hopes of getting off the island seem to be stretching further away until her mother makes a discovery that could change everything forever. But before Nina and Averil can reach for the stars, they have to decide what they want. Will Averil stay? Will Nina leave? And what about the men who claim to love them? Does love heal, or will finding their happy ending mean giving up all they've ever wanted?

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## Customer Reviews

Evening Stars is the third book in the Blackberry Island series. This is definitely not a typical Susan Mallory book. It's not a romance in the typical sense. It's more of an inside look at Family, friends, life, dreams and love. Nina Wentworth, first introduced in Blackberry Island Book Two, is a small town nurse who wants to pursue her dreams and the life she forfeited taking care of her sister and her mother. Nina is a strong person, but as the story develops, we learn she is actually vulnerable and afraid to take the risk and let go. Enter two men from Nina's past to complicate her life even further. There's the younger Navy Aviator, who vowed his love for her...when he was twelve and she was sixteen...who caught her off guard (literally) and offered uncomplicated "fun". Shortly after she begins dating, her first love, having recently returned to the Island, starts campaigning to win her back. Nina, thinking one relationship is casual, not designed for the long haul, and the other merely friendship, finds herself caught between two men who love her. As with the other Blackberry Island novels, Evening Stars, has additional storylines. Unlike the other novels, these storylines, are all family connected. We meet Nina's younger sister Averil, who initially comes across as a self centered "why me" troubled young wife. Averil returns to Blackberry Island on a journey of self discovery...what does she want...what does she need...and how does her husband fit in? The final storyline focuses on Nina's irresponsible and flighty mother Bonnie and an accidental discovery that could change Nina's world forever. Susan Mallory seems to have really captured the essence of dysfunctional family dynamics and how they impact us throughout our lives.

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