

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



TINA MURRAY

Romance readers will recognize South-west Florida resident Tina Murray from her published work *Dead Palm Trees* in Jackie Hofer's anthology *Tree Magic* and from her essays in the USF literary journal *Palm Prints*.

A recluse at heart, Tina has ventured her way into the publishing world after years spent in a wide range of pursuits. Insight gained, especially as an actress and artist, subsequently enhanced by degrees in art education, education, art and drama from the the Florida State University and the University of Miami, has fed her imagination for her debut romance novel ***A Chance to Say Yes***. Now she enjoys the sunny shores of paradise as she prepares the sequel in her movie-star dynasty.

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A Chance to Say Yes

In Search of a Safe Harbor...

Finally, after years of struggle, Heston Demming is at the peak of his acting career—a Hollywood heartthrob, his handsome face on every tabloid. When he comes home to Naples, Florida, his opulent lifestyle is declaration of victory over the poverty and hardship of his youth. But his triumphant return is a sham, a lie he's told himself to keep from facing the truth.

The truth is, his life is falling apart. It's as though he is standing on the beach in the edge of the surf, each wave washing more sand from beneath his feet. And, with nothing solid to hang onto, he is going down.

Then one "real" person comes back into his life, Poppy Talbot. The woman left behind in his quest for money and fame. Poppy still has the same sweetness as she did when they were love-struck teenagers. She could save him—if he could get her to forgive the past and win her trust...

In Search of Escape...

All the years Heston was away, Poppy Talbot dreamed of seeing him again. And had vivid nightmares about it. About the consequences. Poppy has a long-kept secret—a soul-deep secret.

One, which, if she lets Heston back into her life, is certain to rip them apart...

Set in sophisticated, tropical Naples, Florida. *A Chance to Say Yes* takes you inside the volatile private life of the exclusive beachfront community's most celebrated son.

"In *A Chance to Say Yes*, Tina Murray skillfully portrays an elite world jam-packed with romance, glamour, lust, greed, deception, betrayal, and surprising twists and turns to keep you captivated to the very last word."

Jane Kennedy Sutton
Author of *The Ride*



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Excerpt...

"Hello, Poppy."

"Hello," she echoed. She was grateful to be sitting down. Usually, at meaningful moments, she tended to trip over her thong sandals or walk into the nearest wall. As she watched him advance, her heart thudded.

She was certain he could hear it.

Don't move, stay calm.

Oh, he is beautiful.

He was just as beautiful as her memories of him from all those years ago. No, even more beautiful. At 39, his masculine beauty was at its apex. No wonder he was a box-office sensation around the world. No wonder his DVD's sold millions of copies.

Her heart pounded. Blood rushed in her ears. She felt short of breath. She felt her gut clench for the first time in years. She had forgotten how desire felt.

"I can't think of anything to say except some old cliché," he said with that fleeting smile she remembered so vividly. "Like, 'It's been a long time'."

"Twenty years," said Poppy.

"But who counts?" he quipped.

Poppy tried to smile. She wasn't sure her face moved at all. She felt frozen in place like a hosed-down ice sculpture.