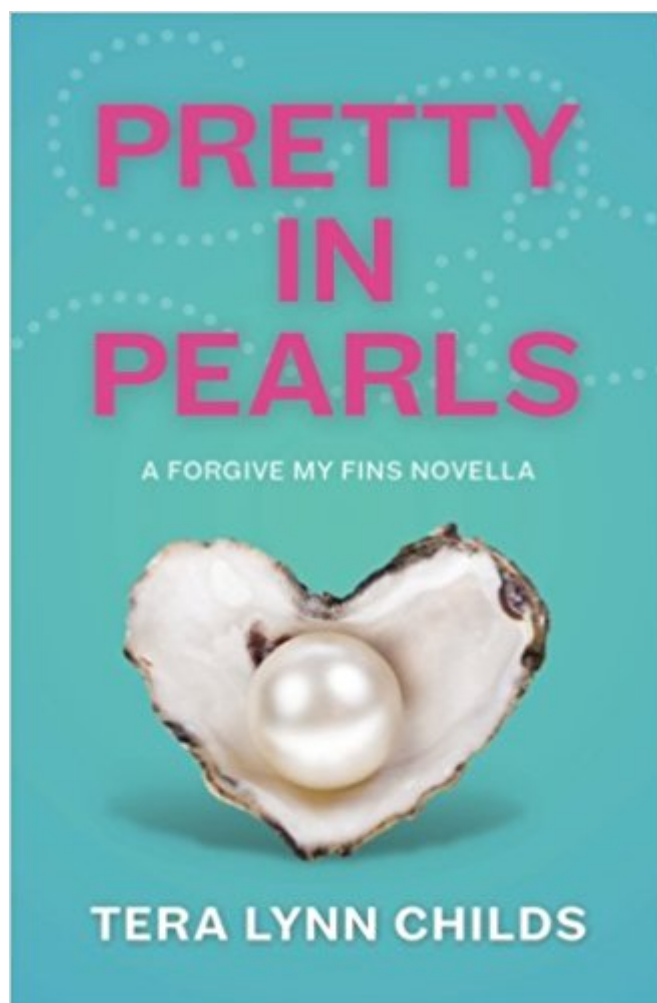


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# Pretty In Pearls: A Forgive My Fins Novella



## Synopsis

Crushes collide at a magical underwater dance. As best friend and emissary to her mer kingdom's princess, Periwinkle Wentletrap juggles many responsibilities. At the moment those include getting the princess (and herself) ready for the upcoming Sea Harvest Dance. When a trip to the Thalassinian marketplace for pearls and dress-making supplies leads to a reunion with her long-time crush, Peri is once again caught up in the swirl of emotions she feels for a thoughtful pearl trader who reminds her of a dashing pirate. But things are never simple with Riatus Ballenato. The shadows of his past have come back to haunt him and he will do anything to keep those he cares about from getting caught in the darkness. Even if that means pushing away the girl he's falling for. With the dance fast approaching, it might take a little outside help to bring Peri and her crush together at last. *Pretty in Pearls* is a standalone novella in Tera Lynn Childs's popular *Forgive My Fins* series. If you like mermaids, romance, and boys who make you swoon, you'll love the world of Thalassinia and the merfolk (and occasional human) who live, laugh, and love in this underwater realm. Buy this fantastic tale and get swept away with the romance today! » *Forgive My Fins* series order: *Forgive My Fins* #1 *Fins Are Forever* #2 *Just For Fins* #3 *Pretty in Pearls* #3.1

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## Customer Reviews

Tera Lynn Childs (Authora neo) is a newly discovered species of authorfish that always dreamed of being a mermaid, but never got closer than a career as a competitive swimmer. Loves to spend as

much time as possible in and around water, right up until her fingertips turn all prune, in the vain hope that one day her legs will magically turn into fins. When stuck on land, you can find Authora neo writing in coffee shops across the country, prowling for cool mermaid gear on Etsy, and creating the magical worlds of the Oh. My. Gods., Forgive My Fins, Sweet Venom, and Darkly Fae series. Find her online at [teralynnchilds.com](http://teralynnchilds.com).

Almost exactly one year ago, Tera posted a bonus Forgive My Fins story on her blog. It was a tiny story, less than 1000 words, that had been written for a mermaid magazine. The magazine ended up not materializing so Tera posted it to her blog instead. This story told of the meeting of Peri, Lily's best friend, meeting a charming Captain Jack-esque merboy at the pearl stall of the Thalassinian market. Tera asked readers if they liked the story and wanted to see more of Peri and Riatus. I remember responding with a resounding YES. Peri was always one of my favorites in the FMF series, and I loved the slightly roguish Riatus. When I met Tera and her editor Sarah at TLA a couple months later, I admit I all but begged them to write the entire story. Now, nine months later, I finally have my wish: a full "Pretty in Pearls" novella! There are just a couple slight differences between the original story posted and the newly published "Pretty in Pearls," namely that Peri and Riatus knew each other as kids, whereas before, they were newly met strangers. I think I prefer the original version because it makes for more drama, but I'm okay with the update because it makes more sense that they'd be comfortable...ish with each other more quickly. One reason I really enjoy this novella is because Peri is a wonderful main character. Lily is passionate and a bit impulsive, while Peri is more reserved and thoughtful. That doesn't mean she's a pushover, though! Peri may be quiet, but she's no doormat. She doesn't allow people to push her around. Riatus is really interesting. I love his physical appearance, the way he is a little pirate-y. He's kind and clearly a loving big brother while simultaneously just mysterious and a little bit dangerous enough to make things interesting. That being said, Riatus is still a teenage boy (of the mer variety, yes, but still), and he makes some seriously stupid mistakes. I was so disappointed that he pulled the old give-you-distance-to-protect-you routine. That's honestly a terrible and far too common device, and thus, it has become a tired cliché. I much prefer the actual saving from an immediate threat. There's one scene where Peri has a really bad panic attack at a very dangerous and terrible time to do so. Riatus's response to her is so gentle, so unbearably kind. I definitely squeed a bit. The actual plot of the story is straightforward, very simple. Riatus promises to message Peri about the Sea Harvest Dance, then doesn't. She spends the rest of the novella alternately attempting to figure out why or trying to squelch the attraction she feels toward him. It's very cute and definitely matches the

tone of the rest of the series, which is equally adorable and fun. I hope that if Tera decides to write any more stories set in the Forgive My Fins world, Peri and Riatus will be major characters because I'd love to see more of them.

As a young adult, I can definitely relate to the confusing relationships with boys....it's not easy. So therefore I can definitely relate to the character's frustration with her crush and the complicated relationships that are part of life! It was a very entertaining read, very cute, and reminded me a lot of my life....making it even more interesting!

My daughter loved these books, she couldn't get enough and it Mas me very happy to see her reading, she read all the book's in like 5 days

I love the series!!! She needs to make more books on Peri!! But all in all a wonderful read! ãçÂ•Â¼

I enjoyed this one, but I liked the series so I wasn't surprised.

I really like this book. It great . I will be looking for more on this story. Worth the read

A great novella to go with the series. Any fan of Childs will love this book! If you enjoy this story make sure you check out the rest of the series beginning with Forgive my Fins.

I love tera's magical sea world! so beautiful! and I always feel like I am under the ocean in these books. and I love this because we finally get to see Pearl on her own. and why she's named Pearl, and all about her love of a boy who seals pearls.beautiful love story. I hope she writes more!

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