## Synopsis: Christmas Island

Still reeling from the divorce of her cheating husband, Liv Nelsen cannot bear the thought of spending Christmas in the small Minnesota town where she and her childhood sweetheart grew up. Too many memories and too much sympathetic family.

What better place to go than a cruise half-a-world away to a warm-sand, sun-kissed tropical paradise called Christmas Island? Maybe she'd even do a little "par-taying" of her own. Maybe it was time she shed her elementary school teacher image and let her hair blow wild and free. After all, who would know?

Local guide Dirk Reiner would do quite nicely, thank you very much. His voice was seductively low and he looked like he'd stepped off the set of some surfer movie with his bronzed, muscular body and sun-streaked brown hair that reached his impressively broad shoulders. Just the kind of guy who looked exactly like he knew how to *par-tay*.

But there's a reason Dirk is an ex-patriot American living on Christmas Island and the more time Liv spends with him, the more she is drawn to the shadows that seem to surround him on this sunny isle. Did he harbor a secret that was even worse than her own?