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Marine biologist Ben Ransome understands the sea, especially the tiny, beautiful sea slugs he has studied and admired for most of his life. What Ben doesn't understand are people, and now, one of the most important people in his life--his sixteen-year-old daughter, Caddie--is coming to live with him for the summer. But the sweet, happy child he remembers has been replaced by a wounded, angry stranger who resents everything about her father. Caddie is determined to act out in every way, leaving Ben feeling more alone than ever.

Hudson Jones has come to Monterey, California, to find the answers to all his questions. The young, ambitious graduate student believes he's found a lost John Steinbeck novel called *Changing Tides* that seems to hint at the author's love for his best friend, Ed "Doc" Ricketts. If he can prove it, his career will be made. And then, perhaps he can quiet the personal demons that haunt him. But first, he'll need some local help in his research, and Ben just may be able to supply him with access to the information he needs. It's clear to Hudson that the handsome, quietly passionate Ben needs some help, too--with Caddie and his life.

Sharing dinners and walks on the beach, intellectual discussions and heart-to-heart conversations, Ben and Hudson move from tentative friendship to a surprising, revelatory relationship, one with the power to point them toward the most important discoveries of their lives. For Ben, it's a summer of new beginnings, even as his daughter embarks on a dangerous course that will test the new happiness he's found...

*Changing Tides* is an extraordinary novel that explores the glorious flaws and frailties of human beings in the never-ending struggle to connect, to be open to love, and to embrace the unknown in order to live fully.

## **Praise For the novels Of Michael Thomas Ford**

### *Full Circle*

"Summer isn't the same without hitting the beach, getting a sunburn and devouring a deliciously soapy novel. Ford knows how to draw in a reader with sex and sin."--*Entertainment Weekly*

"Impactful...real...Ford's beautiful story makes it all seem possible and believable...these are rich characters, heartfelt descriptions and real-life happenings that resonate...allow yourself to get lost in this story."--*The Lambda Book Report*

"The characters' many brushes with homosexual history--Harvey Milk trolling for votes in gay bars, the unfurling of the first Rainbow flag, the sexual energy of early ACT UP meetings--will resonate with gay readers."--*Publishers Weekly*

### *Looking For It*

"An insightful and entertaining read about what we seek, and what answers we find within and without."--*Booklist*

"Give Michael Thomas Ford credit for giving us a group of identifiable characters who do not live in L.A., NYC, or Miami, but in a small town like those where most readers actually live. It's also nice to see these

characters addressing realistic differences of generation as well as spirituality, in addition to the usual mix of looking for love, dealing with internalized homophobia and creating support systems through friendships and families of choice."--*Instinct*

*Last Summer*

"He effectively draws his readers into the wild world of Provincetown...plenty of page-turning drama...a winner."--*Entertainment Weekly*

"A great summer novel that's perfect for the beach or a lazy weekend in a hammock out back. It has, indeed, the potential to become a gay classic. That's because Ford has succeeded in putting a little bit of each of us in his characters. But the real proof of the pudding: you'll find yourself thinking about these characters long after you've finished. In my book that's a sign of a remarkable talent."--*The Letter*

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