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**Sarah Dessen**

**That Summer**



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## Description

For fifteen-year-old Haven, life is changing too quickly. She's nearly six feet tall, her father is getting remarried, and her sister—the always perfect Ashley—is planning a wedding of her own. Haven wishes things could just go back to the way they were. Then an old boyfriend of Ashley's reenters the picture, and through him, Haven sees the past for what it really was, and comes to grips with the future.

## Insightful reviews

Darya: That Summer is really an terrific book. Haven, the main character, is 15 years old, millimeters away from being 6 feet, and unhappy with her height. Her older sister is getting married to a guy named Lewis who appears to be as dull as a piece of dry toast. To top things off, her father, who just divorced Haven's mom, got married to the "Weather Pet," Lorna Queen, a young, blonde, flirty little thing who is now pregnant with their first child. Haven can't believe how everything is turning out for her. It seems like everything is crashing down and she is getting buried under it. That is until Ashley's old boyfriend Sumner Lee comes back. Memories of that summer with Sumner come rushing back to Haven. With everything that has happened in the past year, Haven feels that Sumner and those memories of Virginia Beach are all she can hold on to that are still memories of the good times; that is until she discovers what really happened between Sumner and Ashley.

Can Haven bring herself to understand that things aren't always what they seem?

Sadie Janes: That Summer wasn't my favorite Dessen novel. Most of her books are pretty life changing, and I lay awake just thinking about them for several nights in a row. This book wasn't like that. I suppose it was enjoyable, and the main character was kind of relatable, but a lot of things really bugged me.

A million things are happening around Haven and too her family, but she kind of does nothing throughout the book, besides freaking out and throwing a show at some lady and bolting. I just felt like the book lacked a certain fire that usually keeps me turning the pages of a Dessen book. Now that I know that this was a first novel, it makes more sense that it didn't live up to the expectations I've set for Sarah Dessen books.

Dylan: This is Sarah Dessen's first novel, but not the first one I read by her. It's essentially the story of two sisters and how their lives were changed one summer. Haven's life is turned upside down, and she's coping with these changes and trying to come into her own.

The beginning of this book made it hard to get into. It was told through the eyes of Haven and she was describing the "characters"/people in her life, and I wish we would have gotten to experience their lives more through dialogue and actions. There was also a minor issue with the way the paragraphs were; they were two damn long! Maybe it just seemed that way with the formatting, but it annoyed me.

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Other than Haven I never got attached to any of the characters. That being said, Haven was a great main character, I enjoyed her journey of self discovery. I also liked the relationship between her and her sister, Amy. It had a very touching ending. I enjoyed this book for what it was, and recommend it to someone looking for a book about Family, and sisterhood.

Hasee: Bored me to death. complete the publication simply because consider like I had a duty to complete a ebook as soon as i began it.

Christine Marie?: lots of my neighbors on Goodreads did not like this book, and for the reason that they simply do not get it. i will be able to hook up with Haven thoroughly and that i felt her ache approximately the entire matters in her life. This book, should you can relate, was once so unhappy and made me cry. It used to be simply relatively painful for a few those who can relate. i am not going to enter detail, but when you think that you could love it then learn a little, if you happen to do not begin to connect, then sell off it. I enjoyed this booklet otherwise than the others i have loved. It intended whatever to me, and it helped me. i'm going to always remember what That summer time intended to me. It was once an excellent book.

Aimee (Coffee Table Reviews): This was once diversified from the opposite Dessen books i've got read. and never in a foul way. In fact, i used to be so stunned on how diverse that I saved anticipating the romance. There wasn't one. This used to be in simple terms a coming of age novel. And it was once a superb story.Haven is facing a lot. Like starting to be particularly tall, facing her mom and dad divorce, her dad's upcoming marriage and her sisters marriage and the way issues are altering so much. she will be able to hyperlink it again to at least one particular summer. It used to be a neat storyline. I, myself, should not have a interval the place every thing looked as if it would switch for me, however it used to be attention-grabbing to examine it for somebody who did.Haven is a misunderstood personality within the book. She has a troublesome time getting humans to simply comprehend her and what she is feeling. There seems just one person. Sumner. yet issues are not as nice as she notion they were.It was once a great story. No romance, no courting troubles, yet in its place a narrative telling concerning the struggles of simply starting to be up. it's a nice ebook worthy reading, simply do not learn it while you are searching for a romance. you will not locate even a touch of it within the pages of this one.

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