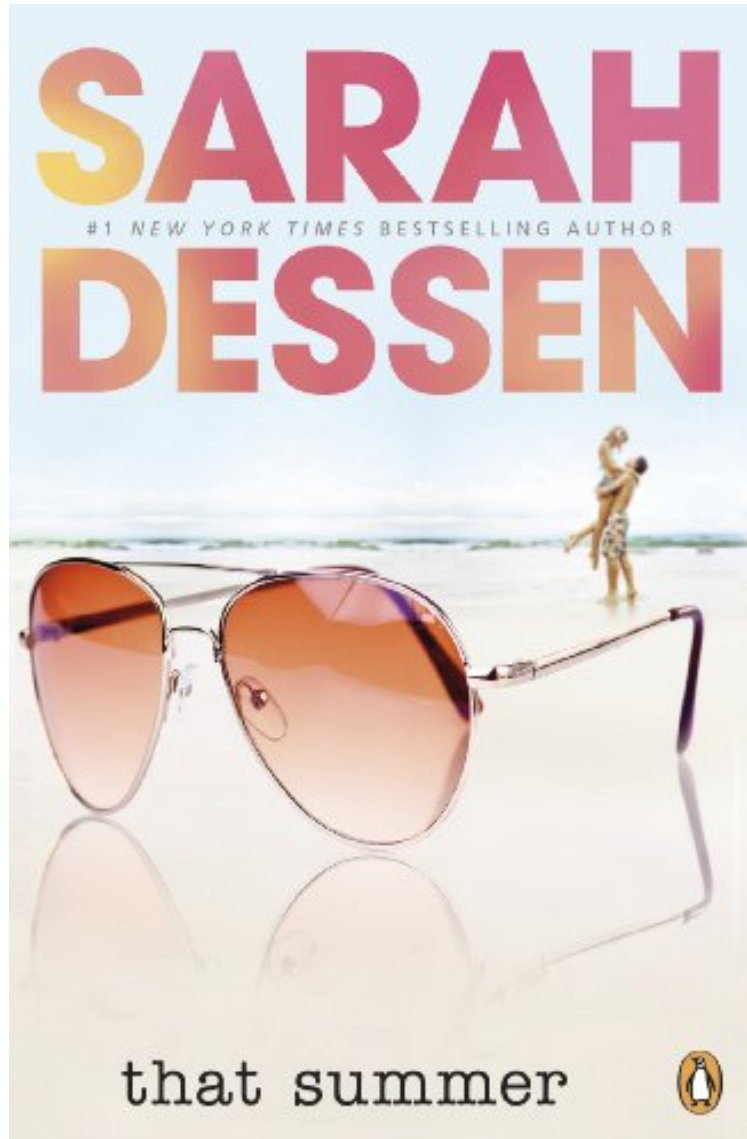


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A lot Like Me: That SummerVon Ein KundeI recently read "That Summer" and I loved it. This book reminded me of the past two years in my life. My parents divorced and everything in my life sucked. I felt a lot like Haven, confused, scared and out-of-place. This book made me realize that sometimes you have to put the past behind you and move on.

Even if it means letting go of something you love so much, you just have to learn to give it up. Just like Haven there always comes a time when we just want to runaway, but we can't. We have to face our fears with open arms. Dessen did an excellent job! I sure hope to enjoy others by her as well. Highly recommended for all ages!3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A charming, terrific book, for teens or adults.Von Ein KundeI completely agree with the previous reviewer: I was 23 when I read this book, and a guy to boot, but I still found it insightful and sweet. It's a dead-on look at what it's like to be uncomfortable with what should feel the most right: your body, your family, your brain. Haven is a very well-drawn character, with quirks and rough edges that feel like real life. A strong debut.1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. That SummerVon AdrianThat summer was such a touching book. I've heard it over and over again and every time I end up crying at the end. It connects with some many teenagers and what their lives are like. You sometimes wonder if a teenager was writing the book. I will always love That Summer and never will stop reading it no matter what age I am.

KurzbeschreibungFor fifteen-year-old Haven this is the summer where everything changes.Dad is remarrying. Her sister Ashley is planning a wedding of her own. They're both moving on, but Haven is lost in memories of a time when life was happy and her family was whole.And then Ashley's ex, the charming and funny Sumner Lee, arrives in town. He reminds Haven of carefree days gone by, and she can't help but wonder - has fate brought this person from her past back to change her future?From Publishers WeeklyAt five-foot-eleven ("and counting"), Haven is "all bony elbows and acute angles, like a jigsaw puzzle piece that can only go in the middle, waiting for the others to fit around it to make it whole." But it is not just a sudden growth spurt that prevents the 15-year-old from fitting into the comfortable grooves of her "old" life; her family is also changing at an alarming rate. Her sports-anchor father divorces his wife for Channel 5's "Weather Pet." Her jilted mother joins a set of aging, Barry-Manilow-listening, swinging singles and Haven's once plucky sister, Ashley, seems to wilt on the arm of her all-too-boring fiance. Amidst the flurry of preparations for her father's second marriage and her sister's wedding, Haven finds a connecting link to her more serene past when one of Ashley's former boyfriends appears on the scene. First-time author Dessen adds a fresh twist to a traditional sister-of-the-bride story with her keenly observant narrative full of witty ironies. Her combination of unforgettable characters and unexpected events generates hilarity as well as warmth. Ages 12-up. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.From BooklistGr. 7<sup>+</sup>-12. Haven feels tall and lost; at 15, she's 5 feet 11 and counting; it feels as if her body has betrayed her and made her a giant--unlike her sister, Ashley, who seems "to live a life just like Barbie's; popular and perfect, always with a handsome boyfriend and the cool crowd." Now Ashley is THE BRIDE. As the wedding hysteria mounts, Haven feels too huge for the pretty pink bridesmaid dress. She imagines herself as Frankenstein, spreading chaos and revenge in the mall where she works. Only Ashley's attractive first boyfriend seems to understand Haven. Why did Ashley ever break up with him? The resolution is too complete: in the end Haven accepts her body; she stands tall and beautiful and confident and wise. But readers won't mind. This first novel is written with such easy grace that you want to quote sentence after sentence. Haven's funny, desperate voice draws you right into every scene: from the rituals of the shopping mall to the rage of family quarrels and the sudden tenderness between sisters. Girls will recognize how it feels when your childhood friend is suddenly boy crazy, and you can't understand the language; how it hurts to break the "tether" with your mother and to be disappointed by a charming boy. It's hard to be the one left out of the wedding. Hazel Rochman