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Keeping Her Secret (Endless Summer)



Synopsis

Disclaimer: This Entangled Teen Crush book contains drinking, sexual situations, and a fairy-tale romance sure to make your heart melt. The last person Riya Johnson expected to run into at her new summer camp is Courtney Chastain—her childhood best friend and the girl who broke her heart after a secret, mind-blowing, life-altering kiss. She definitely didn't expect to be sharing a bunk bed with her for four long weeks. Courtney has what every girl wants—she's beautiful, rich, and the object of every boy's desire at Camp Pine Ridge. Too bad none of them make her feel an iota of what Riya's kiss did all those years ago. But Courtney needs to uphold appearances at all costs—even if it means instigating an all-out prank war with Riya as her main target. Neither girl can stop thinking about the other—but that doesn't mean they can give up past hurts and take a chance on a future together.

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Customer Reviews

I'm 73 but enjoy an occasional light read about young adult's hearts, emotions, conflicts, joys, struggles, and relationships. Fate certainly had a hand in bringing these very different young girls

back together to realize their fate. Too harsh a word ===try destiny. Recommend this book. Oh, to be young again as adulthood is no easier. In fact, more difficult as we become more rigid and conflicting in our beliefs as we grow towards our final "Golden Years". ???????? What a horrible election year 2016.

Sweet book for those looking for a contemporary story in the spirit (with more teenage "mean girl" drama) of "Annie On My Mind." Annie on My Mind (AOMM) by Nancy Gardener was a groundbreaking (1982) young adult novel about two girls in high school who are in love. I will admit I read Annie (AOMM) MANY years ago, but from my memory of it Keeping Her Secret updates and expands it. Keeping Her Secret is an sweet love story with a "Mean Girls" bent and coming of age story. I highly recommend this for young people and their friends and parents as a great story showing young adults rising and falling as they face all of the pressures of growing up. One main character, Courtenay, struggles to accept her orientation and her terror of being gay and coming out. The other main character, shy Riya, is an out and proud bisexual who has been in love for years with her former best friend Courtenay. Riya learns how to be in a dating relationship with a closeted person but also learns to set boundaries and finds her voice in the midst of her shyness and insecurities. This book is very clean and IMO appropriate for high school age and beyond, as well as middle school and younger depending on the maturity of the reader. There is kissing, light touching and some frowned upon use of alcohol. Sexual content is very mild and rivals The Hunger Games and Divergent. Courtenay and Riya's friendship and love story are a main focus but the story also showcases other powerful themes: finding and being true to yourself, dealing with social cliques and strata, and working diligently to shape the direction of your life and education. I loved it and am happy to be able to have something else besides AOMM to recommend as a high school LGBTQ coming of age story!***You can follow some of my selected reviews, posted intermittently at SheWritesSheRoars dot com.

I'm a sucker for a good summer camp romance between two women, especially if at least one is just figuring herself out, because these are the types of stories I wish I'd had more of growing up, and am retroactively making up for, maybe? Also they're just fun! This book sort of fluctuates between falling in on teen stereotypes and challenging them entirely, which I personally didn't mind (I've seen much worse in YA fiction). There are some parts of it that are unclear as to who is narrating and the POV switches relatively fluidly, which might be jarring to some but over all I'm also not entirely bothered by. It does sometimes get confusing, but it wasn't enough to pull me out of the

story, but I also find it's hard to pull me out of a story I'm enjoying. And that's what most of this book is: enjoyable. It's a good easy read with plenty of pining and some drama, and a happy ending.

I absolutely loved this book! The characters were complex and flawed and beautifully written, and the story kept me flipping Kindle pages all the way to the end. I don't read much YA, and this was my first experience with LGBT protagonists in a YA romance, but it definitely won't be my last. Fabulous read!

A good, enjoyable, quick read. Characters were relatable and easy to like. Wish the story went further after the summer camp but perhaps the author will write a sequel.

Pretty cute f/f YA set in summer camp. Much of the drama revolves around one girl still being "in the closet" and the other wanting to show their relationship to the world - a difficult conversation always needed, but the pacing suffered for it towards the end. There's an "exotic" bit that's pretty squicky and made me distrust Courtney for a looong time in the book. Riya was pretty awesome the whole trip though!

I really loved this story of young love, learning to accept who you are, & learning to making decisions for yourself & not others. What a sweet, funny & heart breaking at times story about Courtney & Aiya. Loved the summer camp pranks, friends & second chances.

This was a charming. YA story! Very well developed characters with believable dialogue. The author presented a very good story. Well done! Any chance you would consider doing a sequel? It would nice to see how these young women are adapting to life after high school. Thanks!

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