

Just Listen By Sarah Dessen

Chapter Summaries

That Summer and Someone Like You, together in one volume from New York Times bestselling author Sarah Dessen! Just when you think you've got everything figured out for yourself, things get turned upside down. Families change. Lives end. New lives begin. And love sneaks up on you when you least expect it. The trick is finding that one person you can always count on, that one person who will throw out the rules and help you figure out how to deal with it all. Here, from acclaimed New York Times bestselling author Sarah Dessen, are two books about girls who stick together and rise above the obstacles in their lives.

Love can be a very dangerous thing. After her sister left, Caitlin felt lost. Then she met Rogerson. When she's with him, nothing seems real. But what happens when being with Rogerson becomes a larger problem than being without him? "Another pitch-perfect offering from Dessen." —Booklist, starred review Also by Sarah Dessen: Along for the Ride Just Listen Keeping the Moon Lock and Key The Moon and More Someone Like You That Summer This Lullaby The Truth About Forever What Happened to Goodbye

The Moon and More and Just Listen, together in one volume from New York Times bestselling author Sarah Dessen! Sometimes you think you have it all. Great friends, a loving boyfriend, and a strong sense of personal identity. But unexpected things can happen.

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People come and go. The appearance of a new boy in your life can turn your world upside down. It might make you throw all caution to the wind - or bring you back closer to earth. What if he is hiding secrets of his own? Is it better to be safe than sorry? From acclaimed bestselling author Sarah Dessen, here are two books about exploring your heart, giving free reign to your emotions, and rising above the expectations of others. Perfect for fans of Jenny Han and Sarah Dessen, and praised as “an intense rush of rebellion and romance” by #1 New York Times bestselling author Stephanie Garber, this romantic and layered Own Voices debut from Abigail Hing Wen is a dazzling, fun-filled romp. “Our cousins have done this program,” Sophie whispers. “Best kept secret. Zero supervision.” And just like that, Ever Wong’s summer takes an unexpected turn. Gone is Chien Tan, the strict educational program in Taiwan that Ever was expecting. In its place, she finds Loveboat: a summer-long free-for-all where hookups abound, adults turn a blind eye, snake-blood sake flows abundantly, and the nightlife runs nonstop. But not every student is quite what they seem: Ever is working toward becoming a doctor but nurses a secret passion for dance. Rick Woo is the Yale-bound child prodigy bane of Ever’s existence whose perfection hides a secret. Boy-crazy, fashion-obsessed Sophie Ha turns out to have more to her than meets the eye. And under sexy Xavier Yeh’s shell is buried a shameful truth he’ll never admit. When these students’ lives collide, it’s guaranteed to be a summer Ever will never forget. “A unique story from an exciting and authentic new voice.” —Sabaa Tahir, #1

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New York Times bestselling author of *An Ember in the Ashes* “Equal parts surprising, original, and intelligent. An intense rush of rebellion and romance.” —Stephanie Garber, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Caraval* “Fresh as a first kiss.” —Stacey Lee, award-winning author of *Outrun the Moon* “Fresh, fun, heartfelt, and totally addictive, a story about finding your place—and your people—where you least expected.” —Kelly Loy Gilbert, author of the William C. Morris Award finalist *Conviction*

Ever felt as if your life is just going round in circles? Sarah Dessen's thought-provoking short story about moving on will resonate with teens everywhere. A Pocket Money Puffin for young adults by New York Times #1 author

Remy is a cynic when it comes to love. Let down by her absent musician dad and witness to her mother's four failed marriages, she doesn't intend ever to let anyone that close. So when Dexter comes crashing into her life, why is it suddenly so hard for Remy to follow her own rules? He's everything she hates: messy, disorganised, impulsive, and worst of all, a musician like her absent father...

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make me listen. Will I ever find the courage to tell him what really happened the night Sophie and I stopped being friends? Captivating, emotionally turbulent, unputdownable teenage fiction – the natural step up for older Cathy Cassidy fans.

A New York Times bestseller A new day. A new place. A new life. In the past few years, Mclean has pretended to be so many different people that she hardly remembers who she really is anymore. The adorable guy next door might be able to help her figure it out. But is she ready for it? “A cut above” —People Also by Sarah Dessen: Along for the Ride Dreamland Just Listen Keeping the Moon Lock and Key The Moon and More Someone Like You That Summer This Lullaby The Truth About Forever Dillon is living with the painful memory of his brother's suicide -- and the role he played in it. To keep his mind and body occupied, he trains intensely for the Ironman triathlon. But outside of practice, his life seems to be falling apart. Then Dillon finds a confidante in Jennifer, a star high school basketball player who's hiding her own set of destructive secrets. Together, they must find the courage to confront their demons -- before it's too late. From the award-winning and New York Times bestselling author of Once and for All Expect the unexpected. Macy's got her whole summer carefully planned. But her plans didn't include a job at Wish Catering. And they certainly didn't include Wes. But Macy soon discovers that the things you expect least are sometimes the things you need most. “Dessen gracefully balances comedy with tragedy and introduces a complex heroine worth getting to know.” —Publishers Weekly Sarah Dessen is

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the winner of the Margaret A. Edwards Award for her contributions to YA literature, as well as the Romantic Times Career Achievement Award. Books by Sarah Dessen: *That Summer Someone Like You* *Keeping the Moon* *Dreamland* *This Lullaby* *The Truth About Forever* *Just Listen* *Lock and Key* *Along for the Ride* *What Happened to Goodbye* *The Moon and More* *Saint Anything* *Once and for All*

From Sarah Dessen, the beloved New York Times bestselling author of *SAINT ANYTHING* and *JUST LISTEN*, comes a new novel set in the world of wedding planning! Is it really better to have loved and lost? Louna's summer job is to help brides plan their perfect day, even though she stopped believing in happily-ever-after when her first love ended tragically. But charming girl-magnet Ambrose isn't about to be discouraged now that he's met the one he really wants. Maybe Louna's second chance is standing right in front of her. Sarah Dessen's many fans will adore this latest novel, a richly satisfying, enormously entertaining story with humor, romance, and an ending that is so much more than happily-ever-after.

The Dark Intercept by Julia Keller is the beginning of a "riveting" (Emmy Laybourne) science fiction adventure that challenges the voluntary surrender of liberties for the perception of safety. When the state controls your emotions, how hard will you fight to feel free? In a radiant world of endless summer, the Intercept keeps the peace. Violet Crowley, the sixteen-year-old daughter of New Earth's Founding Father, has spent her life in comfort and safety. Her days are easy thanks to the Intercept, a

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crime-prevention device that monitors emotion. But when her long-time crush, Danny Mayhew, gets into a dangerous altercation on Old Earth, Violet launches a secret investigation to find out what he's hiding. An investigation that will lead her to question everything she's ever known about Danny, her father, and the power of the Intercept. Much like the device itself, *The Dark Intercept* will get under your skin. "The Dark Intercept grabbed me from the first page and shook me until the last." —Emmy Laybourne, author of *Berserker*, *Sweet*, and the *Monument 14* trilogy "A rare, literary feat." —Gennifer Albin, *New York Times* bestselling author of the *Crewel World* trilogy

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"Clinical psychologist Price offers one of the most significant books of the year in this new look at an old problem--the underperforming teenage boy... Price's book brings an important voice to a much needed conversation." --*Library Journal* (Starred review) On the

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surface, capable teenage boys may look lazy. But dig a little deeper, writes child psychologist Adam Price in *He's Not Lazy*, and you'll often find conflicted boys who want to do well in middle and high school but are afraid to fail, and so do not try. This book can help you become an ally with your son, as he discovers greater self-confidence and accepts responsibility for his future.

17-year-old Lila has two secrets she's prepared to take to the grave. The first is that she can move things just by looking at them. The second is that she's been in love with her brother's best friend, Alex, since forever. After a mugging exposes her unique ability, Lila decides to run to the only people she can trust - her brother and Alex. They live in Southern California where they work for a secret organisation called The Unit, and Lila discovers that the two of them are hunting down the men who murdered her mother five years before. And that they've found them. In a world where nothing and no one is quite as they seem, Lila quickly realises that she is not alone - there are others out there just like her - people with special powers -and her mother's killer is one of them... This big-hearted story of kindness—reminiscent of *The Day the Crayons Quit*—is written by the bestselling author of *Ordinary People Change the World* and illustrated by the Caldecott Medal-winning creator of *Beekle*. Sunday quit, just like that. She said she was tired of being a day. And so the other days of the week had no choice but to advertise: "WANTED: A NEW DAY. Must be relaxing, tranquil, and replenishing. Serious inquires only." Soon lots of hopefuls arrived with their suggestions, such as *Funday*, *Bunday*, *Acrobaturday*, *SuperheroDay*, and

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even MonstersWhoResembleJellyfishDay! Things quickly got out of hand . . . until one more candidate showed up: a little girl with a thank-you gift for Sunday. The girl suggested simply a nice day--a day to be kind. And her gratitude made a calendar's worth of difference to Sunday, who decided she didn't need to quit after all. When we appreciate each other a little bit more, all the days of the week can be brand-new days where everything is possible.

When tall, gorgeous Brody asks Olivia to the prom, she's ecstatic-until he suggests that she use the two months before the dance to lose some weight. Does he think she's fat? His comment sends Olivia on a spiral of insecurity and dangerously rapid weight loss that borders on anorexia. As her pounds vanish, her friendship deepens with Ross, the new prep cook at the diner where she works. Despite his mysterious limp, he doesn't suffer crippling low self-esteem like Olivia does; usually, she can't even look at herself in the mirror anymore. But when she's riding dirt bikes and searching for caves with Ross, she doesn't feel ugly or fat, just herself again-hanging out and having fun. With Brody, instead of finding the romance and true love she had hoped for, she feels like a terrified rabbit that he's going to devour. She refuses to think about that. She's almost thin enough to be beautiful for the prom. And then the unthinkable happens. The more things change. . . As far as Haven is concerned, there's just too much going on.

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Everything is changing, and she's not sure where she fits in. Then her sister's old boyfriend shows up, sparking memories of the summer when they were all happy and everything was perfect. . . . But along the way, Haven realizes that sometimes change is a good thing. "Unforgettable" —Publishers Weekly, starred review Also by Sarah Dessen: *Along for the Ride* *Dreamland* *Just Listen* *Keeping the Moon* *Lock and Key* *The Moon and More* *Someone Like You* *This Lullaby* *The Truth About Forever* *What Happened to Goodbye*

Just Listen A Novel Viking Books for Young Readers From #1 New York Times bestselling author Sarah Dessen comes a big-hearted, sweeping novel about a girl who reconnects with a part of her family she hasn't seen since she was a little girl—and falls in love, all over the course of a magical summer.

Emma Saylor doesn't remember a lot about her mother, who died when Emma was twelve. But she does remember the stories her mom told her about the big lake that went on forever, with cold, clear water and mossy trees at the edges. Now it's just Emma and her dad, and life is good, if a little predictable...until Emma is unexpectedly sent to spend the summer with her mother's family that she hasn't seen since she was a little girl. When Emma arrives at North Lake, she realizes there are actually two very different communities there. Her mother grew up in working class North Lake, while her dad

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spent summers in the wealthier Lake North resort. The more time Emma spends there, the more it starts to feel like she is also divided into two people. To her father, she is Emma. But to her new family, she is Saylor, the name her mother always called her. Then there's Roo, the boy who was her very best friend when she was little. Roo holds the key to her family's history, and slowly, he helps her put the pieces together about her past. It's hard not to get caught up in the magic of North Lake—and Saylor finds herself falling under Roo's spell as well. For Saylor, it's like a whole new world is opening up to her. But when it's time to go back home, which side of her—Emma or Saylor—will win out?

The gentle spirit's sixteenth adventure is a New York Times bestseller and as "cozy and charming as a cup of Earl Grey" (Bookpage.com). And watch out for Nancy Atherton's latest, *Aunt Dimity and the King's Ransom*, coming in July 2018 from Viking! After a dizzying time *Down Under*, Lori Shepherd returns to Finch and finds that her wealthy father-in-law, William Willis, Sr., has just purchased a splendid ten-acre estate nearby. While William fends off local ladies intent on romance, Lori oversees the painstaking restoration of a peculiar painting found during renovations. It's nothing Lori can't handle—until moving furniture, strange sounds, and the theft of the painting prompt her to call on Aunt Dimity for help uncovering the estate's shadowy past.

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Verbena Colter knows she's bad news. Trouble from the get-go. How could she not be, with parents like hers? Her mother practically pickled her before she was even born, leaving Verbie to struggle with the effects of fetal alcohol syndrome. And her father was just plain mean. Verbie wishes she could be somebody, anybody other than who she is. Enter Pooch, a flatlander boy visiting for the summer. When Pooch and his mom rent the house next door, Verbie takes the opportunity to be someone else entirely. And what starts out as a game leads Verbie into a surprising and heartwarming journey of self-discovery. Another gem from the author of *So B. It.* Join Baby Bunny on her wonderful journey to Dreamland. You are sure to have lots of counting and pop-up fun.

Includes an excerpt from an upcoming novel by the author entitled 'The moon & more.'

Annabel Green es la chica que lo tiene todo. Al menos ese es el papel que interpretaba en el anuncio de unos grandes almacenes. Pero en este nuevo curso, es la chica que no tiene nada: ni mejor amiga, porque Sophie no quiere saber nada de ella; ni paz en casa, ya que los trastornos alimenticios de su hermana mediana mantienen en vilo a toda la familia; ni nadie con quien sentarse a comer en el colegio. Hasta que conoce a Owen Armstrong: intenso, obsesionado con la música y decidido a decir siempre la verdad, sin importarle las consecuencias. Con la ayuda de Owen, quizá Annabel encuentre el valor de afrontar lo que de verdad ocurrió la noche en que Sophie y ella dejaron de ser amigas.

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A girl grappling with Panic Disorder finds comfort—and love—with a boy who is hiding a terrible secret in this poignant and romantic novel from Printz Honor medal winner and National Book Award finalist Deb Caletti. Jade DeLuna is too young to die. She knows this, and yet she can't quite believe it, especially when the terrifying thoughts, loss of breath, and dizzy feelings come. Since being diagnosed with Panic Disorder, she's trying her best to stay calm, and visiting the elephants at the nearby zoo seems to help. That's why Jade keeps the live zoo webcam on in her room, and that's where she first sees the boy in the red jacket. A boy who stops to watch the elephants. A boy carrying a baby. His name is Sebastian, and he is raising his son alone. Jade is drawn into Sebastian's cozy life with his son and his activist grandmother on their Seattle houseboat, and before she knows it, she's in love. Jade knows the situation is beyond complicated, but she hasn't felt this safe in a long time. And she owes it to Sebastian, her boy with the great heart. Her boy who is hiding a terrible secret. A secret that will force Jade to decide between what is right, and what feels right...

Joanne Hunter's secure suburban world is falling apart. Her husband's desertion after twenty years of marriage leaves her stunned. Eve, her best friend, is strangely distant. Her grandfather, who has been a pillar of strength and support, lies ill and helpless in a nursing home. Lana and Robin, her teenage daughters, claim every ounce of her energy and devotion and all the love she feels she has lost. Only one person seems to care -- a stranger with a rasping voice, a tormentor with a vicious mind. Danger and despair close in with each ring of the telephone. Each deadly message lures her inexorably towards the deep end...

A Study Guide for Sarah Dessen's "Just Listen", excerpted from Gale's acclaimed Novels for Students. This concise study guide includes plot summary; character analysis; author

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biography; study questions; historical context; suggestions for further reading; and much more. For any literature project, trust *Novels for Students* for all of your research needs.

In her eleventh novel, Sarah Dessen returns to the beach town of Colby, setting of some of her best-loved books.

Emaline is a Colby native, and so summer at the beach for her means hard work and a new population of beach goers. During this, her last summer before college, Emaline meets Theo while working for her family's rental business. He's a city boy who's come to Colby as the assistant to a high-strung documentary filmmaker who's in town to profile a reclusive local artist. Emaline knows he's not her type, but she can't help feeling drawn to him. And as their relationship develops, Emaline finds herself questioning her own goals, values, and choices in this classic Dessen romance.

When popular high school senior-to-be Penny Harris kisses her best friend's boyfriend at a summer party hosted by Penny's boyfriend, she spends the summer trying to set things right.

When rescue looks like a whole lot of trouble . . . The road trip was definitely a bad idea. Having already flambéed her culinary career beyond recognition, Rita Clarkson is now stranded in God-Knows-Where, New Mexico, with a busted-ass car and her three temperamental siblings, who she hasn't seen in years. When rescue shows up---six-foot-plus of hot, charming sex on a motorcycle---Rita's pretty certain she's gone from the frying pan right into the fire . . . Jasper Ellis has a bad boy reputation in this town, and he loathes it. The moment he sees Rita, though, Jasper knows he's about to be sorely tempted. There's something real between them.

Something raw. And Jasper has only a few days to show Rita that he isn't just for tonight---he's forever. The Romancing the Clarksons series Book 1 - Too Hot to Handle (Rita and Jasper) Book 2 - Too Wild to Tame (Aaron and Grace) Book

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3 - Too Hard to Forget (Peggy and Elliott) Book 4 - Too Beautiful to Break (Belmont and Sage)

A New York Times bestseller Unlock your heart and the rest will follow. Ruby is used to taking care of herself. But now that she's living with her sister, she's got her own room, she's going to a good school, and her future looks bright. Plus there's the adorable boy next door. Can Ruby learn to open her heart and let him in? "All the Dessen trademarks here" —Publishers Weekly, starred review Also by Sarah Dessen:

Along for the Ride Dreamland Just Listen Keeping the Moon The Moon and More Someone Like You That Summer This Lullaby The Truth About Forever What Happened to Goodbye Never underestimate the power of friendship. When Colie goes to spend the summer at the beach, she doesn't expect much. But Colie didn't count on meeting Morgan and Isabel. Through them, she learns what true friendship is all about, and finally starts to realize her potential. And that just might open the door to her first chance at love. . . . "A down-to-earth Cinderella story. . . captures that special feeling." —The New York Post Also by Sarah Dessen:

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Come back to a time when manners are everything and rules are made to never be broken. Come back to a time when men are in charge and women do what they are told... Yeah, that never happened. Welcome to Megan Bryce's Regencyland, where

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ladies with backbone get what they want. Where a woman can thumb her nose at rules and care little for convention, and yet somehow, unexpectedly and most reluctantly, find love. To Catch A Spinster Olivia Blakesley, self-proclaimed spinster extraordinaire, is quite happy with her life. She has her studies and her duties, what need does she have of a husband? With five sisters married she knows the reality does not live up to the promise, and does not need to personally experiment with the state to know she would be ill-suited to it. However, she finds herself envious of at least one aspect of marriage. But to experience the physical side of marriage, one doesn't need a husband, all one needs is the right man... Nathaniel Jenkins knows his duty. Marry a young girl from a respectable family and father an heir, no matter how cold the endless parade of suitable girls leaves him. But a shocking proposal from a scholarly spinster leaves him wondering if unsuitable is just what he's looking for. Can he convince his spinster that marriage is the greatest experiment of all? ~The Reluctant Bride Collection~ (books can be read in any order) To Catch A Spinster To Tame A Lady To Wed The Widow To Tempt The Saint regency romance, victorian romance, funny, witty, lighthearted, historical romance, spinster

Isolated from friends who believe the worst because she has not been truthful with them, sixteen-year-old

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Annabel finds an ally in classmate Owen, whose honesty and passion for music help her to face and share what really happened at the end-of-the-year party that changed her life.

From the award-winning and New York Times bestselling author of *Once and for All* and *The World is a Terrible Place* not to have a best friend. Scarlett was always the strong one. Halley was always content to follow in her wake. Then Scarlett's boyfriend died, and Scarlett learned that she was pregnant. Now Halley has to find the strength to take the lead and help Scarlett get through it. Because true friendship is a promise you keep forever. * "Dessen has written a powerful, polished story."—School Library Journal, starred review Sarah Dessen is the winner of the Margaret A. Edwards Award for her contributions to YA literature, as well as the Romantic Times Career Achievement Award. Books by Sarah Dessen: *That Summer Someone Like You* *Keeping the Moon* *Dreamland* *This Lullaby* *The Truth About Forever* *Just Listen* *Lock and Key* *Along for the Ride* *What Happened to Goodbye* *The Moon and More* *Saint Anything* *Once and for All*

"A breathtaking romance filled with sensuality and driven by a brisk and thrilling plot.... Katharine Ashe writes with eloquence and power—what a compelling read!" —New York Times bestselling author Lisa Kleypas "You'll be swept away." —New York Times bestselling author Sabrina Jeffries *An absolutely*

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amazing debut novel from Katharine Ashe, an exceptional new voice in historical romance, *Swept Away by a Kiss* is the first book in an exciting new series—the story of a society jade who thinks she’s done it all until she meets the devil himself. Piracy, intrigue, rogue lords with a dangerous secret...can love unmask the Masters of Masquerade? Read *Swept Away by a Kiss* and find out!

When Auden goes to stay with her father, stepmother, and new baby sister the summer before she starts college, all the trauma of her parents' divorce is revived, even as she is making new friends and having fun new experiences.

Dating in high school is like reality TV. It can get pretty surreal. Between the strict social ladder (geeks' lockers left, jocks' to the right), and silly, pointless rules (no hand-holding, no kissing, no breathing!), high school is the single worst place to find a boyfriend. And Laura Sweeney is no exception. She hasn't had a date since...well, ever. Desperate times call for desperate measures. So Laura is calling in the big guns. She needs guidance. A proven "get the guy" strategy. Luckily she knows exactly the expert to call. He's a matchmaking mastermind who actually has the bow and arrow to prove it. Let's just call him...Cupid.

The fourth and final novel in the wildly popular #1 New York Times bestselling *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* series, from the author of *The Whole*

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Thing Together and The Here and Now. With unraveled embroidery and fraying hems, the Traveling Pants are back for one last, glorious summer. It's a summer that will forever change the lives of Lena, Bridget, Tibby, and Carmen, here and now, past and future, together and apart. Pants = love. Love your pals. Love yourself. "Genuinely moving." —Entertainment Weekly "A strong, satisfying conclusion." —Booklist "An ode to love and friendship." —Kirkus Reviews "A great read." —Daily News (New York)

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