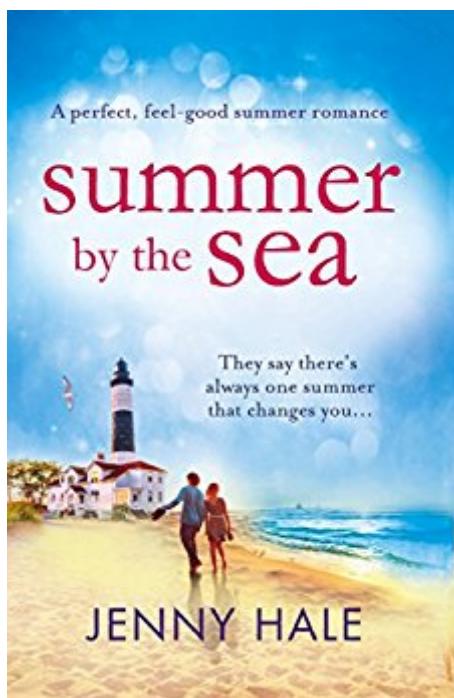


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Summer By The Sea: A Perfect, Feel-good Summer Romance



Synopsis

Summer by the Sea is a beautiful, heart-warming summer read about sisters, first love and not always getting what we want — but sometimes ending up with exactly what we need. They say there's always one summer that changes you. For Faith the one summer she can't forget is when she fell in love as a teenager — only for her sister, Casey, to steal her man. Now, at the request of her beloved ninety-year-old Grandmother, Faith has agreed to a family holiday at their childhood beach house, where it all began. Faith hasn't seen her sister in years but is finally ready to forgive and forget, enjoy the sunshine and relive happy memories. What she's not ready for is meeting Jake Buchanan — the owner of the beach house or the long-forgotten feelings he ignites in her. Can Faith overcome the hurt of the past, rekindle the close bond she had with Casey and make this summer THE ONE to remember? What readers are saying about Jenny Hale — Jenny Hale has done it again! — written a great story about second chances at love with characters you really care about. — Kim the Bookworm — A gorgeous novel with wonderful characters and such a meaningful plot, one which I think everyone can learn from. — Reviewed the Book — a delightful read with a wonderful setting and cast of characters at its core; definitely recommended to chick lit fans! — Spoonful of Happy Endings — This book is the epitome of everything I love about reading, about fiction and about romance. It was heart-warming, touching, upsetting, endearing, beautiful and one hundred other adjectives I could reel off. — It — an absolute must-read for any romance fan. — Paris Baker — Book Nook — A perfect romance read. Full of tension and heart wrenching feelings that have you biting your lower lip in either frustration or sadness. Have a lump in your throat, a tear in your eye or giggling like a schoolgirl. — The Book Geek Wears Pajamas

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Customer Reviews

I only kept reading this book because I am familiar with the Outer Banks and was interested in the author's descriptions of the area which were spot on. However, her descriptions of the characters were so repetitive that I was able to skim most of the book after the characters were all introduced. Another reviewer mentioned inconsistent, and I agree with that description. Despite very long and involved and repetitive characterization, there were inconsistencies from chapter to chapter that were randomly thrown in. I think the editor did a very poor job not picking up on this.

There is the drama of the two sisters who have avoided each other because one married the man the other loved. However, the conflict barely reaches the spat level, as both are working toward a reunion as they share one last summer at their old beach haunt. This story rumbles along beneath the romance of Faith, the younger, unmarried daughter with the man who built the new cabin to replace the original. Jake, said builder, is torn between his attraction to Faith and his absolute certainty that he will do anything to avoid another commitment like his first marriage. Meanwhile, a third story runs beneath the other two with the matriarch of the clan directing the story line. At ninety, she knows her days are limited and she strives to hand down as many traditions and as much knowledge as she can. Faith is a willing and apt student. This book will please anyone who enjoys reading light, romantic fiction, minus the anatomically and excruciatingly correct sex scenes. I'd give it a fifth star, but it lacks enough contrasting emotion to make it a real page Turner. Still, I recommend itFor a good, light read.

Summer by the Sea is the story of Faith and her family on their vacation to the Outer Banks. Faith hasn't seen her sister, Casey, for some years, as she has never been able to forgive her for breaking her heart when they were younger when Casey hooked up with Scott and then married Scott who Faith had a crush on. Their Nan's 90th birthday finds the

family together in one place that used to hold such wonderful memories for them all. So much has passed, and there's so much they're still going through, but Faith still doesn't know if she can truly forgive Casey, or if Casey is really even sorry. On her first day, Faith meets Jake and can not help falling for him. They have some differences to work out and will they get through it. Faith is so guarded, so affected by her past that she had built walls around herself, and she was scared of getting hurt. Jake too is haunted by his past, and doesn't want history to repeat itself. It is also a wonderful story about the love of families, and the need to be there for one another. Just an awesome summer read. I could not put the book down.

I'm being kind in giving 2 stars since I haven't finished the book and I'm not sure if I will. The two main characters, Faith and Jake, make me want to gag occasionally. He is just way too "perceptive" and her constant "feel like I've known him forever" has become too much. Please, that is so not real life it's nauseating. There is no substance to either of them at this point. I'm only into chapter 5 at this point, and there's obviously something hovering there about both the cottage and why Jake is a supposed handyman yet can take them all out on a fancy sailboat during the day, but I'm not driven to really want to find out. I feel like I'm wasting my time a bit with this one, so will probably stop to start something else, and might give it a try at some time when I just don't have anything else to read. Sorry.

I have not finished this book yet but so far I am very much enjoying it. I was looking for a summer read for the beach and this one sounded good. I have not read any of Jenny Hale's books before so this will be a first for them. I think that I would definitely give her other books a try.

Wonderful, heartwarming, make you laugh out loud, make you cry. All the best things you want in a story. Thank you Jenny Hale for another wonderful read!!

I enjoyed this book. It is a quick light summer read. We vacationed on the Outer Banks for many years & and it reminded me of how much I love it there. Yes, I would recommend this book

If the first one you read it is very interesting, if it is the third or fourth it's just more of the same old same old with different people.

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