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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's an absolute must-read for any romance fan. – Paris Baker's 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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Jenny Hale is a wonderful author and her stories are always filled with magic, sparks and memorable moments. With *The Summer by the Sea* she has done a marvellous job again! The story follows kindergarten teacher Faith. I liked her from the start. The way she talked about her students and also some of her characteristics and memories made it easy for me to relate to her. Faith agreed to a family holiday at the beach house, they spent time at in Faith's childhood. They all come together for grandma's birthday. Faith is not looking forward to seeing her sister Casey after so many years. Casey stole her man Scott, is married to him and they have an adorable daughter. Scott has left Casey though and they are close to going through with their divorce. However, that is not what Casey wants. The sisters get to spend a lot of time together and both finally talk about what they really feel. When Faith meets Jake, she falls fast and hard for him. It's the little things passing between them at first, and then their chemistry is amazing. Faith gets confused and scared though when she sees Casey flirting with Jake. Jake is wonderful. He's a hobby handyman and works as a property developer. Taking her on a fancy date, makes Faith think. Is he really the right man for her, they seem to have different opinions about what do build up at the beach. Only later we learn what is behind it all. We find out about Jake's past relationship and it all begins to make sense. He is also hesitant when it comes to being honest about his feelings, I just wanted to slap him, because his attraction to her was so obvious.

Ah, bliss. One of my most anticipated books of the year: Jenny Hale's new *Summer* novel. Last year, Jenny's summer book *Love Me For Me* earned the title as My Favourite Book of 2014, so to say I had high expectations for this one would be an understatement. *Summer by the Sea* follows the story of Faith and her family on their holiday 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, by stealing " " and consequently marrying " " the man Faith loved. Their Nan's

90th birthday finds the family under one roof again, in a place that used to hold such wonderful memories for them all. So much has passed, and thereâ™s so much theyâ™re still going through, but Faith still doesnâ™t know if she can truly forgive Casey, or if Casey is really even sorry. On her first day, Faith meets Jake, and canâ™t help but find her falling for him fast. But is it really worth getting in to something when sheâ™ll be gone in a couple of weeks? And even if it was, can they see past their differences? Jennyâ™s books are just such beautiful, realistic love stories, that they honestly melt my heart. Faith was 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 doesnâ™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. All the characters are flawed in their own way, but beautiful too. Nan had to be my favourite character of them all, so sweet and wise, and with all the wits I hope to have if Iâ™m lucky enough to reach 90!

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