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Love blossoms by the lake in this sweet summer romance, in the tradition of *Seventeenth Summer* and *Sixteenth Summer*.

Chelsea isn't looking forward to her summer at the lake. It's the first time her family has been there since her grandmother died, and she can't break out of her funk. But her summer takes a turn for the better when she meets a boy who works in the bookstore. Josh is cute, sweet, funny...and best of all, seems to like her as much as she likes him. As the days pass by in a blur of boat rides, picnics, and stolen kisses, she can't believe how lucky she is. No one has ever made her feel so special, or so beautiful.

But Chelsea knows her days with Josh are numbered. She'll be heading home at the end of the summer—and he'll be staying behind. Will this be Chelsea's summer of love? Or will it be the summer of her broken heart?

Fifteenth Summer Details

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Aubree says

I absolutely LOVED this book. It is 272 pages long but it keeps you interested the whole way through. This book is about a fifteen year old girl named Chelsea who doesn't want to go to her grandma's house in Bluepoint, Michigan because it is her first time going there since her grandma has died. Of course, she goes, but when she goes to her favorite bookstore, named Dog Ear, she sees a boy there named Josh. Josh is a handsome boy that is also fifteen years old, that works at Dog Ear. At the beginning, it seems as if Josh has mixed emotions, but as the story goes on, you suddenly realize that they like each other. When Chelsea went to Dog Ear at one point, she got caught up on her dress. When she finally got up, Josh pushed her to the ground again. He then kissed her! After that, he walked her home, and in the middle of the walk, he started to apologize to her for just randomly kissing her. While he was apologizing, Chelsea kissed him back. Everything went on good and romantic for the whole summer. Until, out of nowhere, he said that he had to focus on work and he had to stop seeing her.(he broke up with her) Will they get back together????Read to find out!!!

Ashley ✨ says

3.5 stars

I got everything out of this book that I initially wanted with the cheesy romance, and I enjoyed it, but there were obviously some things throughout that I feel could have been more thought out. Great way to kick off summer as well.

Wendy Darling says

3.5 stars Adorable. Not quite as polished as Sixteenth Summer, but brimming with lots of sweet summer romance all the same.

Review to come.

Taylor says

Personal Response:

I thought the author did an outstanding job writing the book. I loved how she split the months of summer up, and how she was very detailed. I hated how the book ended, but it was such a good book, that I overall really liked it.

Plot:

The book was about a family of 3 girls named Chelsea, Hannah, and Abigail. They have to go to the lake for the summer, and Chelsea isn't excited at all. The whole family hasn't been there since their grandma died, so it is very sad and depressing. When they got there all Chelsea wanted to do was find a book to read, so she

went into town. She got into town and found a bookstore. When she was looking for a book, she found the cutest guy named Josh. Her summer was becoming great, because they became a thing and started dating. They went on super cute dates all the time, and always called each other at night. Chelsea also found a job right next to where he worked, and she was making a lot of money. When it was time to leave both of the kids were super sad, and they said their goodbyes. At the end they said they would never forget that summer when they first fell in love.

Recommendation:

I would recommend this book to ages 14 and up, because the characters in the book are all in high school. I also would recommend this book to those ages, because it is a higher level book that younger kids wouldn't understand. I would highly recommend this book to girls, because it is about a love story! I think all girls that are in a relationship would love this book.

Characterization:

In this book at the beginning the character of Chelsea is super shy and self conscious of herself. Throughout the book Josh helps her to come out of her shell. She becomes a peppy and happy child, and you can tell by when she waitresses. At the end of the book she is confident with everything and is very outgoing.

Madison says

Fifteenth Summer by Michelle Dalton is a teenager romance book. I enjoyed this book but it was not one of my favorites. This book is about a girl named Chelsea. Every summer Chelsea and her family go to their grandmothers house by the lake. This year is different though. Chelsea is afraid of having a bad summer because her grandmother passed away. She doesn't know what to do throughout the summer to begin with because her box of books were kept at home. To her surprise, there is a new book store in the town. There she met a boy that she really likes a lot. One reason that I enjoyed this book is because of the theme. The theme of the book is that even if you think your life is over, there is always a rainbow after the storm. I think this is a good theme for this book because throughout the story Chelsea and her family are having a hard time getting over their grandmothers death. Josh, the boy Chelsea meets, helps her to find her happiness again. Fifteenth Summer by Michelle Dalton was a very good book. It is not one I would normally read but I enjoyed it. I recommend it to anyone who likes teenage romance books.

Em'n'em says

Oh boy, where to even start. This book was just a cringe fest. The main love interests have a weird romance where they go from 0 to 100 real quick. One moment they are extremely awkward and the can't even look at each other, then the next thing you know they are making out with no context whatsoever. And this doesn't just happen in the beginning with them. Oh, no. It lasts the entire book. The main character often scoffs at cliched, cheesy romances and then turns around and gets involved in one her self claiming it's "not like that". Which was just annoying. The characters fall in love after, what? Two dates? There was just so many eye-rolling moments. I sometimes had to even take a break cause it was that bad. Another big part of the story is the main character dealing with the loss of her grandmother. That didn't help the story at all. The main character would often think back on it like she was the only one going through the grieving process and it was, frankly, just selfish. Her mom would be crying or having a hard time and instead of trying to comfort

her, she just continues doing on whatever she's doing without a second thought. At one point, the main character sees one of her sisters get sad and she hadn't even thought about them being upset too! One moment she would want to do something to honor her grandmother and then the next it was "I can't think about her. It's too painful." As someone who has lost someone extremely close in my life at a young age, I can tell you it's not like that. During grieving you go through one stage then the next. The main character was just flipping back and forth between stages, and I understand "everyone grieves differently" but this was just excessive. I would often find myself falling asleep due to the long flashback stories that had no purpose but to fill the page with words. All in all, this was a hard book to get through.

Ari says

Currently reading...

Kaitlyn M. says

Personal Response:

I really enjoyed the book *Fifteenth Summer*. I honestly don't think I have ever read a book this quickly. It only took me a week to finish reading it. The book kept me interested the whole time. I could really relate to it because I knew exactly how the main character felt. I enjoyed the romance part of it as well because it was very cute. I will continue reading books by this author because it was so good!

Plot:

Every summer, Chelsea Silver and her family went from L.A. to a small town called Bluepointe, Michigan. The only thing that was different that year, was that her grandmother had recently passed away. It was a real struggle for Chelsea when she was mourning the loss of her grandma. That was until she walked into a new book store, Dog Ear, and met a boy. Chelsea was only fifteen so she was still very awkward. She struggled to talk with Josh at first, but eventually they became very close.

Before they knew it, Josh and Chelsea were hanging out after work everyday. When Josh asked Chelsea out on an official date, she was very surprised. She had not been on a real date before, so she was very excited. Josh made it very romantic and things continued this way for a while. Chelsea did not see it coming when Josh called her and dumped her. He said that he was busy with work and Chelsea was distracting him from doing his job. In the end, they got back together, but Chelsea had to back to L.A. at the end of the summer. Chelsea and Josh both knew that they were each other's first love.

Characterization:

Chelsea was a character who was very insecure about herself. She had bright red hair and a face full of freckles. When she met Josh, she began to realize that everything about her was good. Josh showed her what it was like to feel loved instead of judged all the time. Not only was Josh helpful, but Chelsea's sisters were

also a big help in boosting her confidence. In the end, Chelsea was much more confident person than she was in the beginning of the story.

Josh was a very confusing character. He could not seem to get the right words out of his mouth. He kept sending Chelsea mixed feelings. Josh eventually got brave enough to tell Chelsea how he really felt about her. It took him a long time, but he did suck up enough courage to do it. Josh fell in love with Chelsea the first time he even saw her. By the end of the book, he was able to express his feelings in ways he never thought possible.

Recommendation:

I recommend this book to middle school or high school aged girls. This book was basically all about romance, so most boys would not enjoy this storyline. The main characters were only fifteen years old, so all of the content was good for this age group. I give this book five out of five stars because it was a very enjoyable book that kept me interested the whole time. I believe that most people would enjoy this book.

Rose says

I've been debating on what rating to give this book. It was between a 2 and a 3. It was an alright book, nothing special, nothing too boring. I like romance, and this definitely had the cutesy teenage romance thing going on. But what settled me on a 2 instead of a 3 was that it had me asking questions by the end of the book, and I also knew there was no sequel. How did they say goodbye? Did they decide to continue their relationship? Are they happy? Was it heartbreak? The bottomline is I'll never know.

Overall, it was an alright book, again, nothing special about it.

Victoria says

If you're searching for a sweet, feel-good, summer read brimming with a touch of an adorable, first romance, a nice storyline, and relatable characters, then set your sights upon this book! *Fifteenth Summer* is a mindless, quick read that guarantees to plaster a smile onto your face and have you anxiously flipping page and page. This is my first time reading Michelle Dalton's novel - ever and I was glad to have given this novel a fair chance. This book was exactly what I was looking for - a cute, short read in between my paranormal/fantasy books.

The book tells of a 15-year-old girl, Chelsea, who is staying with her parents at her grandmother's house in Michigan for a summer vacation, but she is absolutely dreading it because this is her first time returning to her grandmother's house ever since her beloved grandma has passed away. Chelsea doesn't want to be around the haunting memories of her grandma and she is seeking out for a fresh, new change of scenery. While living there, she finds a newfound happiness, solace, and love in Josh, a guy who's cute for his own good who happens to work at the bookstore, and the embrace of a new job at a coffee shop. But soon Chelsea realizes that her summer days are about to be numbered because she will eventually be returning home after summer.

Fifteenth Summer is a novel filled with heavy doses of sweetness, a lingering feeling of happiness, and bittersweet moments. This novel is certainly not as compelling as some of the best contemporary novels that I've read, but it's still a pretty decent read. *Fifteenth Summer* is a book that I would wholeheartedly recommend to very young fans, ages ranging from 12-14 mainly because this kind of book is a bit young for older teenagers. I find several problems and the turn of events in here to be very melodramatic and a bit silly. Some of the actions that the characters make either frustrates or annoys me during the course of the book, but I excuse the fact that they were young and immature, but I'm extremely proud that they improve by the end of the book.

The characters of *Fifteenth Summer* are sweet, charming, and likeable written with utter imperfections. Each of the characters has an amiable quality that which you can't help, but like them all. They all make silly mistakes now and then, but learn to fix them and grow up, which is a great message to exemplify for young teenagers.

The writing feels a bit too juvenile and simple to me, but it has a way of urging me to keep reading on and on, so I'll give props for that. The writing is quite lyrical at times, but still beautiful in its own way.

The romance between two lovable characters are portrayed in a very cute and realistic way that you can't help, but root for them to be together. Adorable conversation, flirting, and sweet moments of spending time together play a foundation in developing this first love. This first love doesn't relies heavily on sexual attraction, but instead it's a down-to-earth-romance. I'm really glad that they got to understand each other completely in this unique way despite having some differences, learn to let go of the past and sorrow, and forgive each other. Josh and Chelsea has got to be one of the most cutest couples I've ever read. <333 I'm a bit of a hopeless romantic, so it wasn't a surprise that I ate this up romance very fast! I love the idea of falling in love and finding out that the person is the right one for you.

In conclusion, I really enjoyed *Fifteenth Summer* and loved reading about the characters and the events that followed. Be sure to give this book a chance because it's just an absolutely cute and a perfect read if you're feeling down and melancholy! It will remind you of your sweet days having a crush, the special moments of falling heads over heels, and that feeling like you're floating on air! Ahhh....the wonderful nostalgia! ♥♥♥♥

Hannah Crabtree says

I really liked this book!

Michelle Wrona says

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What's that—do I hear the word “fake” in the air? **That's right.** Really, small-town girl romance summer love stuff is so not for me. It's not my type and it's so cliché and out of my bookish-league. *Fifteenth*

Summer was exactly as *Sixteenth Summer* was, and I've found that cheesy chick-lit like this definitely isn't for me. There's no backstory, no drama, just something sweet and sappy that's getting you to wonder if the couple will stay together by the end. That's all we're looking for.

If you want the most simplistic book to read by the seashore while you're on vacation and trying to concentrate on the total minimum, then I'd tell you to go for this. Michelle Dalton is an author who **goes through many romance "clichés,"** as well as a story with almost no plot. It's a little more boring than spending 2 hours staring into space.

Without even reading or threading a wink at the pages, you can probably tell what this is already about. Your elementary school English teacher would be proud of you for making correct predictions on what the story is about by just looking at the cover and making a 'visual prediction.' A girl spending a summer in a small-town beach, falling in love, not knowing what will happen in the future or if they'll stay together. **It's like a 50/50 chance that they'll be together.**

But what about the long-distance thing? What about their families? Isn't 15 such an early age to be "really in love?" Those were the dumb questions that were floating around in Chelsea's mind. (Our protagonist.) And what I can tell you is that this book was memorable to the minimum. I can't even remember what the guy's name was. *not looking at summary* Daniel? Jacob? Max? *looks at summary* JOSH. Oh yeah, it was Josh.

First thing's first—the idea was cute. I mean, I was able to stand it, unlike some romances. Yes, there were a ton of moments where I just kept rolling my eyes over and over again of boredom and because of the cheesiness, but it's kind of fun to imagine love at a young age. It's obviously really rare, but that's the idea of a book—things that aren't meant to happen in reality. **It's only the author's dream that we will dream on about their writing and the events that happened in the book and originally formed in their minds.** For the idea, I'll give it between good and bad. This was a fairly short read. **272 pages can take me about 2 hours to read?** And because it was so easy to read and concentrate on, it was even more easier. Yes, the story was extremely fast-paced, but I didn't get that much captivation out of it, coming out of the idea.

Chelsea was AMAZING. I loved her to death—especially since she was a bookworm. **ONCE SHE ARRIVED TO THE TOWN SHE LOOKED FOR A BOOKSTORE AND SHE FOUND JOSH THERE, AHHH.** Like, that was the perfect way to find your loved one, especially if you guys can understand each other. They were a definite ship. And Josh's parents loved Chelsea from the moment they met her when she bought that \$1 book. The funniest thing was that she actually came to look for something better but she really got nervous around Josh and ended up having to get one of the cheesiest and cheapest books in the store. *But you can't help it when you see something that excites you, no?*

To be honest, I didn't really like Josh as a character since the person on the cover ruined it for me and he was a little too show-off and macho-ee (you know what I mean, hah), but together, **they were really cute.** It's amazing when a couple aren't complete opposites and when one can understand each other 100%. Two book-nerds together? That's the best thing ever.

With a fantastic protagonist and a quick read, *Fifteenth Summer* was okay. There were some tweaks that could've been better that I felt, such as the love interest, Josh, or the idea and concept that Dalton had going

on, but the best thing was that it was so easy to read and understand. **Feeling a little down and/or needy of a quick read?** Go for this—it's just as good as *Sixteenth Summer*.

Kristine says

I can't even tell you how many times I rolled my eyes while reading this book, because I lost count. This book might be good for a twelve year old, even then I still wouldn't recommend it. The main character infuriated me. For a girl who is "obsessed with books and reading", you'd think she'd be a little smarter. There's even a point where she starts making fun of summer romance novels, so essentially she is making fun of her own book. It's so bad, even the author knows it.

Stefanie says

I really enjoyed this one. At first I thought maybe I wouldn't like it as much because of Granly and everything and I was hoping the mood wouldn't make me sad and emotional. When the family arrived in Bluepointe that's when for me I got really involved. I love the cabin, Dog Ear, Mel and Mel's and all the local residents. I always enjoy stories that take place during the summer because I love the concept that anything can happen. To me Josh and Chelsea's relationship didn't feel forced but maybe a little rushed. Granted it's summer, there teens there impulsive. Can I just say how I loved how books were such a centre piece to this story?

What I didn't like though was I think page 192 when the Chelsea Abbie and Hannah are all watching the Lifetime movie and talking about how terrible it's going to be and then there talking about the actors are going to suck and then Chelsea says ...maybe there Canadian. Maybe I should take that as a compliment. All in all I really enjoyed it and I'm still thinking about it a day later. I loved the ending it felt natural to the situation.

This will have to be bought by me later on because I can see myself going for it next summer and the summers after that.

Kylie says

This book went really slow for me and it wasn't that interesting in my opinion. Its about this girl named Chelsea that finds love and it was kinda boring at some parts.
