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Is it better to have loved and lost or to have never loved at all?

Sexy, successful and stylish, Autumn Jones believes in love. She believes in the all-consuming, mind blowing enormity of love. She believes in the euphoric state of loving and being loved. She believes in it because she's had it once. And when it was lost, she was devastated, but she never stopped believing in the existence of love. Unwilling to settle, she learned from the past and moved on with the expectation that she'll love again.

Beautiful, talented, and slightly jaded, Summer Wilson believes in sex. She believes in the all-consuming, mind blowing enormity of good sex. She believes that love exists, but Prince Charming does not. At least not for her. She's seen the downside of love—insanity, heartbreak, infidelity, divorce—and she dates with the expectation that she won't ever subject herself to that type of vulnerability. Instead, she chooses to love her family, her friends, and her work. And although she enjoys the company of men, her heart is hers and hers alone.

Best friends since elementary school, Autumn and Summer kick off the summer by embarking on a dating experiment. Unfortunately, expecting the unexpected doesn't prepare them for what the dating world has in store.

## **Autumn and Summer Details**

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# From Reader Review Autumn and Summer for online ebook

## R.S. Grey says

5 "Can I be their third best friend" Stars!!

Summer & Autumn was not what I was expecting!! I've been finding these little gems lately in the indie world and when I do, I want to shout for everyone to pick up this book and read it too!! This book is FUNNY, charming, and NOT predictable at all. The cover makes it look like a more serious read, but seriously, don't let it fool you, these two are so funny together!

This is a dual POV book and I absolutely loved the setup. You get to know both characters really well and you're rooting for both of them to find happiness in the end.

The two women set out to find love on a series of blind dates, and I won't spoil it by telling you who they end up with, but I will say that they go out with some seriously hot guys!!

One of my favorite lines from the book: *"You said that when you first saw him you were tempted to throw your panties at him. And you had on pants! You said you were going to take your pants off, throw your thong at him, and then slip your pants back on!"*

I'd recommend this book to anyone looking for a fun romance! There are no dark pasts or troubled characters, it just feels like a REAL romance that anyone could relate to!

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## Michelle Lynn says

I started reading Autumn & Summer one night and couldn't put it down. By the time I hit fifty percent, I had already committed myself to a long night of reading. In the early morning hours, I shut my kindle a VERY happy girl.

Autumn and Summer is written in two girls' POVs. Best friends who are loyal to one another. It's a refreshing change of pace that Danielle accomplished flawlessly. Instantly, I feel in love with both of them. Two completely different people, deciding to put their fate of love in the person they trust most in the world's hands.

The guys in these books are amazing. Mr. Ford, Boris, Jordan, Max just to name a few. The reader is kept on their toes as the girls keep going on dates and begin to form relationships with some of the guys more than others. (NOTE: there is no cheating in this book). There is humor mixed in with heartwarming moments as two best friends try to find the perfect guy for each other.

I promise you, this is a MUST read!

Favorite Line: I don't want to waste time on guys that don't matter. I want to fall in love. I want butterfly

inducing, heart racing, true love. I want to not be able to sleep because he's on my mind. I want to dream about him when I finally do fall asleep. I wait it all.

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### **Melissa Rolka says**

I'm definitely a Danielle Allen fan, hands down! This is such a fun twist on love and romance. I loved it! The girls are both very relatable and I could find myself in each of them at different points in my life. I loved their bond and genuine care for each other. The game they play to find their fairytale provides sooooo much entertainment! I found myself wishing I could be part of their challenge... (don't tell my very adorable, loving and romantic husband though!).

Oh the men in this book are extremely swoon worthy... HOT, STEAMY, SEXY... alluring! Danielle does a great job of blending New Adult Romance and a bit of Chick-Lit. Well done my friend!

There's a unique, clever and oh so very sly twist in this story that I am absolutely head over heels about!

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### **Gwen ~the Book Diva says**

**5++ stars! Wow! Danielle Allen can bring the chemistry!**

*\*ARC provided to G the Book Diva blog in exchange for an honest review\**

**Closing the gap between us, he cradled my face. "If you were mine, I wouldn't be able to keep my hands off of you. There would be no mistaking that you were mine."**

Autumn and Summer is the story of best friends who have decided that they're done with cheaters and mediocre men. The besties make a pact to arrange ten dates over the course one month for each other, agreeing to give up complete control in that department to the person who knows them best. They also can't be told any specific information about their chosen date, not even his real name until they meet in person. It all starts out as a fun little experiment brought up over drinks. Neither expected to find love that would change their lives.

**Finding my voice I whispered, "Did you feel that?"**

**"I felt it the first day I met you."**

Autumn & Summer is smart, sexy and impulsive. Not only can you get by with a little help from your friends, they can also lead you to true happiness!

Did I mention that it was a laugh out loud funny too.

My favorite moments involved:

Mega Bitch the Transformer

"Ryan Gosling, my ass."

Angry drunk texts about catfishing and booty calls!

I am a major Danielle Allen fan! Contact me about joining her street team and our group read of *Autumn and Summer* after the official release!

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### **Angie H says**

I really enjoyed this book it had a good storyline, like a really good chick flick in a book. Summer Wilson and Autumn Jones, the two girls unlucky in love, decide that as they don't pick the right guys for themselves they'd each find the other 10 dates for the next month, with Summer now working for Style Magazine shooting pictures of the most eligible bachelor's she gets Autumn dates with most of them, lucky Autumn. I loved Summer's character, strong and feisty, I liked Autumn's character too but I looked forward to reading Summer's chapters more. I loved when Summer first laid eyes on Xavier and the encounters. A really enjoyable read, I'd definitely recommend it and would read more by this Author.

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### **Nevaeh Lee says**

My first book by Danielle Allen and I was super impressed. I love that it was told from the point of view of both girls(Autumn & Summer, obviously;),who have remained friends throughout the years and nothing could possibly change that. I also loved that there were so many hot guys in this book, my head was spinning! (in the very best possible way, of course) *Autumn and Summer* was different than my usual reads as of late, which was a very good thing, and I look forward to more of Danielle's writing in the near future.

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### **Staci Hart says**

I freaking love this book.

Autumn and Summer are besties, and I want in on that. Autumn can do my hair and makeup, and Summer and I can drink whiskey together. This needs to happen.

I saw a lot of myself in both girls, two strong, witty, and independent women. Autumn and I are a lot alike, the romantic book reader who's happy go lucky. But she's also smart about her love life, and tries to apply some level of foresight to her emotions. Her story actually had me the most excited to see what would come,

who she would choose. There was a love triangle that didn't leave me feeling annoyed or frustrated. I totally understood where she was with both men. I should also note that I HATE LOVE TRIANGLES. This was not done in an angsty, dramatic way. It was perfection.

Summer is a whiskey drinking hardass cynic. To watch her get owned is a serious delight. She's been hurt, and she wants to protect herself, but man, she never sees him coming, and he knocks her on her ass in the absolute best way. Everything she thought about love was wrong, and watching as she figures out what she wants in her life is a fantastic journey.

I laughed and smiled through the entire book. It's absolutely adorable with a healthy helping of steam. If you're looking for a fun, happy read, I absolutely recommend Autumn and Summer!

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### **Christina Jones says**

So, let me start this with two qualifiers. First, I did receive an ARC of this book in exchange for my honest review, and it will be just that, an honest review! Secondly, I'm already a big fan of this author (If you haven't, go read her Back to Life Series, seriously some of my favorite reading). So, with that said, on to the review!

Autumn and Summer was a very fun read. Two best friends, unlucky in love, decide that they're going to take over the other's dating life for a month, to see if they can stir things up that way. I thought that the premise was really interesting! I do wish that we'd gotten a teeny bit more depth in the dates, but it doesn't take away from the reading experience, IMO.

I (personally) didn't \*like\* Summer. I mean, she seemed nice enough, and without giving any spoilers, I was pleased that she found happiness, but I just couldn't connect to her. I can say that she seemed fun, and she was a really good friend to Autumn, who I loved, maybe because I just related to her history a little more.

The men in this book? Absolutely scrumptious!

Autumn & Summer has nice, vivid detail in the settings and imagery, so much so that I could very clearly picture the characters and where they were, which created a very nice reading experience.

Overall, I definitely enjoyed this read, would recommend it, and I'm looking forward to seeing more from Danielle!

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### **Evette says**

What a fun read! Autumn and Summer are two women I would love to know, very few dull moments.

Dual POV- done beautifully- tells the story of how these two lifelong friends put their romantic life into the others hands in the hopes of finding the one.

Autumn is the hopeless romantic. Wants to be swept up and away. Refuses to settle for anything less. Her best friend Summer is just looking for Mr. Right Now. Scarred from her parents relationship she is sure

“true love ” is a fairy tale. When each girl turns over the love reigns to the one person that knows them best it is game on!

The dates are one of the best parts of this book. I got as excited as the girls getting ready, and as disappointed when it didn't go as planned.

For me the best love story in this story is the one between Autumn and Summer! Not romantic, but so steady and lifelong. The two of them are able to let go and be their true selves all the while letting go of their fear. And the men- holy hotness! Not an ugly one in the bunch. But as each girl realizes what and who is right for them the story gets even better!

This is a quirky, sweet and laugh out loud fun book. Serious moments abound, but not as huge drama, more like both women growing and coming into their own. Fantastic job!

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### **Emma Edwards says**

I received an ARC for an honest review,,, seriously gotta say straight off I bloody loved this book :)

This is a romance but from a different angle,,, we have Autumn who is a total romantic, believes in love and HEAs,,,, she wants a future,,, but has been hurt by the person she thought would be her future,,,she's been on dates but there's no sparks,,, she so wants those sparks

We also have Autumns BFF Summer,,, now she has totally different beliefs when it comes to love and relationships,,, love doesn't exist and relationships are only worthwhile when the sex is good,,, if he can't please then it's no longer needed,,, Summer had been in a relationship with someone only to find out he had been sleeping with someone else,,, she knew the relationship had run it's course before hand but this was the nail in the coffin,,, not wanting to be in a mans shadow she wanting to start a fresh,,,so she took a leap of faith,,, and her life changed for the better,,,

Summer and Autumn were tired of these dead end dates and the other always knowing it wasn't going to work so Summer thought of a plan,,,surely it would work? Wouldn't it?,,, summer gets to pick Autumn 10 dates and Autumn would pick Summers

Neither would know who they were dating but would willingly go along,,, the idea would be to realise what it is that they were both 'really' looking for and the knew each other so well that it would probably work out,,,, surely?,,, what could go wrong?

Summer has met a guy that is HOT but he is taken but she can't get him out of her head,,, one of her dates surely will be able to help? Won't they?

Autumn has a strong connection with two of her matches,,, one she has never seen,,, one she feels like she needs distance from,,, but both pulling her in closer and closer,,, will it work out with either? Will she make a decision who she wants and sees a future with? Will she find someone else?,,, will the decision be taken out of her hands?

I've really enjoyed Danielle's work in the past with her other books and this one doesn't disappoint either,,, it's brilliant and I couldn't put it down,,, I really enjoyed the different direction she took with this book,,, it

was refreshing to read something 'different' and 'new' but yet along the same lines as that of what I normally enjoy reading

I highly recommend this book ,, I hope that there is more ,, the characters are really cool and I'd love to hear more from them and the other background characters too :)

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### **Heather Carver says**

Received an ARC for an honest review!!

5 Incredible Stars

This book was amazing. It drew me in from page one. I didn't want to put it down. I wanted to know more about Summer, Autumn, Mr. Ford, Boris and Johnathan.

Summer doesn't do love. She doesn't believe in it. She is disappointed that she let herself commit to a lying jerk like Josh. Once he humiliates her she decides she needs a fresh start and moves in with her best friend Autumn. She is excited to start this new chapter in her life. She is hoping to get her dream job. She also doesn't want to date because apparently she only picks losers. But she can't stop bumping into the incredibly sexy Mr. Jones. She wants him, but thinks he is like all the other men she has dated. So she keeps pushing him away. Can she stay strong and walk away? Or will she succumb to his charm?

Autumn believes there is a Prince Charming out there for her. She is looking for him, but she isn't having any luck. She knows she needs to keep trying, but she hates hurting peoples feelings. So when Summer makes a proposition she can't refuse her. Autumn never expected to fall for two guys. She wants them both for different things they can give her. Will it all fall into place for her? Or will she end up losing them both?

This is an incredible story of love, friendship and finding your one true soul mate. I really enjoyed this story and cannot wait for more stories for the fabulous Danielle Allen! I need more BORIS!! He is MINE!! He will always have a special place in my heart.

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### **Danielle Allen says**

I love it...hope you do too!

Here's the synopsis of Autumn and Summer

It Starts:

Girls Meet Boys:



People Throw Shade:

Feelings Are Felt:

Things Happen:

And then the story of Autumn and Summer ends like:

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## **Scandalous Book Blog says**

~\*~\*~Chick Lit~\*~\*~

Autumn and Summer is a tale of two life long best friends taking control of each other's dating life, how fun would it be for your Best Friend to pick who you date especially with a friendship that's these two beautiful ladies have they are soul sisters no one knows them better than each other.

Summer is a talented photographer but she does not believe in love she like to have a good time and that's about it even though she has a boyfriend (due to his insisting they put a label on their relationship). She caught him with his pants around his ankles (shagging HER intern) yes the nerve of the dog. So like any self respecting woman she tore up his office and walk away with her head held high

I fell in love with her bad-ass personality from that moment, she is one awesome chick.

When her best friend Summer emails her with a job advert, it's an opportunity she cannot refuse so Autumn packs up her life and move to Virginia and in with Summer and thus a new chapter of her life beginning.

Summer is a hard working successful stunning woman who believes in love, she felt a fraction of it once and has been looking for that feeling ever since with no success. Summer is a true romantic with an optimistic view on life.

Both women are embarking on change when Autumn suggest they hand over control to each other of their dating life for 30 days. Sounds like fun??? it sure as hell was interesting.

I have never read a story like this before and I loved it completely; its fresh, unique, fun, sexy, sweet, heart warming, and superbly written.

Danielle never fails to deliver a great story with down to earth loving characters, fashion to die for and did I mention the smocking HOT guys.....I didn't did I, well let me tell you Holy HOTNESS Danielle gives us more than a few mouth watering guys for us to Fantasize over.

Mr Ford is charming, sexy, commanding, powerful and sexy as sin (I know I mention sexy already but he is bloody hot I'm trying to make a point)

Jordan is an absolute sweet heart not only is he truly beautiful and breathtaking on the outside but also on the inside where it really matters, he had me in a constant swoon fest.

Boris~ If you have read Danielle's previous work then you will figure out who this is plus he is burn down the building hot so I won't even go there. (Trust he its a lovely surprise/ treat)

Overall a good wholesome story with real values and lessons on life and love. I take my hat off to Danielle for coming up with such an original concept and the stiller execution. The book is written from both Summer and Autumn POV so you get to see every detail of their journey and outcome first hand. It's funny how they embarked on the same path but ended up with very different outcome.

This book reminded me that everything happens for a reason and God always has a plan for you not always the one you made for yourself so learning to adapt and re-evaluate your views on certain things is essential tools to navigate the choppy waters know as life.

P.S you might need a change of underwear because we have some Flaming Red Hot scenes.

Don't eat and drink whiles reading because there plenty of laugh out loud moments that will have you spilling all over your reading device.

You cannot go wrong with this book you get double the trouble, double the romance, more men then you will know what to do with, and two HEA.

So essentially you are getting two beautiful love stories for the price of one.

5 stars for Natasha

I highly recommend

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### **Alex Kinley says**

When things don't work out with Summer's job and relationship, her best friend Autumn helps her start fresh with a new job in a new city. In honor of new beginnings, Summer concocts a plan for her and Autumn to set each other up on 10 blind dates in hopes that going through some Mr. Right Nows will help them find Mr. Right.

*Autumn and Summer* is a cute light-hearted read about friendship and romance. It's written from

alternating perspectives of both Autumn and Summer, following them on these multiple dates and situations.

Although both Summer and Autumn narrate, Summer's storyline was a little bigger and more entertaining. **Summer** is a sarcastic, spitfire who doesn't really believe in love so it's fun seeing her develop feelings and interact with her love interest. I think everyone who reads Autumn and Summer will really, really like Summer.

I wasn't so sold on Autumn. **Autumn** is a sweet, hopeless romantic. I think my issue was she was too sweet, maybe too perfect. She lacked the complexity that Summer had. I liked her but I wasn't as excited to read her chapters. *As a side note, I've been trying more diverse romance and I'm really glad Autumn wasn't an overly sassy stereotype.* Her coyness was a bit refreshing.

I don't want to give anything away and talk about the guys but they were so sexy and it was fun living through Summer and Autumn and meeting so many of them. My favorite guys were definitely *Mr. Ford* and *Boris*.

I think Autumn and Summer is pretty easy to enjoy. I usually find friendship novels to be too sappy for my taste but the more I read the more the story grew on me. It was definitely cute and funny and super sexy at times. I'd definitely recommend it and I look forward to Danielle's future publications.

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## **Drue DePompei-Hoffman says**

Autumn & Summer, I just can't say enough good things about this book. Best friends Autumn & Summer have had their share of loser boyfriends. Now they have decided that maybe their pickers are bad LOL, and decide to let each other set the other up on 10 blind dates. Why or why didn't me and my friends come up with ideas this good when we were younger and single?

And the games begin, but things start going a little awry when Summer keeps running into the sexiest man on the plane, Xavier Ford, but believing he is in a relationship Summer does everything short of moving to another state to steer clear of Mr. Perfect, but fate has other plans.

FULL REVIEW AT DRUE'S RANDOM CHATTER

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