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Hot sun. Soft white sand. Bejeweled flip-flops. Crashing surf. That shirtless blond lifeguard...Summertime is the essence of sexiness, sass, and fun. In this juicy collection, four fabulous, bestselling teen authors each show us a different side of summer romance, from the first flush of a seaside crush to the sting of a breakup on a traveling teen tour. Get out your sunscreen, slip on your shades, and prepare to be dazzled by these sizzling stories.

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Mrs. Brightside says

These were cute stories. My favorite was probably the camp one with the hot River guy(; and my least favorite was the France one with Tommy): I didn't like that they ended up together. It just...didn't really make sense to me /: but anyway, it was a nice read, and everyone had a happy ending.

Chelsea Barva-kertesz says

Miss Independant by Lauren Myracle

For a short story, I found this one pretty good. The only complaint I have is that the story took it's time developing characters and back stories, and then basically everything else was crammed into 12 pages. It almost seemed like the author was writing and then realized she had to finish her story in just a few more pages, so she rushed to fill in the ending.

Megan is a girl who never cared about makeup, clothes, or the prettiest hair style. It is her birthday, and she cannot stop thinking about Pete, a gorgeous guy she met during her assistant teaching job. He was fixing the air conditioner, and she never had the courage to take their relationship past the point of saying hello in the hallway.

Now, on the night of her birthday, her cousin, Porter Ann, has passes to the hot new club in town, and rumor has it that Pete is going to be there. Porter Ann treats Megan to a makeover so she looks hot for Pete.

At the club, Megan sees Pete and it is just as she imagined. They spend some time together outside and share the most magical kiss. The problem is that it's Megan's curfew so she runs out of the club without even saying goodbye. Realizing that, she tries to get back in the club to say goodbye but the bouncer won't let her in again. Luckily, Pete walks out and offers to give Megan a ride home. What a magical evening.

Sure this story was a bit sappy, but I am a girl who loves sappy romances.

A Nice Fling is Hard to Find by Sarah Mlynowski

This story, unlike the last one, was very well written, very well develop, and an overall great story.

Lindsay is going on a field trip to Europe with her best friend, Becca, Becca's twin brother, Tommy, and some other people from school. She plans to have a fling with a handsome French guy. When they get there, the tour guide is quite a hunk, but he seems like he might be out of Lindsay's reach. Becca hooks up with another American on their tour, so that leaves Lindsay to look for prospects. She sees a cute Russian guy, Vlad, who is also on their tour and thinks he might be her fling.

On the last night of Vlad's tour, he asks her to meet him for a date. At dinner, Pierre, the french tourguide also asks her out. She can't possibly meet the both of them, so she tries to imagine who's lips she sees kissing. Surprised by who's lips she pictures, Lindsay finds love in unexpected places and realizes she can

have more than just a fling.

This story was a sweet and pure romance that, to me, never gets old.

Cabin Fever by Erin Haft

This story seemed a little rushed, but I guess every story squeezed into 50 pages is going to feel that way.

Molly's home away from home is summer camp. She is so excited to be going and seeing her crush, River. She has been drooling over him since the first summer she went to camp. Everything seems perfect until her fashion obsessed sister, Dakota, decides she is going to come to camp.

When Dakota and Molly first get to camp, Dakota starts by stealing Molly's best friend Jess, and she also starts to flirt with River. Molly is beyond furious, and tries not to let it get her down. Still, she cannot help but be angry that her little sister is ruining the camp time that she treasures so much.

Dakota arranges for an overnight with Rider's cabin, and in a surprise twist, Molly realizes that her sister is not the shallow, stupid girl she thought she was. She might even end up liking her sister, and she might still have a little summer romance despite her sister coming along.

I really liked this story. It was the classic tale of a summer romance at camp.

Night Swimming by Niki Burnham

I really like this story, and could pretty much sum it up by saying it was short and sweet.

Wynn is taking a summer creative writing class, when she meets a cute boy named Caleb. They instantly hit it off and find out that they have a lot in common.

Set on a beachside college campus, this story is one of the pure, sweet summer romances that occur between a boy and a girl. It is not overly dramatic, and it leaves me longing for the days when I was young enough to be so carefree.

Jennifer Wardrip says

Reviewed by Randstostipher "tallnlankyrn" Nguyen for TeensReadToo.com

After the heartwarming compilation of four heartwarming stories in MISTLETOE, Point Books once more brings together four authors to create another four sizzling stories that go perfectly with the summer heat. Pull up a towel and a big glass of lemonade, because the only place you will be going is inside the minds of four girls ready to accomplish what they have been wanting the most during summer.

Lauren Myracle brings us Megan, who is finally turning 18, in MISS INDEPENDENT! The only thing that seems to be on her mind is Pete, the boy she met at the preschool where she worked. Well, that and trying to keep up with her cousin, Porter Ann. The first moment Megan and Pete laid eyes on each other, there was a definite spark -- at least that's what Megan thought. Unfortunately, summer began, which means that her

chance to finally talk or even go out with Pete is gone. But what Megan doesn't know is that her birthday will be full of surprises and a very special present from her cousin.

In Sarah Mlynowski's **A NICE FLING IS HARD TO FIND**, Lindsay is finally going to France with her best friend, Becca, and Becca's twin brother, Tommy. And the one thing Lindsay wants the most is to find a European hottie and finally have a fling. Could the lucky person be her tour guide, Pierre? Or maybe Vlad, the really cute Russian guy with the to-die-for accent? Or could it be the one person that is closer to her than any other -- the one she would never have thought of going out with?

Molly Walker just can't wait to leave her crazy family at home and go back to that one place where she can have a little peace, Camp Menominee. Molly can finally become a counselor and take care of her own cabin. And, most importantly, she will get to see River Ween, the camp owner's son, the boy who Molly has liked forever but can never seem to catch his eye. But this summer will be totally different, what with her younger sister, Dakota, tagging along with her after getting dumped by her boyfriend. What worries Molly the most is when Dakota finally meets River, and there seems to be a little flirting going on. Could disaster be spelled D-A-K-O-T-A for Molly this summer? Find out in Erin Haft's **CABIN FEVER**.

And last but certainly not least is Wynn Michaela O'Malley, in **. Wynn** . Wynn hates being so pale and hates that summer brings fun in the sun at the beach, so she escapes the chance of looking antisocial once again and signs up for summer classes in Delaware, taking Creative Writing. Everything is all planned out, that is until Wynn finally gets into her dorm and sees that she has an ocean view room. Who knew that this college was on a beach!? But besides the beach, the dorm isn't all too bad, especially since it's co-ed and the first guy she meets, Caleb, is someone Wynn would definitely like to get to know.

Another great anthology filled with stories that will definitely make you smile -- and making you wish that one of these stories would happen to you!

Raegan says

A quick read with four engaging writing styles and feel-good stories.

Anna says

Okay, I'm going to go story-by-story so it'll all make sense.

Miss Independent: Lauren Myracle

This one was just okay. It definitely draws you in at the beginning. However, it was really, really predictable. I liked the idea behind it, but I just... wish I wouldn't have figured out what the ending was going to be like.

A Nice Fling is Hard to Find: Sarah Mlynowski

I think this is my favorite story out of all four. It wasn't too predictable, and it was written really nicely. I haven't read anything by Sarah Mlynowski before, but this really makes me want to read her other books.

Cabin Fever: Erin Haft

I really loved the setting in this one. The camp was described nicely, as were the characters. I have Erin Haft's book, Pool Boys, here and if I didn't have a bunch of other books in my TBR pile before it, I'd be reading it right now.

Night Swimming: Niki Burnham

I've read Niki Burnham's books before (she's one of my favorite Simon Romantic Comedies author) and this short story was really good. This was my second favorite out of the book. It was a bit predictable, but not much. I didn't guess how it was going to end like I did some of the others.

Mmk, there's my short speel on each story. Overall, Fireworks was pretty good. It would have been better if the stories hadn't been so predictable.

Erin Beckwith says

I wanted to read a happy, idealistic satisfying teen summer romance book. There's something about teen romance that's so much better than "adult" romance: there's less worry. Once you know you "like" each other, it's a free ride, woohoo!!

Well, I got what I wanted in this! Totally delightful. I absolutely LOVED the last story...It seemed a bit more realistic than some of the others, and more relatable to me personally.

I know many of my friends here on goodreads would never dream of picking this book up, but some would, and they'd probably enjoy it....(hear me, Gigs?!). Just sayin'... (c:

Ginnie Grant says

While reading a book full of beachy summer stories in the dead of a kentucky winter may be a good idea in theory, these were overly predictable and one dimensional. the story "cabin fever" was by far the brightest spot in the book. I will look for more from that author but likely not from the others

Nory says

I read this when I was a teenager a I love it. there was only one story that it was a little boring but all the other ones were pretty great. the story's are great for girl who don't read a lot but love cute summer love story's.

Sophie Riggsby / allthingsequilateral says

Review posted on Mundie Moms on 7/4/2012

Sometimes my brain melts from the summer heat and all the driving around I do to pools, beaches and playdates. When I saw this four story compilation, I thought it would be perfect for my ever decreasing attention span, especially when I noticed that Sarah Mlynowski and Lauren Myracle had written two of the stories. It couldn't be bad, could it? Nope. Not at all.

"Miss Independent" by Lauren Myracle

Rating: 3.5 stars - I liked it.

My 9.5 year old daughter adores Lauren's Love Ya Bunches series and I thought it was about time that I check out Lauren's writing. She wrote one adorable Cinderella-esque story about two cousins, Porter Ann and Megan. Porter Ann's just finished her freshman year in college and Megan, well, they're about to celebrate her eighteenth birthday not in the usual family, Fourth of July barbecue way, but by going to a new club. Porter Ann is a fun, party girl while Megan is shy and completely obsessed with a guy named Pete. In just these few pages, I loved these girls and wanted to see what would happen when their night ended.

"A Nice Fling is Hard to Find" by Sarah Mlynowski

Rating: 5-stars - I loved it.

I admit that I love Sarah Mlynowski and will now read anything she's written. Fortunately, I've purchased her Magic in Manhattan series and I'm really looking forward to reading it this summer. Here's why: Sarah put me smack in the middle of Lindsays's European tour and suddenly I, too, am on a trans-Atlantic flight sitting alongside her and her best friend Becca and Becca's twin brother Tommy. Lindsay uses her travel journal to relay all her deepest secrets and hopes (from page 55):

Dear TJ (aka Travel Journal),

I'm here! I'm on a plane! I did it!

I can't believe I'm actually going to FRANCE. I am so sophisticated.

Okay, fine, in my ratty sweatpants, t-shirt and ponytail, I am not looking so sophisticated, but that's hardly the point. I AM GOING TO FRANCE. As soon as the plane takes off. In eight--wait, make that seven!-- minutes.

I couldn't believe that Sarah managed to get such great characterizations and a romantic plot full of ohnoes and ummwhathappenedtherereallys in a short story. But, she did and yes, I loved every single word.

"Cabin Fever" by Erin Haft

Rating: 4.5 stars - I really, really liked it.

Don't you hate it when your younger, model-perfect, make-up and designer obsessed little sister tags along to your annual refuge away from her -- summer camp? It's exactly what happens to Molly. And oh what a burden little sister, Dakota, turns out to be. She buddies up with Molly's best-friend-at-camp and what?!? She even seems to be friendly with Molly's long time camp crush. Things couldn't be worse or could they? A sweet story about sisters, friendship and summer love.

"Night Swimming" by Niki Burnham

Rating" 4 stars - I really liked it.

It's time for Wynn to get away from summers in central Minnesota, her job at Dairy Darling and her boss Mean Raymond. She's going to go to take a creative writing class at Wriston College in Delaware. And while she trades her summer of mosquitos for one of warm, East Coast beaches, she feels unsure that she's made the right choice until she meets a few of the dorm's occupants. Maybe it wasn't such a bad decision at all.

As you can tell, these short stories surprised me and made for perfect reading in between the cries of "Mama, watch me!" at the pool. It made me think back to the potential heartbreak and complicated (or were they really?) relationships that only a teenage summer can hold.

brigette says

You totally get what you expect with this book. I wanted a cute summary book that didn't involve too much thinking. One of the last "summer books" of the season, and that's exactly what I got.

Miss Independent- Lauren Myracle

Just okay. It was completely predictable. I knew what was going to happen from the beginning. But cute nonetheless.

A Nice Fling is Hard to Find- Sarah Mlynowski

My favorite story! It was so cute. I knew what was going to happen (all four of these stories are SO predictable!) I LOVED Tommy.

Cabin Fever- Erin Haft

This was my least favorite story out of the four. ONLY because I absolutely HATED Dakota. I hate the kind of books where the girl likes the guy, but then some other girl buts in and tries to steal him. Sigh.

Night Swimming- Nikki Burhnham

Cute. Predictable.

All-in-all, I enjoyed this book. Definitely a good summer read.

Whitlee says

She went to France wanting to have a fling with a guy. She ended up finding out that her best friend's twin brother has liked her for ten years. She realized that she liked him too but didn't know how her friend would take it. She found out that her friend already knew that her brother liked her and that she didn't care if they were together because she wanted them to be happy.

Jory says

It's almost summer. And what's one major step in preparing for summer? That's right. Selecting your summer reads. The great thing about *Fireworks* is that the stories are short enough to read in one sitting, but not so short as to leave you feeling unsatisfied.

The first story, "Miss Independent" by Lauren Myracle, is about a shy, average girl who is perfectly content being a daydreamer. Except, she's not content. Not really. Disgusted with her own spinelessness when it comes to the perfect guy, she allows her bold and confident cousin to drag her outside of her comfort zone and into a glitzy night club for what proves to be the best night of her life.

Sarah Mlynowski's "A Nice Fling is Hard to Find," is the hilarious diary of a clumsy girl tripping her way through France, one disaster after another, on a mission to find the perfect holiday fling. What she finds instead is something better, something she never even realized she wanted.

Erin Haft's "Cabin Fever" tells a tale about growing up and getting along. Molly was excited to be getting out of her house, away from her sister, and back to the camp where she could be herself and be near the guy she likes. Everything seems to be ruined, however, when Molly's sister, Dakota, announces she's tagging along.

In "Night Swimming" by Niki Burnham, Wynn decides to spend her summer taking a college course in order to get away from the sun and her horrible boss at the Dairy Darling. Summer school brings Wynn unlikely friends and an unexpected romance.

This book is a must read, whether you're heading to camp, the beach, a summer job, or summer school. The characters are real and sympathetic, they will probably become your best friends.

Alison says

I give it a 3.5 rating.

This book contains four short stories written by different authors. The first story being "Miss Independent" by Lauren Myracle, which I liked the least out of the four. Story number two "A Nice Fling Is Hard to Find" by Sarah Mlynowski, it seemed to start getting interesting just as it ended. Story number three "Cabin Fever" by Erin Haft was definitely my favourite and I wish that story didn't end, it was really good and I wanted more of it. The final story was "Night Swimming" by Niki Burnham and once again I liked this story and wished it was longer, I guess that's the most annoying part of short stories. All in all I thought it was a good book especially for the cheap price I paid for it.

Karen says

Four summers, with four sweet stories about romance. This book was interesting in the sense of showing me that usually the best things end up right before you.

Revealing the lives of four teenagers searching for love, *Four Summers* talks about how difficult and unnecessarily confusing searching for love can be. But once you've found it that's where everything is easy, or at least that's what it seems like.

Adrienne says

This is a collection of four unrelated short stories by popular young adult authors, each a summer romance. Megan is determined to finally talk to the crush she's been too shy to approach. Lindsay is on a trip to Europe, determined to have a summer fling with a foreign boy, but finds that to be more complicated than she expected. Molly, spending her sixth summer at a remote camp in Maine plans to pursue gorgeous co-counselor River, until her spoiled brand-name wearing sister tags along. And Wynn, off to do a summer creative writing class, finds a kindred spirit in her class.

This is a quick, fun read. A perfect chick-lit choice for an afternoon of light reading.
