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Haley Koloski says

I've had this book and all of the rest of the books in this series on my book shelf for about 5-6 years, and I had never once read them. I figured they would just be some boring girly books. While they are "girly", this book had so much going on in it that pulled me in the entire time. There's a lot of real, deep stuff in this book, to put it very, very simply. The perfect summer read. Can't wait to read the rest!

Kaeley Little says

In the book "Beach Blondes", the author did not directly state the purpose for writing this book. I think that the reason the author wrote the book was to inspire teen girls to be them self and that friends should come before boyfriends or else things could become confusing.

Another reason I think that the author wrote this book was to entertain young people and to also keep the readers wanting more. That is why I think that the author chose to write this book.

The author did not directly state the theme of this book. Therefore I think that the theme of this story is that not all secrets should be kept to just yourself, some should be let out. If you keep all of your secrets in it won't do anything but make you feel guilty and could possibly put you or someone else in danger, like it did in "Beach Blondes". That is what I think that theme is in this story.

The style of this book was a description. I do think that using this type of style was effective. I think that it was effective that author used description because I felt like I was in story because the author was so descriptive about the setting, the appearance of the characters and the thoughts of the characters.

My opinion of the book was that I loved it! What I liked about the book was that it more of my age group and of what I am going through at my age so I could in some ways relate to it. Another thing that I enjoyed about the book was that it always kept me thinking about what was going to happen next. What I disliked about the book was the length of the story, but it was worth it. The only thing that I would have changed about the book is the ending. In the ending of this book it never actually told what was going to happen to the characters. Finally, I have never read a book like "Beach Blondes".

Abigail Woodruff says

One of those times that you don't just judge a book by it's cover.

Sophie says

I had no expectations when starting this book because I hadn't really heard anything about it, I just saw it on sale in my book shop and decided to give it a read. But I was pleasantly surprised.

The plot. I really did enjoy the plot. This book is definitely not your regular summer read, there is a lot of family mystery and drama as well as the typical boy and friend drama as well as rape, depression and suicide which I definitely was not expecting from this book but I did think that it add to the storyline. I loved how the story was told from multipul POV so I could see what all of the characters were thinking and feeling at different points in the book and also the pacing, I thought that the book flowed very well and was a very easy book to get through. But I do think that key points in the book were repeated throughout the book which I thought was un-needed and also that some storylines in the book and the way they turned out were pretty unrealistic.

The charcters. I wasn't really expecting much from the charcters in this book but I was really suprisd I thought that they were all very well written and interesting to read about.

Summer, I really enjoyed reading about Summer's charcter. I thought that she was a very interesting and relateable character to read about. I thought that she took everything that happened to her throughout the book very well I liked seeing how she came more out of her shell in the book and even though she made some wrong choices in the book I think ultimately she has come out of her shell a lot more and has changed for the better.

Another charcter that I really enjoyed was Marquez. I thought that she had a very relateable and interesting personality and I loved reading the story from her POV. I loved her straight to the point attitude and I thought that she was a great friend for Summer to have.

The other characters that I really enjoyed were Seth and Diver. I thought that Seth was a great match for Summer and even though she made some bad choices toward the end of the book he was still there for her. Diver's charcter would have to be my favourite out of these two. he had such a unique personality and I just loved reading about him and he was always so down to earth and interesting so I cannot wait to see what happens to him in the next book.

Overall this was an enjoyable read, though not my favourite book I have read this summer. But I think this is a promising start to the series and I look foward to reading more of the books.

Melinda says

Perfect summer read. It is kind of long (721 pages) though, so you might not want to read it at the beach... if you want to keep your book in a good condition :)

"Three months. Three guys. One amazing summer.

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- That's the summary of it, written on the back of the book. I first thought it would be similar to "The summer I turned pretty" by Jenny Han, but it's definitely not. (I love them both equally!)

Oh, and keep in mind that the picture on the cover of the book has nothing with the whole story: it's not about a group of girls. It's way better (and deeper) than that.

~Hannah S. says

Beach Blondes

Summer Smith doesn't want to have just another lame summer in Minnesota. She wants to get away from the cold. That's why she moves down to Crab Claw Key Florida with her cousin Diana. Besides all of the fun she is having with her friends and her new boyfriend Summer has to work at the Crab n' Conch restaurant with her friend Marquez. Marquez notices that Summer and the main cook J.T. have some weird connection. They get burns at the exact same time and same place, they say the same things at the same time, and they are always in the same exact mood. Marquez thinks that J.T. might be Summer's long lost brother Jonathan who disappeared right before Summer was born. After Marquez tells Summer about what she notices Summer starts having really weird dreams about a little boy with a red ball getting kidnapped. Then Summer meets Diver. The boy who has been living in Diana's guesthouse where Summer is now living. Diver has been living there for 14 years. Summer becomes kind of suspicious. Will Summer ever find Jonathan?

Katherine Applegate did a really good job relating the book to teenagers. She makes the characters act like teenagers and do stuff that normal teens do. As I kept reading this book it felt like I was really there with Summer. I couldn't put the book down. One thing I really liked about this book is that it is told by 3 perspectives, Summer, Diana, and Marquez. It helped me understand this story a lot better. I really recommend this book to all girls. It's really fun to read and once you start reading it you won't want it to end.

Michael says

I bought this book thinking it would be a lot better than today's books and the story looks very promising.

The story is about a girl named Summer Smith going to Florida for the summer. A Tarot card reader tells her she will meet three guys, The perfect one, dangerous and mysterious. We meet Diana, who's depressed after something bad to her. Along the way she makes friends with a girl named Marquez and meets three guys named Seth, Adam and Diver.

There were a few errors in the book like with the writing. I just felt like the story dragged it and things need to be cut-out. There were a lot of dead spots and I found the story predictable. You could just tell who's going to be with. Anyways, I would not recommend it to anyone. I'm not going to bother reading the next one.

Alana says

I really ended up enjoying this book. Things happen very quickly, you get hooked within the first 20 pages! This was a perfect summer read and I'm really looking forward to reading the rest of the books in this series! I couldn't help but smile and feel warm and fuzzy inside while reading about Summer and Seth, and they added interesting elements to the story so it wasn't just focused on the 3 guys. All in all, it was a very enjoyable book and I think that it's perfect for those people who love fun romance novels and reading about summer.

Sophia Christina says

I LOVE this series!

Its soooo good! It makes me want to move to the Keys and just have a fun time.

Just to make it clear, the order of the series is Beach Blondes, Spring Break, Tan Lines, Sun Kissed Christmas.

This series was actually written in the 90's but they republished it and replaced it with modern day celebrities. They also changed the title of the book and the covers. Beach Blondes is three books of the old series in one.

On more info on the old series check out this link!

<http://www.fantasticfiction.co.uk/a/k...>

Charlotte says

This book borders on three stars. :P Beach Blondes is a compound of three books originally written in 1995. It was a fun, cheesy and somewhat dumb summer read. Perfect for hot days when all you're doing is drinking iced tea on the porch.

Beach Blondes follows Summer Smith, (and pretty much every character gets a bit of their POV at least once) a simple girl from Minnesota who has come down to Florida to stay with her aunt and cousin for the summer. On the plane ride a woman reads her future with tarot cards, and Summer is told she'll meet three guys. The dangerous guy, the mysterious guy, and the right guy. Ensues is a wild summer she will never forget.

I definitely felt like a loser at some points, when I realized how little activity I was doing compared to these girls. That's not a good feeling for the reader, so I did take that into account. You should want to be friends with the characters, in a YA summer/romance novel like this. You shouldn't feel less than them. This feeling didn't really bother me though, because I wasn't a fan of any of the characters! They were all annoying, to put it blatantly. Summer (the main protagonist) was okay at first, but in the third book she seemed to have developed into a worse version of herself. Her logic was screwy and the way she acted around guys (Sean & Seth) was pathetic and unadmirable. On a side note and somewhat unrelated one, when your boyfriend calls you pathetic, you do not agree!! (MARQUEZ, I'M LOOKING AT YOU.)

As for the cheesiness, (e.g. Lianne's revenge plot) it didn't really affect the book overall. It was cute at some

points, like Seth and Summer's romance. The aspects that really saved the book for me were the climaxes and resolutions. Whenever I started to get annoyed or disgruntled, something would happen and save me from abandoning the 700+ pages. Because it was three books originally, the little surprising points were spaced out perfectly. Katherine Applegate is very good at writing plot twists you never saw coming, but were fairly obvious afterward. They saved the book for me.

I'll probably read the rest of the series, although I recommend it to only the people who don't mind spending several days reading each book. It took me nearly a week to read *Beach Blondes*, and I can normally finish a 200-300ish page book in two days. If you are willing to take your time, I do think you'll enjoy this book!

Emerald says

Spoiler Free Summary By Emerald BookWorm

One those books you don't judge by it's cover. /// This is more than a summer silly read. /// It went far deeper and more serious than I would of ever thought and I loved it! /// I would totally read this again. I loved the summer fun and the characters but also the serious issues that were dealt with in this series. /// Don't miss out on this series guys!

Jennifer Maloney says

It wasn't terrible but I would've edited it a lot differently than it was. For the most part, it was just a bubblegum fun story with not much substance. Great for some no brainer evenings of fun reading.

About the bad editing, there were several parts that repeated themselves almost word for word with other parts in the book, and some instances where there were total misspellings of words or wrong character names used. So unprofessional, in my opinion!

Christina says

OKAY.

Let me just start by saying this book was NOT the way I expected it to be. I mean, just read the discription. Sounds like a boring pointless girl book with pointless girl drama, right? Well, yeah, it was, but don't get me wrong! I was really impressed by how decent the plot was, and how it was never boring (I mean, it takes talent to not make a 700+ paged book not be boring at times). There was always action and they even took on some serious issues like rape and depression and didn't make a complete fool of themselves. Let me just say, I know, Summer wasn't the *greatest* of heroines, but she didn't act cocky, girly, mean or snotty, she acted like an actual polite human being. I was happy this book wasn't a huge "PARTY! MAKEUP! SUMMER! BOYS!" kinda book (Ehhh, it kinda was), but it wasn't bad at all. In fact, I really enjoyed this book!

Alyssa says

I usually don't buy books like these, that look girly. Well I thought about it && the more I thought about it I thought that maybe this isn't something to pass up. Reluctantly I bought it, after reading about the 13th page and I was hooked! The don't judge a book by a cover slapped me across the face with this one. It isn't what you think it will be. MUST READ! I love this book. You hope for Summer, but even more secretly you hope for Marquez<3 It's funny, frustrating, and completely amazing(: The ending takes a completely different turn then what I was expecting it was crazy good(: Again, MUST READ! <3

Amy Simpson says

Honestly, this book is not very good at all. If you want a good summer novel go read The Summer I Turned Pretty series. I actually can't believe I made myself read this whole book, I kept thinking it would get better. Summer is the most annoying character I have had to read about since Bella in Twilight. She is a goodie two shoes who of course had no life until she goes to beach town and then EVERY SINGLE GUY in the whole world notices her. Why? Not sure. The ending of the book is completely cheesy and actually rushed. You have a 720 page book and you rush the ending? Some of the stories weren't even properly explained at the end. The worst part was the way the narrator would say Summer almost every sentence. Okay, I'm not stupid I can tell that it's Summer talking you don't have to say 'Summer said' 'Summer though' every second. Uhg. The only character I liked was Marques, it should have been a novel about her, Unless you're like 11, don't waste your time.
