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Bec feels plain and ordinary, but she finds that her 15th summer is as far from ordinary as a summer can be. While her parents are away, Bec discovers that love is something you can fall into, and that, far from being the girl that never takes risks, she can take a few.

Follow the Blue Details

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Broken_Heart says

I loved it....It had everything you could of asked for;
Friends,Family,Love,Boys and so much more.
I think anyone would like it or even love it like I did!

-Micaela

Tyler Wiegmann says

Review when I feel like it

kit says

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Bec lives in Perth with her mum, celebrity chef Vera, and her dad, Lewis, as well as her younger brother Josh and her little sister Bing. When Lewis has a breakdown and has to spend some time in a hospital, Bec's world starts to tilt slightly. When Lewis comes home, everything is meant to go back to normal. Instead, the world just keeps tilting.

Follow The Blue is one of those read-it-in-a-day books, simultaneously about everything and nothing. "Following the blue" is how Bec frames the story, just one thread out of many tangled ones. When Vera and Lewis embark on a publicity trip for Vera's new book, first across Australia and then to the US, Bec is left at home with oh-so-serious Josh, crazy Bing, and their new housekeeper, Mrs D, who rubs Bec up the wrong way.

If that wasn't enough, Bec's friends are talking about boys and sex, while Bec wonders if she'll ever be interested in a boy at all. Her best friend has moved to New York. Bec's new friend, Jaz, is everything Bec wants in a friend, but Jaz brings her own complications: a hot older brother, Nick, as well as Nick's best friend, Steve. Add in missing guinea pigs, homework, and having nothing to wear, and Bec's head is swimming.

The book follows Bec's life during the few weeks that her parents are away. Nothing earth shattering happens, but that's what I liked about this book. Nothing earth shattering has to happen, because everything that does - the boys, the parties, the subtly changing friendships - are surely earth shattering enough as a fifteen year old. The story is actually one long flashback, and the writing fits perfectly: dreamy, almost, like the events are being remembered through a haze of summertime. There are no definite chapters, just a stream of snippets of conversations, images and colours that pull you in and take you along for the ride.

There were a lot of things I liked about this book. I thought Bec's relationship with Josh and Bing was brilliantly drawn, and Lowry captured that closeness between siblings that is different from anything else. I

liked how Mrs D was woven into the story, and how she turned out to be not so bad after all. I liked how everyone did their homework. What I mean by that is: you know how in films when no one locks their doors? It seems like in a lot of YA, school is just one of those things that can be dispensed with. Everyone's having an endless summer. Here, school and homework are always there in the background. These were teenagers I could believe in, all zits and bravado and secret agonising.

If you like contemporary young adult, I would definitely recommend it as a quick and enjoyable read, quietly touching without overdoing it. This isn't quite a romance, nor a home-alone adventure, nor a high school book. Follow The Blue, in the end, is just about growing up.

Overall rating: 8/10

Monae says

I thought this book was little slow, and I don't really think it was worth the time it took to read it. Plus little too much talk about teenage sexuality. I was just never sure where the story was going.

Ryleigh forist says

Follow the blue is a book about a girl named Bec. This book is realistic fiction because pretty much what happens to Bec could happen to anyone. I personally liked this book because it puts you in the place of this teen.

Bec is a fifteen year old girl whos dad had a breakdown. Her parents left leaving an old housekeeper named Mrs.D in their place. To top it off Bec has two annoying siblings, named Bing and Josh. Bec is well known for her sensibility, but she doesn't like that. So she decides to dye her hair and throw a party that her parents don't know about, only Mrs.D does.

I really enjoyed reading this book because you wonder what would happen next to this wild teen. The whole time shes having this party you wondering, will she get caught?

well the only way you'll find out is if you read this book, you will be taken on this journey through her life with her. you get closer to the characters as you read.

Janie says

Meh. It ambled along for quite a while, but I did like the writing. I thought the protagonist was a little bit of a whiny butt, to tell you the truth. Definitely not my favorite book, but it's an okay beach read.

Betsy Jibson says

An intricate novel about a girl's experience when her dad has a bout with depression and comes out of it

again. Too much talk about sex and a lot of illegal activity. Good descriptive passages, but not enough to warrant the rest of the novel.

Kacie says

Pretty good, although the ending was a little frustrating. I think I liked *Guitar Highway Rose* better.

michelle says

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Rachel says

I found this book to be **a bit slow**. I got about halfway through it, so perhaps it picks up later, but it wasn't interesting enough to keep me reading it. There was some **unnecessary language** and **slight sexual comments**.

Neenah =]] says

I jst finished reading this and well hmm..idk wat to say..it was real slow and boring in the begining but then it slowly started to grab my attention,it got better and better eventually. Personally I liked it :)

Sienna K says

Umm... this book was interesting... Very umm... DISGUSTING!!!!!!! I cant believe I even finished a book that rank! Ewwww!

If it was possible, I would give this book a BELOW ZERO! ifthis is how teenages act, there is no way I want to be one (Yes, I'm only 12... Merely picking up this book thinking... 'Oh this cover is nice!', and NOT CHECKING THE BLURB!) WARNING: Not for young eyes!

Firefly says

This is a delightful romp of self-discovery. The girl seeks independence and finds that the world is more full than she ever imagined. I recommend this as an enjoyable book for anyone who feels ready to break out of her shell.

Lynda says

Bec lives in Australia with a cooking celebrity mom and a depressed architect dad. Her parents go on a trip to America for 5 weeks and Bec's life kind of falls apart. However, she grows up with the help of her friends, people around her and her siblings. It was a good coming of age story and I liked the difference in language since it takes place in Australia.

Ron says

There are few things as outdated as a hip and happening peek into the world of a teenager when seen at the distance of half a generation.

This particular peek was written in the late nineties, which is not long enough ago for it to have acquired the charm of nostalgia. Even when 1999 **is** that long ago, this will remain a book that's not very well written, I'm afraid, and that one rather considerable flaw will completely offset any rosy glow that readers who grew up in the last years before mobile phones may feel for the period.

Badly written? Well, it's not really a narrative. Things just happen in it, like they do in non-fictional life. It's more like a diary than a novel. I already have a non-fictional life, thank you. I don't want to read about the fictional-non-fictional life of an imaginary character.

That aside, allow me to return to my original thesis: does YA fiction have a Use By Date? Is there a point in time where it either becomes *The Catcher in the Rye* or it becomes landfill?

I think yes.

Jonnie Comet says

What Sue Limb does with Jess in 'Girl, 15, Flirting for England', Brigid Lowry does with Bec this eminently decent bit of Australian bildungsroman. I enjoyed it from cover to cover; just wish the scenes with the cannabis weren't done so amorally (this book does have an impressionable teen audience). But the characterisations are spot-on and the protagonist is credible and amusing. I'll be reading much more of Ms Lowry's work.

Gen says

Read this book a few times as a teenager and really liked it. Tells the story of a girl who is left in charge of her younger siblings while her parents are away and decides she wants to have some fun of her own.

Kaitlyn says

This book was very exciting and funny. It is about a girl who has a crush on her best friends older brother. This is really the first time that she has ever liked a boy. But then she meets the boy of her dreams best friend and she falls in love with him too! Then it's hard on her because she is forced to choose who she likes best. And ten she ends up kissing the boy of her dreams friend and it starts to cause a big problem.

Alissa says

Didn't LOVE this one like I did *Guitar Highway Rose* (*which was effing magical*), but I enjoyed it.

Rebecca McNutt says

This was a really different book, but though I love reading original stories more than books that are always the same, I didn't really like this book's choppy writing style or the personality of the main character.
