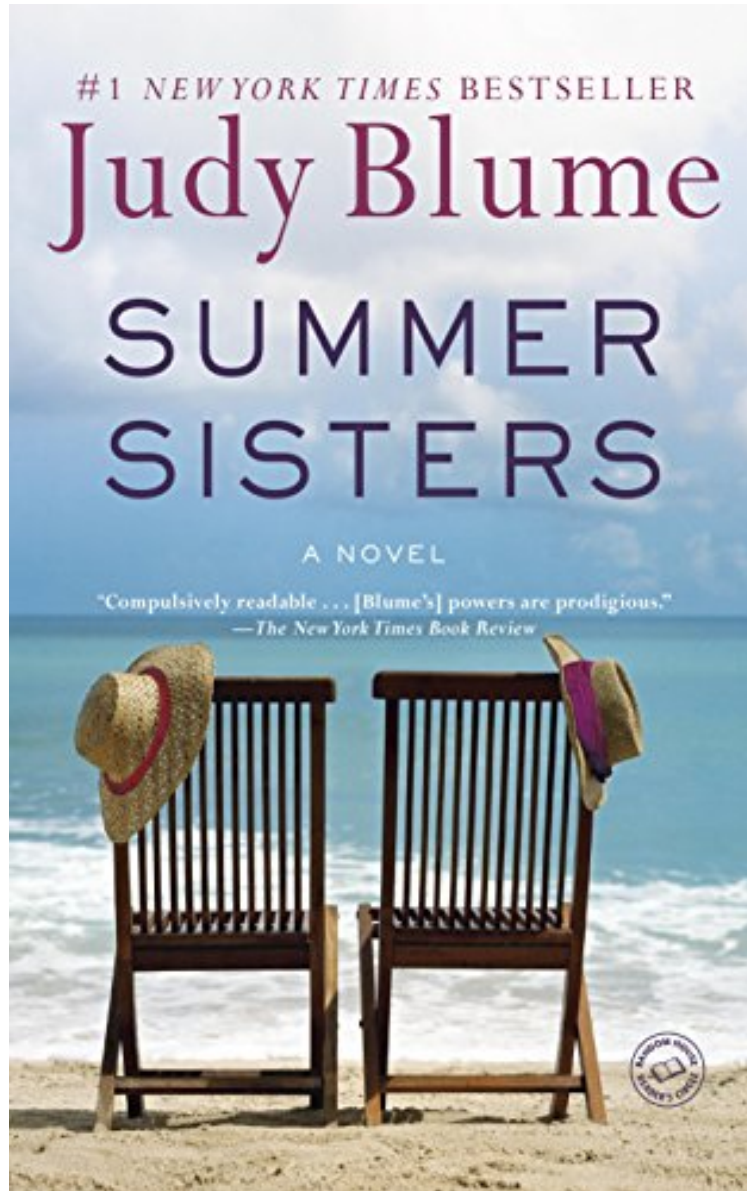


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Von Judy Blume : Summer Sisters: A Novel before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Summer Sisters: A Novel:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Judy's BackVon LibrarianMIAh, the pleasures of cuddling up with a Judy Blume, just like when I was a teenager! Judy

always knew how to hook a reader and this adult novel doesn't disappoint. The story of two very different friends and their journey into adulthood flows right along. It nails the difficult and conflicting feelings of youth, and is one of the few novels I've ever read that touches on the innocent yet experimental sexuality that can occur between girls approaching womanhood. Judy - more please! 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Instantly Forgettable! Von Maria Dublin I am absolutely amazed at all the 3, 4, and 5-star reviews!! They CANNOT have been written by anybody over 15. (Although even at 15, I certainly would have recognized this book as banal tripe.) Maybe all the good reviews were written by people who recently came out of a coma. I guess anything would seem good then! Granted, I DID read this book in a little over four hours, but that DOESN'T mean it was good! The characters (and I use that word lightly) were all cardboard and utterly SIMPLISTIC! Some of the events and dialogue were embarrassingly bad and laughably ridiculous. (Have you or anyone you've ever known ever counted the PUBIC HAIRS on your best friend?!?!? Give me a break!!) Just because a book has adult subject matter does NOT make it adult. It's completely juvenile and completely forgettable once the last page is turned. For anybody who wants to read REAL books with REAL writing about best friends -- try LAMENT FOR A SILVER-EYED WOMAN by Mary-Ann Tirone Smith, EMMA WHO SAVED MY LIFE by Wilton Barnhardt, FRIED GREEN TOMATOES by Fannie Flagg, or A PRAYER FOR OWEN MEANY by John Irving. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Pure FLUFF but entertaining Von Customer Judy Blume still has her talent for weaving an entertaining tale even though it may lack depth. I bought this book one evening at the supermarket and finished it in less than 24 hours. It did serve its purpose - to whisk me away to a time when one's girlhood friendships could be based on a bond as loose as being in the same class together. The story does remind one of how friends grow and change and risk growing apart permanently. For a fortunate few that bond, forged in blissfully ignorant youth, can be stronger than the betrayals that follow throughout the years. Overall a fun and easy read that I recommended to my best friend...

Kurzbeschreibung #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER Look for special features inside. Join the Random House Readers Circle for author chats and more. In the summer of 1977, Victoria Leonard's world changes forever when Caitlin Somers chooses her as a friend. Dazzling, reckless Caitlin welcomes Vix into the heart of her sprawling, eccentric family, opening doors to a world of unimaginable privilege, sweeping her away to vacations on Marthas Vineyard, an enchanting place where the two friends become summer sisters. Now, years later, Vix is working in New York City. Caitlin is getting married on the Vineyard. And the early magic of their long, complicated friendship has faded. But Caitlin begs Vix to come to her wedding, to be her maid of honor. And Vix knows that she will go because she wants to understand what happened during that last shattering summer. And, after all these years, she needs to know why her best friend her summer sister still has the power to break her heart. Praise for Summer Sisters Compulsively readable . . . [Blume's] powers are prodigious. The New York Times Book As warm as a summer breeze blowing through your hair, as nostalgic as James Taylor singing How Sweet It Is. You remember. So does Judy Blume. How sweet it was. Chicago Tribune An exceptionally moving story that can leave the reader laughing and crying . . . sometimes at the same time . . . Blume creates a rich tapestry of characters. The Denver Post Blume's characters still tend to hover after the book is set aside. . . . She catches perfectly the well-armed love between longtime female friends. The Seattle Times. de Dieser Titel ist in englischer Sprache. Judy Blume gewann erstmals ganze Legionen von Fans mit Jugendklassikern wie Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret und Forever, in dem sie sich mit dem kulturell brenzligen Thema der Sexualität im Teenageralter befasst. In ihrem dritten Roman für Erwachsene, Summer Sisters, erforscht die Autorin erneut die Verzweigungen der Liebe -- und der Lust -- anhand zweier Freundinnen. Zu Beginn sind es die Unterschiede zwischen Caitlin Somers und Victoria Leonard (oder Vix, wie Caitlin sie nennt) gerade das, was sie zueinander bringt: Die privilegierte Caitlin ist wild und freimütig, von großer Schönheit, aber emotional labil; Vix kommt aus bescheidenen Verhältnissen, ist schüchtern, reserviert und unansehnlich im Vergleich. Als Vix von Caitlin auserwählt wird, um auf dem Wohnsitz ihres Vaters auf der Insel Marthas Vineyard mit ihr den Sommer zu verbringen, werden sie zu unzertrennlichen "Sommerschwestern". Auf der Insel finden Vix und Caitlin zuerst die Liebe, dann Sex -- und den in rauen Mengen. Doch die Autorin entfernt sich bald von dem heißen Vergnügen unter der sommerlichen Sonne und verfolgt die Spuren der romantischen und familiären Widrigkeiten, die die beiden zwischen Kindheit und Erwachsenenalter erleben. Die emotional stabile Vix verwandelt sich in Victoria, eine vernünftige Harvard-Absolventin, die später zur erfolgreichen PR-Managerin in Manhattan wird. Die unberechenbare Caitlin entscheidet sich gegen ein Studium und zieht es vor, nach Europa zu fahren, wo sie eine Reihe von kurzlebigen Affären mit spannenden und faszinierenden Fremden auslebt. Erst nach ihrer Rückkehr auf die Insel tut Caitlin das Unvorstellbare und verndert somit ihre Freundschaft zu Vix und ihrer beider Leben. Judy Blume gibt wieder einmal einen Beweis ihrer meisterhaften Kenntnis der weiblichen Psyche, Summer Sisters wird also sicherlich nicht nur ihre jungen, sondern auch ihre etwas reiferen Leser begeistern. .co.uk Judy Blume first won legions of fans with such young adult classics as Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret and Forever, in which she tackles the cultural hot button of teenage sexuality. In Summer Sisters, her third novel for adults, the author again explores the

ramifications of love--and lust--for two friends. Initially, the differences between Caitlin Somers and Victoria Leonard (or "Vix", as Caitlin christens her) draw them together: privileged Caitlin is wild and outspoken, beautiful but emotionally fragile, while working-class Vix is shy, reserved and plain in comparison. After Caitlin selects Vix to accompany her to her father's home in Martha's Vineyard for the summer, the two become inextricably connected as "summer sisters". On the Vineyard, Vix and Caitlin first find love, then sex--and lots of it. Yet Blume soon moves beyond hot fun in the summer sun, tracing the romantic and familial travails of the two from pre-adolescence to adulthood. Solid Vix evolves into Victoria, an equally solid, Harvard-educated, Manhattan public relations executive. Unpredictable Caitlin opts out of college and travels to Europe, where she has a string of short-lived affairs with a series of intriguing (in every sense of the word) foreigners. It is only after she returns to the Vineyard that Caitlin does the unthinkable, forever changing both her friendship with Vix and their lives. Blume once again proves herself a master of the female psyche, and *Summer Sisters* is likely to entertain both her post-adolescent and more mature readers.