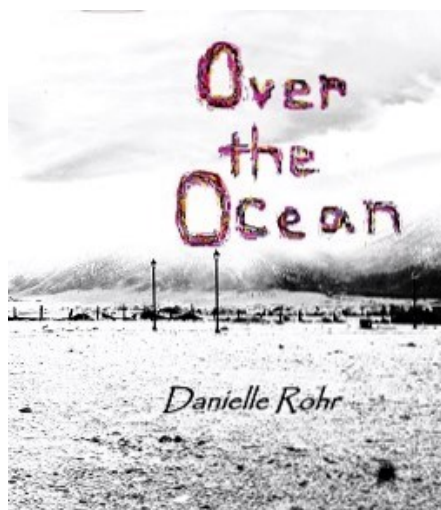




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"Look Mia, I know you really want to blend in and resemble the locals. But, really . . . we are tourists. It will be easier if we start acting like tourists. I know I might seem odd, lost, and confused . . . and I guess I am. What I'm trying to say is that: . . .it's okay."

This book is full of wonder and feminine follies! You will adore the story of Jill and Mia and the way their awkward relativity breaches globalized gaps!

Delightful and quirky!

Over the Ocean Details

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From Reader Review Over the Ocean for online ebook

Patricia Maia (The Bookery Review) says

The beginning of this book bored me, I must be honest. Then I insisted and it got better. Two friends, decide to go on a trip through Europe, and the story is about that... the places they went, the people they met...
Very descriptive, you almost feel you are there, living it. But there's no action, no emotion, almost no dialogue...
Not really my kind of book.

Mitsy says

California girls, Mia and Jill decide to travel overseas. Jill is fascinating. Her views on everything, her personality, is refreshing. She's the one I'd want with me on any trip. :) Mia is her good friend and, together, the two are interesting.

The story is beautifully written and, at times, poetic. I thought a lot and felt a sense of peace reading Over the Ocean. I thoroughly enjoyed reading their exploits, wondering what I'd do in any given situation, and feeling joy. I've never read a book so simple...so beautiful. I'm sad it's the end! Maybe just a little bit more of Jill? Maybe a book two? :) Please?

4.5 stars...because I want more. lol

Highly recommended.

Elizabeth Smith says

This book was a perfect light and funny story. I couldn't stop laughing about the Amsterdam scene! I recommend.

Margaret says

I was given this book in exchange for an honest review.

I have to say I found it hard to connect with this book and the characters in it. I think that had more to do with the fact that it is not something I would typically pick out myself to read, and not a fault with the book.

Even though I wasn't fully engaged in the story I still laughed through out it and enjoyed how descriptive it was when talking about the places they were traveling to.

If this book is the style you usually go for, I would say definitely read it because overall the book was good. But if you are like me and it's not I think you too would struggle to get in to the story.

Jenny Whetzel says

I was given this book by the author in exchange for an honest review

I found this to be a nice, easy read. It seemed a little slow for me but it's a wonderful story of friendship and obstacles that can come in the way, as well as finding out who you are. I wish there would have been more dialogue, that might have helped the story not seem so slow. The author did a fantastic job with describing the places where they visited. With all the detailed descriptions, I feel as if I learned a few things about other countries from this book!

I was a little disappointed that there were a few editing mistakes (mostly quotation marks). This is the first book I have read by this author and I am not quite sure if I will be purchasing more in the future.

Crissy Pedersen says

Note: I received this book through New Adult Book Club and the author in exchange for an honest review.

Over the Ocean follows two friends Jill and Mia as they travel overseas. The book follows both girls, but we get a little more insight into Jill. These girls are acquaintance/friends and their friendship grows throughout the book.

There were some things that I didn't like: first, I felt very disconnected from the characters. That made it really hard for me to really get into the book. There were times I did feel sympathy for the main character, feeling so out of place in a foreign country and feeling like a third wheel at times, but that was about it. Second, there were some situations that maybe we were supposed to find funny, but I just didn't. Maybe I only expected it to be funny because of the blurb on Goodreads, but I was disappointed at that.

Where the book excelled was the imagery of Europe. I've been to a few of the places mentioned and I could easily imagine myself back there while reading this book. Also, when reading about places I haven't visited, I could still get a good picture of where these characters were. That was the best part of this book for me.

Overall, it was a pretty good book, but I probably wouldn't read any sequel or reread this book.

Jessica Zelkovich says

In Over the Ocean, we meet Jill and Mia before their European trip. Their unlikely pairing was hard to grasp for me because they weren't close friends, they didn't work together, they just both were headed to the same place so why not go together. Their adventure together was interesting in a sort of drama genre kind of way. Detailed moments of meeting strangers, new adventures, their developing friendship. This is not an action story! It is rather slow going and I felt some emotional disconnect with the characters but it does pick up a bit in the middle. If you enjoy dramas, a journey of cultural discovery and first time eyes seeing the world, this is just the book for you. There wasn't a lot of emotional depth and I think the 3rd person point of view made it hard for me to get connected to these characters and their shared experiences.

I was given this book in exchange for an honest review.

Sharamebeth79 says

I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review. I felt warmly welcomed into the story of Mia and Jill. I enjoyed traveling with them to the international places they ventured. I identified primarily with Jill upon reading the book. I enjoyed seeing their relationship play out in this book. I liked the way the countries they visited were described. I felt concern for them in some of the situations they encountered while traveling. As a reader you get to follow them through times that can be stressful and see them cope with those trials. I would love to read more of their escapades. I recommend Danielle Rohr to other readers and I will definitely read other books by her.

Robin Morgan says

I actually received a KINDLE copy of this book from the author through the giveaway she had on Amazon and the following is my honest opinion.

In *Over the Ocean*, the book's two protagonists, co-workers Jill and Mia, take readers along with them on their international vacation. And if anyone has taken a trip like theirs, you'll find yourselves like did, confronted by a myriad of situations creating compromises they're forced to make in their itinerary.

Being a child of the 1950's, the storyline caused my mind to remember the times my parent's friends came back from their vacations to share the NUMEROUS photos [slides] they had taken, and explaining what each slide had been a picture and if anything had happened to them there. Instead of slides, the author, Danielle Rohr, presents readers a personalized travelogue/diary of Jill's and Mia's adventure, as they discover things about themselves which they never realized before having been removed from the culture and customs they've gotten used to back in the US.

When all things are concerned, I've given this book 4 STARS for not having some "meat" to the storyline other than a history of the protagonist's trip.

Jennifer Hamilton says

I was given this book in exchange for an honest review!

The writing in this book was excellent.

I have to be honest and say though, that I felt like I was reading someone's travel diary from their overseas adventure. I kept waiting for something profound to happen or for the plot of the story to come, but nothing really every did. The book really just seemed as though it were someone writing about their trip and sightseeing.

I had to force myself to finish this book, I kept saying, it will come, the good parts will come.

I rated it 4 stars because the writing was very well. The details and descriptions of things were perfect.

J.D. says

I received this book for free in exchange for an honest review. This does not affect my opinion of the book or the content of my review.

This is a story not only about traveling thru different countries or visiting places that make them special, but also about two girls whose friendship was strengthened thru the many fun, odd and sometimes frightening situations that can happen to a tourist.

The beginning of this book might repel some of the readers, it starts slow and it can seem impersonal and descriptive on some places, but after the the first twenty pages it gets much better so it didn't bother me much.

The author of this book has really surprised me, she has managed to make all the places and Mia and Jill's feelings so real, it made me feel as if I'm there with them. I also liked the way Mia and Jill managed to stick together and how they always found a way to make a compromise, no matter the situation, and how it changed their friendship and made it stronger.

The only thing that bothered me happened at the very end of the book where a particular remark was made, a certain person said something about Jill that was totally unnecessary and cruel, and I didn't like that the last thing that happened in the book was bad, even if Jill managed to get past it.

Overall I really liked this book, but because of the end that bothered me I will give it four stars.

Danny Jeffery says

This book centres around two friends Jill and Mia who embark upon a trip travelling through Europe.

Unfortunately, this was just an ok read for me. I was under the impression that Under the Ocean was a coming of age story full of humour. However, the book didn't hit the mark on either for me.

I feel that the underlying premise for Under the Ocean held a lot of promise, however, I failed to connect to the characters on any level and there was no real plot development or story for me.

Where the book did come alive was Danielle's description of the countries and places visited. She certainly painted a vivid picture where you could just imagine yourself there.

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AndiG says

2 stars

I just can't connect with it in any way. It's like watching a Shakespeare play, I understand it's great and all, but I don't get it.

It took me three days, 4 weeks worth of no internet connection, and a couple of cups of coffee to finish reading the book, but I still don't love it. I guess not every book can excite, and make you want to keep turning the page, but this book was barely half-way there.

One of the female leads was just so dull, and had no character at all. She **tried** but it was only just. *"sure I'm up for an adventure, sure i'll go with you across the world even through I don't know you, sure I'll get on a train and take *drugs in a paper bag from a complete stranger, sure, I'll sleep in a tent with some random guys"*. They all sound like interesting concepts, but the character didn't take the opportunities as a lively kind of thing. She was just blank and her words were a forty year old trying to by twenty trying to be forty.

The storyline was great, fantastic even. It was new and different to what I am used to reading. It was refreshing. But I couldn't quite grasp the story as much as I would have liked to. Maybe in a year or so I might try again, but not now. I need some time to get back in my comfort zone of superheros and super-hunks.

***Was not drugs, just a muffin**

I received this book in exchange for an honest review

Angel says

****I received this book through New Adult Book Club and the author in exchange for an honest review.****

2.5 Stars

Over the Ocean is a story about Jill and Mia's European trip. They are co-workers, not exactly close friends, but when Mia mentioned to Jill that she wanted to go and see her family in Spain, Jill agrees to be her traveling companion. Even though she only wants to go for two weeks and won't be accompanying Mia to Spain. Along the way, they meet some friendly and not-so-friendly strangers, make new friends, and become closer friends themselves.

I have to say that this book didn't really pick up for me until the second time they went to Paris. So, if you're not feeling the book too much, just stick with it. I had a hard time connecting with the characters at first. I also felt like they were somewhat condescending, especially toward some of the people who were less fortunate, which I just didn't like. There were a lot of overly descriptive parts, such as the clothing they were wearing.

A couple of things I did like about the book were the places they visited. The cutest part was when they went to the Eiffel Tower. And there were a couple of parts that I laughed at. It's not like books that I normally read, but it wasn't too bad either.

Jessica says

Sad to say, but this book was just not my cup of tea. It felt very elementary and had no plot, climax, or even character development. The story follows Mia and Jill through a journey over seas to Amsterdam and areas surrounding. They meet various people, which seem to be only be groups of boys and immediately have feelings for them and honestly it was all just a bit immature for me. I feel the author has potential with this story to revise and better prepare a storyline that could turn this book around down a more satisfying path. Overall, I would not recommend this book and will now be needing a new read to get me in better spirits!!
