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If you love Sophie Kinsella and Emily Giffin, you'll love this heartwarming debut from a fresh voice in contemporary chick-lit that offers a lighthearted and fun take on friendship, love, and how to recover from past mistakes.

For twenty long years, Gigi Goldstein has been pining away for her best friend's guy. She knows it's wrong and it has to stop, but she hasn't been able to let go ever since they all met on the bus to summer camp back when they were 7 years old. The same week that her best friends finally announce their wedding date, Gigi loses her high-profile design job. With all of her dreams unravelling, she runs to the last place she remembers being happy.

Taking the Head Counselor position at Camp Chinooka, Gigi hopes to reclaim the joy she felt as a camper, but the job isn't all campfire songs and toasting marshmallows. Gigi's girls are determined to make her look bad in front of the boys' Head Counselor—the sexy but infuriating Perry—and every scrap of the campground is laced with memories.

When Gigi finally realizes she can't escape the present by returning to her past, she's forced to reexamine her life and find the true meaning of love. But will she be able to mend fences and forgive herself before she loses her one real shot at happiness?

The Campfire Series

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Hannah L (Reviewer) says

Hiding from the troubles of her life... mainly how she is in love with her best friends soon to be husband... and how she cheated with him... Gigi goes to her childhood camp to be a cabin leader. While there she runs into the sexy, sassy and moody male cabin leader, Perry. As the tension flares between them, she learns how to move on and how to love someone who is not her best friend's man.

I did not like this novel. I had a weak, underdeveloped plot and I have major plot holes it overlooks. Let's start with my biggest moral issue with the novel and the least plot related problem... Gigi not only cheats with her best friend's fiancé, but she does not fess up to it or even acknowledge it to the readers. She straight up makes out with him WHILE he is in an engagement relationship with her best friend. They approach having sex and only stop when HER BEST FRIEND calls and interrupts! But after that moment, it is not mentioned again or even acknowledged again. The main character lies by saying nothing happened after her best friend and him got engaged, multiple times! And it's clear that the main character is constantly justifying cheating between her and him and her own father and other women. This made me strongly dislike the main character and the book alongside it. It was very disturbing to read. All of that aside, the plot was just plain weak and had very minimal real development. Nothing happens. There is nothing of true conscience or interest throughout the "story". If you boiled the story down to its actual plot elements, it would be ridiculously short... just nothing really happens. In the end, I DO NOT recommend this story and I only give One S'More Summer the rating of TWO OUT OF FIVE STARS!!!

Want more of me? Go to: <http://thenotsopubliclibrary.blogspot.ca>

Jill Jemmett says

This book is a great romantic comedy.

I really liked the way that the plot had many layers. Gigi told her story at camp, while also reflecting on her relationship with Joshua and her career as a designer. There was also drama with her family, so many aspects of life were explored.

The different age groups were represented well. Even though Gigi is 27, she interacts with many teens at camp. So there was a lot of adolescent drama (sneaking off, meeting boys) to go along with Gigi's own problems.

Though I never went to a camp like this one, the story brought back memories of TV shows and movies I watched when I was a kid. The Parent Trap was one of my favourite movies, and they even reference it in the story.

I loved this book. I'm so excited that I will be reviewing the sequel for a blog tour next week!

I received a copy of this book from Xpresso Book Tours.

Coco.V says

FREE on Amazon today (11/17/2017)!

Dani says

This book is everything a reader could ask for (and love!) about a chick-lit book! It is nostalgic and fun, while being insightful and heartwarming. I mean, what more could we ask for!? I'm proud to have seen this book through all of its edits and all of its changes along the way and turn into a really fantastic read! I CAN'T WAIT TO READ BOOK TWO, S'MORE TO LOSE!

Heidi says

Three and a half stars: A lighthearted read, perfect for summer all about reconciling the past and self discovery.

Gigi isn't surprised when she gets sacked from her designing job at an elite, high end fashion designing label. After nearly winning the designing reality tv show, her career sky rocketed. Then everything fell apart when she started dating the man, Joshua, whom she has been crushing on since she was nine years old. Joshua has been dating her best friend, Alicia, for years, but when Alicia went to London and called off the relationship, Gigi and Josh finally got together. Now Alicia is back, and she and Josh are reconciled. Brimming with guilt, Gigi can't tell Alicia what happened, nor can she attend their wedding. So when a job opportunity presents itself at her old summer camp, Gigi decides to run away. Who says you can't go back in time or can you?

What I Liked:

*One S'more Summer is the perfect book for light summer reading. What screams summer more than summer camp? I loved the setting of the book. It was fun to remember some of my own experiences at summer camp while reading this book.

*Surprisingly, this book has some depth as it is all about Gigi's journey of self discovery and finding herself after her careers crashes and burns, she loses her two best friends, and she finds herself adrift. I liked how Gigi got back on her feet, and how she not only helped herself but those around her. She learns so much about herself, and I liked her journey. I was happy to see that she made positive choices and that she didn't fall back into the same old ruts. I even appreciate that she worked through her relationships with both of her parents.

*There is a light romance in this one, and I thought it was just right. It starts out completely antagonistic as Gigi butts heads with the boy's head counselor. Then as time goes on, the two develop a friendship that moves into something more as they open up, learn to trust and help each other hurdle over their pasts. I liked that the relationship was positive, and that it was about maturing and getting over the past. I thought it was well done. Don't expect heat and passion, it is a quieter, simpler romance.

*I loved some of the secondary characters. Gigi's best friend, Jamie, a fellow designer, who is gay, and has an affinity for *Gone with the Wind*. I loved how Jamie always had Gigi's back and how he came to her rescue several times, he had her best interest at heart, unlike Joshua and Alicia. I also enjoyed the campers. Hannah, the insecure thirteen year old, who scores the lead in the play was so sweet and cute. I also loved Grace, the girl who was struggling with her self esteem and surprised that a popular boy liked her. Gordy, the head of the camp, was a riot. I loved his antics. I wished that I could have gone to a camp like this one.

*This book is so fun. It screams summer with its setting and all the shenanigans of summer camp. I loved the

camp competitions and the pranks and all that. If you have ever been to summer camp, this book is a fun way to relive your youth.

And The Not So Much:

The ending was a bit open ended, which didn't bother me because I felt like Gigi, Perry and Jamie *were on the right path after their summer of self discovery. Then I was disappointed when I read the synopsis for the second book which was included at the end. The next book is set to release December 2017, and it takes place four years after this one. The synopsis is full of spoilers, and I can say I am not at all happy to read what is in store. I am not sure whether I will go on or not, which is a shame because I did enjoy this one. It put on a damper on this read.

*I couldn't stand Joshua and Alicia. They were supposedly Gigi's best friends, but I saw them as nothing more than users. They both constantly counted on Gigi to sort out their relationship problems and be the glue that held them together. I couldn't believe the way Alicia acted toward Gigi. *She was the one who ran away, she had no business reacting that way. I certainly wouldn't want best friends like that.

*Even though I liked the romance, I thought it moved from the antagonistic stage to love a little too quickly, it almost didn't feel believable to me. I don't know, the relationship was lacking some depth, and I felt cheated at the end.

One S'more Summer is a lighthearted, fun read perfect for summer. I adored the camp setting, and I liked that this book was about self discovery and change. The romance is light and easy as well. I was disappointed to learn what is store for the characters in the next book, I am not sure if I want to continue, which is a shame because this book was such a fun summery read.

I received a copy of the book from the publisher in exchange for an honest review. All opinions are my own, and I was not compensated for this review.

Posted@Rainy Day Ramblings.

Paula Phillips says

Gigi and her best friend Alicia met when they were nine at Summer Camp in Chinooka twenty years ago. During their time at camp, they also made a new friend Joshua. The three of them became inseparable but as they got older Alicia and Joshua became a couple and Gigi - the third wheel. Years later Alicia and Joshua have recently announced their engagement, and Gigi wants to be happy for them, but how can she be when she is still in love with Joshua. During Alicia and Joshua's break, Gigi and Joshua slept together and had a fling, but of course, as always Joshua went back to Alicia. Now that the wedding is coming up and Gigi has no career after a failed stint working for a fashion designer after her receiving Runner-Up on a fashion reality show called Top Designer. Her options are nil, so she decides to go where she was always at her happiest - back to Camp Chinooka. This summer, Gigi will be Head Counsellor for Cedar Girls. During her time at Camp Chinooka, she has a love/hate relationship with fellow Head Counsellor Perry Gilman - head of Birch Boys. They will both discover that Summer Camp can be not only a place to hide away and not confront your fears but that it can also help you to grow and move forward with life when you find that One perfect summer or person. Will this Summer be the one for Gigi to help get her life back on track? Find out in One S'more Summer by Beth Merlin.

Lisa Mandina says

4.5 stars. This was an extremely sweet story, perfect for a summer read! I'll admit, I am a HUGE fan of S'mores, and I love all things that are s'mores flavored. In fact, I am still quite miffed with Dairy Queen for discontinuing their s'more flavored Blizzard treats, especially after that extremely catchy commercial the summer they brought them out. Anyway, even though I've never been to a summer camp myself, I enjoy stories about them because I like the look into what they might have been like for me.

Check out my full review on my blog, [Lisa Loves Literature](#).

Fiona Leung says

One S'more Summer by Beth Merlin is the first book I've read by this author and I was pleasantly entertained throughout the book. Gigi has encountered some setbacks in her career and to add salt to her wounds, her best friend is marrying the one guy she's ever been in love with. Gigi decided to run away from her life and enlisted herself as a counselor at the summer camp she used to go when she was a kid. But while she was there, memories came flooding back of her, her best friend, and the love of her life. After all, that's where they all met and became friends. Gigi felt she has always been the 5th wheel in this 3-person relationship.

While Gigi was at the summer camp, another counselor named Perry really got on her nerves. He's handsome and British and very cocky. Perry was the head counselor for the boys while Gigi was head counselor for the girls, you can imagine how fierce the competition is between the two teams. They were always at each other's necks fighting to win the Gordy award.

I'm not going to go into details regarding Gigi's past and her relationships with her best friend Alicia and the love of Gigi's life Josh. But this story ended beautifully with lots of promises for the future. I know there's a next book in the works and I can't wait to read that.

(I voluntarily reviewed a complimentary copy of this book)

Cheryl Whitty says

One S'more Summer is story Georgica Gigi Goldstein who has been in love with Joshua her best friend's fiancée since they all met at summer camp years before. When Alicia went to England for a year and broke off her relationship Joshua. Gigi and Joshua started a secret relationship, which promptly finished when Alicia came back. The wedding is getting closer and Gigi being heartbroken, and after losing her creative spark she is fired from her job. Feeling a need to escape Gigi decides to take a job as Camp Councillor at Camp Chinooka where it all started all those years before.

When Gigi arrives at camp all the memories flood her, but determined to put it behind her throws herself into her role as head councillor for Cedar girls. The head councillor for the boys is Perry an English musician who comes to America every summer while he is finishing his thesis. At first they clash, but then the sparks fly and the summer looks much brighter for both of them. This is a sweet story of Gigi and Perry coming to terms with their past and forgiving themselves so they can move forward. I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Jamie McDivitt says

This was an easy read and a cute book. Gigi is struggling with decisions she has made and goes back to her childhood summer camp to work as a counselor and escape. This would make a good beach read.

Kristy Mauna says

To say that our main character, Gigi, is going through a bit of a rough patch in her life would be an understatement. After getting fired from her job and a million other things going south in her life, she's forced to make a decision in hopes to get a much needed break from her life in New York City. With nothing left to lose, Gigi heads off to be the head counselor at her childhood summer camp.

I'm not going to lie, it got a little frustrating to read from Gigi's POV because she's so different than me. I couldn't handle how easy she gave up and just ran away from her problems, especially when it concerned her best friend and the guy she's been in love with her entire life (who is a total jerk, in my opinion). But I also related to her on a level because in my early 20s I went through a bit of a crisis myself, and running away from my problems was a lot easier than dealing with them, so on some level I got it. And Gigi is a kind, caring person at the end of the day.

I loved the aspect of Gigi going back to her childhood summer camp! It brought up so many fun summer memories for me while reading. And the activities at camp made the book fun, like the color war towards the end - so exciting! More characters are introduced once she settles into camp and I loved Perry and Jordana right off the bat. But let's talk Perry because his relationship with Gigi was the BESSSSST. I'm always here for "hate-love" romances and theirs was something special - and the banter was hilarious and perfect. Sure, they had some annoying moments when it was clear how in love they were with one another but overall I enjoyed their relationship. They balanced each other out and it was really sweet the way they helped each other overcome their pasts/burdens.

Beth Merlin's writing was fantastic - I really loved how well she blended in flashbacks with the present. I was happy we didn't know every piece of the puzzle when it came to what exactly Gigi and Perry were running away from. It kept the story fresh and unique for me. Plus, there was so much to enjoy outside Gigi's personal journey and romance, too. I loved her friendship with Jamie - who is the absolute best! And the family drama was just the right amount needed for this story.

The story wraps up beautifully. I was happy to see so much change in Gigi and her relationships, and how she comes forward with truths and gains closure for all the things she desperately tried to run away from at the beginning of the book. This is the first book in the series and it does a great job at leaving readers with questions. I'm looking forward to the next one!

If you're looking for a touching, fun chick lit book then definitely check this one out! :)

Jackie says

DNF @ 77%. Sadly, this book just wasn't for me! RTC.

Jensen Little Free Library says

This is a lighthearted read that is perfect for anyone that ever dreamed of chucking it all and hiding from real life-- if only for a summer.

Close your eyes and imagine the cast of *Something Borrowed* by Emily Giffin at summer camp. Add in a bit of my favorite television show, *Project Runway* and you have *One S'more Summer* by Beth Merlin.

Gigi, a recently fired NYC clothing designer and former reality tv star, heads off to the sleepover summer camp of her youth to escape a tangled love triangle and an uncertain future. This time away gives her an opportunity to find closure and new love.

The eight years I attended Camp Maria Pratt in Connecticut were very important to me so this brought a flood of memories. The swim lessons. Awkward socials with the boy scouts. Early morning duty in the mess hall. My first experience with a real bully. The counselors that made a difference. All of it. I wouldn't have traded a moment. Thank you Beth for helping me revisit this special time in my own life.

Elle's Book Blog says

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Genre: Women's Fiction

One S'more Summer by Beth Merlin is a cute book about summer camp. Readers may initially believe that because it's about summer camp that it is a young adult novel- but it's not! This is an adult (women's fiction) novel about a woman who is running away from her life, back to the place where some of her greatest memories are kept- at camp Chinooka. There is a little bit of summer romance in this book, but because the story doesn't really revolve around this romance and instead, revolves more around the heroine's issues, I would consider it women's fiction. Also, it's a very clean novel with no sex. If you enjoy women's fiction novels or want to conjure up the memories of summer camp then I would recommend this book. If your looking for a clean and lighthearted read that you can also escape to in one afternoon this would be a good fit for you as well. If your purely a romance reader then this may not be the best book for you though. The romantic aspects are unresolved in this novel and kind of, leaves readers on a cliff in terms of the relationship. With that, I did enjoy the novel and found it to be really cute.

What I Liked

- The feeling of summer that this book oozes. Honestly, you will feel like you are at summer camp yourself!
- The setting: The setting is quite a unique one especially considering that this is an adult novel. You don't normally read books about summer camp with adults as the lead characters.
- The "hero"- Perry is a British Camp counselor and while very sarcastic, readers can see that he is quite charming,
- The cover: I was initially drawn to this book because of the cover. It's minimal and cute!

Dislikes

- The love triangle: there is a bit of a love triangle (which is a part of the back story) that still affects the heroine in the present. To me it comes off as cheating. If you want to know what I mean, well, you'll have to read it!
- The unresolved ending (although it makes sense because the second book is supposed to resolve some things, I think?

Overall, I found this book to be a cute and lighthearted read. While I could have done without a few parts (the triangle and the ending) I did find myself enjoying the read.

Mash says

If you want a good beach read look no further than One S'more Summer. The author creates what I call a movie in your head with such deep and rich storytelling that I couldn't put it down.

The main character is complex, realistic and someone that you will pull for. Though I never went to camp, the "scenes" at camp make me feel like I did.

For a debut novel, the author gets it right her first time out. Can't wait for books two and three!!!
