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When 22-year-old Summer Stafford's parents split halfway through her senior year at college, Summer's world is rocked. Everything she thought she knew—heck, everything she thought she wanted for her own life—feels like a lie. The truth is love is a risk. And the true kind, the kind that lasts, might even be a fairy tale.

Reeling from the divorce, Summer derails her own future by breaking up with her parent-approved boyfriend and giving up her lifelong plans for a big-city career. She moves back home, business degree in hand. Dad needs her to fill the gaps her mother left behind; Summer needs to find who she is outside of the cookie-cutter life that failed so miserably for her parents.

Ford O'Neal's future involves one person: himself. He doesn't have a permanent address and he definitely doesn't commit. To a place or a person. Raised by hippies, he plans just far enough ahead to secure his next stop, this one landing him at a work-study program at Heritage Plantation where he can grow his own herbal and medicinal creations.

Summer is gorgeous and smart and fun to be with, the perfect way to pass five months. It won't be love—Ford's got too many things to accomplish, too many places to go, before he settles down. Yet Summer pulls him in, challenging him to rethink his own philosophy.

When Ford's five months are up, each of them must decide if love is really worth the risk.

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Lustful Literature says

**** Debbie's 3 Star Review ****

If you are looking for a sweet summer read than add this one to your list.

You meet Summer Stanfford whose parents split up her senior year of College. After graduating, Summer decides to go home and help her father with his plantation and fill the gaps her mother has left.

“The day I’d graduated, I broke it off with Aaron and told my dad I was coming home, business degree in tow. I would pick up the slack Mom had left behind.”

Summer’s life is turned upside down when after she arrives home and meets Ford O’Neal. Ford is there for 5 months for a work-study program. The two hit it off right away but both are guarding their heart. Summer believes that love is not worth taking the risk since seeing her parents’ marriage of over 20 years just end. Ford believes his parents sacrificed their own dreams in order to raise a family. He thinks they gave up their dreams and does not want to commit until he has lived out all his career goals. Neither Ford nor Summer want more than a summer thing but sometimes the heart wants what the heart wants. Can these two find a way to get past how they feel about relationships and make it work? You are going to have to read the book to find out.

“His hand, his mouth, the clever way he always challenged my thinking. I’d never met a guy who was both physically and intellectually attractive before. It was a lethal combination.”

“My jeans grew tighter at the thought of her naked. Shit, I had a crowded dining room to get through. Dying kittens. Dying kittens.”

The chemistry between Summer and Ford was great and the supporting characters were hysterical. Loved Casey, he was Summer’s long time friend since childhood and they had a close relationship, but loved to get on each others nerves. The book flowed well and the only complaint I had was I would of liked to have had a little more drama when it came time for Ford to leave. I felt that he just gave up to quickly and most of the book he was persistent and fought for her.

“My worst fear was that I’d stay and blame her later for holding me down. I didn’t want this to end like that—bitter and tragic. Better to make a clean—even if sad –break.”

“Dreams changed. You had to change with them or risk losing it all.”

received a complimentary copy from the author/publisher in exchange for an honest review

Kathleen says

A Risk Worth Taking is a heartwarming story about figuring out what you want in life, and taking risks that are worth finding love and happiness.

Summer Stafford moves back home to her family's farm after graduating from college. She has broken up with her boyfriend, and is going to help her father run their farm after her parents' recent divorce. Summer has pent-up anger at her mother, because she feels it's all her mother's fault that her parents got divorced. Summer had always thought her parents' love was ideal, but she is disappointed and feels deceived when she finds out that it was all a lie. She is now skeptical about whether true love really does exist.

Ford O'Neal is the temporary intern at Summer's farm. Ford is different from your everyday guy: his parents are hippies, and he's an herbalist. He is a thought-provoking, challenging, and real type of guy who knows what he wants out of life.

When Summer and Ford meet there is an instant connection and mutual attraction between them. Ford's positive outlook on life has Summer questioning the way she thinks about herself and her life, and likewise Summer challenges Ford to take a new look at what he would take a risk on in life as well.

A Risk Worth Taking is told in the first person alternating narrative of Summer and Ford. The story flows so smoothly, it is easy to draw the reader into Summer and Ford's journey. I loved the connection that they had, and as their relationship developed, both Ford and Summer's way of viewing life and love change as they fall in love with each other. As their relationship grew, Ford and Summer have both found things worth taking a risk for, and they've both realized what they truly want in life. I loved following their journey of falling in love and discovering the world through new eyes because of each other. Their love is real and passionate, making it easy for the reader to connect so well with them.

A Risk Worth Taking is a wonderful New Adult romance that will have the reader believing that love really is a risk worth taking!

Disclaimer: I received a copy of the book from the author / publisher in exchange for my honest review and participation in a virtual book tour event hosted by Mark My Words Book Publicity.

†† ?aisy ♥ †† says

A Risk Worth Taking is sweet and wonderful read. The story is a journey about a girl who has lost hope and a boy living his dreams.

Summer is a girl facing difficulties to accept her parents' situation and that breaking her down! Without realising has been keeping herself away. And then, she decides to go back to her farm and help her dad. Enters Ford, the new intern.

They resist each other but one day, everything seems about taking a risk!

How will these two get along?

if you are for a simple country style read, pick this one up!

"Summer Stafford, you could never be meaningless"

Happy reading

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****ARC provided for review****

Kendall {Book Crazy} says

4.5 stars

I loved this book! I fell completely in love with the last half of it, but I did find the beginning a little slow and that's why I took it down half a star! Overall, this book thoroughly impressed me! I've read one other book from this author and it was a paranormal book and the difference between a paranormal book and a contemporary book is huge, so I was looking forward to seeing how the author was going to incorporate it and looking forward to seeing the end result! The plot of this book was so amazing, but slow in some areas! The relationship development between the two main characters developed slower than I would have liked and the first half of the book was really slow and it was all about the main female character coming to terms with her parents divorce! The second half was a whirlwind of romance and the main female character finding the answers she needed! The main lesson learned from the plot of this book is that love is a risk! Do you take

that risk that could end up breaking you in the end? Or do you let it go to save yourself the heartache? These are the questions that the two main characters ask themselves throughout this book! They know what's going to happen several months down the line, so they have to decide whether to risk having their hearts broken! The characters were amazing! Summer was the main character and while I loved her, I did have a few problems with her! I thought that Summer was a little selfish at the beginning of this book! She sort of jumped to conclusions with her parents divorce instead of actually listening to the reasoning behind it, which annoyed me a bit! I know she was protecting her dad, but I personally wouldn't have acted the way she did! As the book progressed though, Summer grew so much! By the end of the book she was a much more mature person and I loved that side of her! Summer was a character that was sort of lost in life, but by the end of this book she found herself! Ford was the love interest of Summer and he was so hot! He was a sort of geeky hot, but then he'd come out with this fierce hotness and I swooned like mad! I loved that Ford was different to a lot of other guys in books I read! I liked that he was smart and didn't have that whole bad boy appeal! He was pretty damn hot though! I loved that this book was written from both Summer and Ford's point of views as watching their relationship develop through both of their eyes was so beautiful! I know that this book is a standalone, but I have to say that I could see potential for a second book or maybe even a novella for Summer and Ford even though the ending of this book was beautiful! Or maybe a novella or other book for other characters in this book! As soon as I saw the cover for this book I knew I wanted to read the story behind it! The cover is stunning and definitely suits the book! Big thank you to Heather for an ARC of A Risk Worth Taking and to for having me on the Blog Tour!

Chloe (BrunetteBibliophile) says

4.5 stars

Kami Dodson-Perry says

Summer is home after graduating college. Her plans for her future did not include coming back home and working for the family business, but plans change. After Summer finds out that her parents are getting a divorce after 25 years of marriage nothing makes any sense to her. Especially not anything to do with love. Summer breaks up with her college boyfriend and heads back home to take over her mother's old job of bookkeeper for the family farm.

Summer meets Ford and really wants to run from the feelings he stirs up inside her. Casey (Summer's non related brother/best friend) tries to help Ford get the girl. The first kiss was amazing and the first date was something neither will forget. The question is will it just be something to cross off the list or is Summer in this for the long haul? Will Ford be ok with it having more meaning than a summer fling.

Ford is falling hard and fast for the Summer. But he still plans on this just being a FOR FUN summer thing. Ford tells Summer that she means more to him than a summer fling. Summer can't believe that when Ford still plans on leaving the farm in a couple of months and leaving her and their relationship behind. Summer breaks down and asks Ford to stay and not go to his next destination but Ford is determined to live his dream. The problem is now his dream might just be Summer.

Things seem to work out ok in the end. Summer and Ford find a way to work things out and we get our HEA.

Jennifer says

YA read

Very immature characters and juvenile "problems" and behaviors.

Writing just alright for me. I think a younger girl might like it more than I did. No real depth of characters or issue for me.

Teri says

Is the risk worth taking? Summer doesn't believe any risk is worth taking. When her world is shifted by a surprise announcement it causes her to question everything. Then she meets Ford. Ford is strong and sure he wants to take a risk but neither want to invest their hearts, What remains to be seen is if they can control it. Yes this is a multiple book series and not your hot and passionate read you expect from this author. This is a slow burn get to know yourself and partner before jumping. It doesn't make it a bad book you just have to be open to the story. I enjoyed the banter and fun and the slow build up it makes it so much more plausible and enjoyable.

Talltree says

Commitment -phobic H, wants to never be tied down , be an explorer, a wanderer.

I say, if he wants to be a free spirit, let him be a free spirit, don't tie him down!

Honestly I feel the h should have dumped him when he came back to her, for both their sakes. Whats to say that H wouldn't get spooked with bills, regular timings, coming back home everyday, kids - all the things he said he was scared of - and leave her later.

Didn't believe in the HEA, once the freshness of infatuation is over, I'm pretty sure the H will walk. Don't get me wrong H was a great guy, a straight-shooter and he had something special with h but it seemed like he was treating it as an 'experience' and he'd have been happy to wander off and have the same wonderful 'experience' with some other lovely woman in some other place...

Plus I didn't like the h very much, she was so angry at her Mom and didn't even treat her with common courtesy, when her Mom was so sweet and understanding too. h acted so bratty and entitled, without being fully informed about the reasons for her parents divorce, I wanted to smack her sometimes.

3 stars for an unusual H, the setting, his very interesting job, the wonderful supporting characters(Casey!) plus steaminess factor.

Joana says

4 "follow your dreams" kind of stars

Summer moved back to her hometown, to help her father after her parents divorce. Their split broke down her foundations, if the most happy and stable couple she knew, could out of the blue, split like that, how is love real?

So she goes away from the path that was aligned for her and goes back to her beginning.

Among all the familiar and loving faces she sees Ford, and the attraction is immediate. On both sides.

Ford is a happy guy, he always follows his dreams and he is focused to not repeat his father mistake and settle down before he achieves them. He wants to live without regret and "what if's".

Now both of them, while knowing each other will learn a lot about themselves and how unpredictable life is. And that are risks worth taking to achieve our dreams...

"No matter what happens after this, you've changed me, Summer. I love you for that and for the fact that not once have you asked for that change. What we have, what we are, is beautiful. Don't ruin it by worrying about something that hasn't happened yet. This moment right here is ours. Let's take our moments."

Characters

Both MC's are extremely likable, down to earth, funny and just sizzling together.

At first, I was a bit confused about the "drama" between Summer and her mom, how she took so deeply the divorce. But the thing i loved, was how she went gradually more attuned with her emotions and could get passed them.

I loved Ford and his take on life and especially, how much the two of them learned from each other!

And the chemistry?

I approve!haha

Besides the 2 of them, my other favorite character is Casey...he his hilarious and just awesome!

Overall

I really liked it! It was refreshing and not a drama fest. If you're looking for a light, fun and at the same time emotional read, this one will do for you!

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Ailene♥ says

I decided not to read any reviews and went straight into reading this with no expectations at all. I was shallow that the reason I only went for this was the cover with a bit of interest in the storyline. So, diving in, I never would've thought that this would take me into such a wonderful ride. Maybe, it's just me. Maybe, it fell on my lap at the right place and at the right time. But I loved every single page of this book. There were just a perfect balance of everything and as I'm writing this, I realized that I couldn't rightfully express how I feel. Obviously, I'm not a good reviewer here. Lol! And yeah, as much as possible I don't like to give too

much.

Still, I'd like to say at least some emotions I've felt. The first half of the book, I am definitely loving it, after that, it picked up and went amazing to me. Even though the storyline was totally different to a book that I would like to compare it to, the emotions it brought out on me reminded me so much of "The Edge of Never" and I have never compared any book to my all time fave. So, this means a lot to me. The hero, Ford O'Neal, reminded me of Andrew Parrish as well... with the way he thinks and perceives some things. It didn't involve two people travelling across the country but it still dealt with going through a journey, the need for a departure, having realizations and experiencing love.

I have to commend the author with how well written this is. She'd made it so genuine that I got fully connected with each character. It was incredible how well developed they were. More than halfway through it, I was all tears which to be honest hadn't happened in quite awhile. The kind of crying I had though was not due to pain or bitterness. It was because of love and longing... the questions of "what if" and "what could have been". However, having said all that, the author still managed to make the whole story light and not angst-ridden. It's like a romantic movie in which it has this therapeutic and invigorating feel right after you're done watching it.

I hope my comparing it to "The Edge of Never" wouldn't be stucked on you though. That book was multi-faceted. This was simpler and like I've said, still a light read. Did it have a happily ever after? Uhhh... Well, there's only one way to find out...

Ellen says

4.5 Hearts

I have to be honest, the minute I saw the cover of this book I just fell in love with it and wanted to read it, and this is one of those times that the story inside met every hope and expectation that I had based on the cover, something that doesn't always happen. A Risk Worth Taking is one of those love stories that is just plain good. It's not overly dramatic or cliché, yet has enough drama and hot sexy moments to make it sizzle, being light enough to just sit back and relax while you laugh, smile, and sometimes get a little angry and sad right along with the characters, all the while just enjoying the journey. I've kind of labeled books like this as my "Vacation Day Books," thinking of them as sort of like a vacation day – one in which you have the day off to just sit on the beach, or your front porch in the mountains with no phone, no interruptions, just kicking back enjoying the scenery and having a good ole relaxing time.

After being blown away by the fact that her parents were divorcing, upon graduating college, Summer Stafford decides that she wants to come home to Heritage Plantation to help her dad by running the business side of the farm, not because she has to, but because she really wants to. She's very angry with her mother, frustrated with her dad for not being angry, which subsequently causes her to be even angrier. Summer is a black and white type person and her definition of love, whether she realized it or not, was based on the relationship she thought her parents had. Ford O'Neal, oh my, what a hottie he is. He's working on an internship that has led him to Heritage Plantation for five months. He's living his dream and seeing what he can of the country while doing what he loves. He describes his parents as hippies. They married young because his mom was pregnant, and Ford has always believed they sacrificed their dreams to raise a family, settling for the mundane 9 to 5 instead of an adventure, despite their constantly telling him otherwise, trying to convince him that dreams change.

Neither Ford nor Summer are looking for a relationship, yet, when these two see each other, the sparks fly and the chemistry between them is as obvious as a bonfire in the middle of a corn field at night. With a little prodding from her best friend Casey, who she refers to as a brother, and who has been her partner in crime since they were toddlers, Summer gives into her desires and the two of them begin seeing each other, not labeling what they have because Ford has made it clear he's leaving and Summer has made it clear that isn't what she wants. Love rises up, however, and doesn't let Summer or Ford be the boss of it, and instead decides to take over. They both learn so much from each other and about each other, having a bushel of fun along the way, but as the five months come to an end and it's time for Ford to leave, they both question everything they "thought they knew," and must each decide for themselves if true love is really a risk worth taking.

As I said above, I thoroughly enjoyed this book. It is a wonderful story with great romance, lots of fun, plenty of steam, the main characters are awesome and I loved the secondary characters also, especially Casey, among others. Another thing that I really enjoyed about the novel was the way it was written. The author begins each chapter with a quote of some sort from various sources, and for me, it added so much to the story. One of my favorites that she used was from C.S. Lewis and it says, "Someday you will be old enough to start reading fairy tales again." I think that sums things up pretty well. I hope you enjoy this story as much as I did.

Dani Morales says

I've been on a reading binge lately. Consuming book after book and though I loved every single one of them, there was just something about *A Risk Worth Taking* by Heather Hildenbrand, that struck a chord with me. I already feel the loss of these character's and their story. Epic BOOK HANGOVER and I'm slightly a little lost. I honestly don't know what to do or what book to pick up next, because in all honesty I want to reread this book, over and over again until I can recite it word for word.

"If all you had was this moment, would you still live it?" –Ford

Summer is coming home from graduating college to help take care of the farm her parents built. Divorce is hard to deal with, but I think 'parents' sometimes forget the impact it has on their child. Summer is angry. She's hurt. She feels like everything she knew is a lie. When you see the world in numbers, black and white, it's hard to get passed something like this. This completely changes her view on love, which causes her to end things with her boyfriend from college. Deciding she needs to figure out who she is and what she wants, she embarks on a new direction. First night back home a new person arrives for diner and she can't stop the way he's making her feel, even if she doesn't know him.

Ford has a dream and nothing will come in the way of that dream. That is until he meets Summer and then he starts to question everything. Feel things he's not used to feeling, but can he just do a summer fling? Ford is smart and sexy as hell. I can't express enough how Heather Hildenbrand crafted this fineness in Ford. He's perfect because of his flaws. He challenges Summer intellectually, and let's be honest girls, though we might be attracted to a man's physique, there is nothing hotter than a man's brain. He's not looking to settle down, he wants the freedom to accomplish his dream, but sometimes love has a way of changing things for you.

"I think the only thing that makes it true love IS the risk."-Cathy

I love Heather Hildenbrand, I'm never disappointed in her books and I have to say this is my favorite of hers. I couldn't put the book down the moment I started reading it. I was sucked in from the first page, laughed,

swooned, and cried. The perfect book for me. I felt the emotions as if they were my own. It's not even just the main MCs, its all of the characters in this book. I love Casey. He reminds me of the relationship I have with my friend Cody. We didn't grow up like Casey and Summer did, but we share the same bond. Summer's dad Dean and her Uncle Frank (Dean's bff and Casey's uncle), love them. They seriously are a riot and I wish this place was real with these characters because I would be totally buying a ticket to come hang out. What I love most about this book is the development. It wasn't instant love. I loved watching the characters fall in love.

"I had found my new dream. And I was living it." –Ford

Here's the thing though... Ford was only going to be around for the summer, once his internship is up he's moving on. Living his dream the way his dad was never able to. So was it worth the risk? Did Summer let herself take the chance even though she knew the time was limited? Did Ford walk away when his time was up? What happens when you have no intention of falling in love with someone but do so anyways? What happens then? Can you just turn your back on it and hope the feeling goes away? To find out what happens with Summer and Ford, you need to pick up this book now, go ahead and do so right now, and then block out a few hours of your time to read it. Then marinate in the story afterwards, because we can all take a little something from this story. We can all use a little risk in our lives and see if it's worth it.

Heidi says

Four Stars: A tale of risk and a reminder to live life to the fullest.

Summer assesses the pile of boxes. As she unpacks, Summer shoves aside the bitter anger she carries toward her mother. How could her mother after all these years just walk out on her father and the farm? Summer has returned home to help her father with the book keeping. This wasn't where she planned on ending up after graduating college, right back where she started. Still she intends to make the best of it. Summer is happy to be home after all, but she refuses to see or speak to her mother. At dinner, Summer is introduced to a new farm hand, Ford. There are instant sparks of attraction, but Summer learns that Ford won't be staying. He is an intern on the farm for six months, and then he will be moving on. Besides, why would Summer want to take a chance at falling in love when the relationship she admired and kept on a pedestal was a sham? Love isn't worth the risk or is it?

What I Liked:

*I appreciated that this was a New Adult book with likable characters who are going through a few struggles but nothing that is overly dramatic. This was a realistic and pleasant romance that reminds you that some things are worth the risk. If you are like me and a bit burned out on all the over dramatic, angst ridden NA books, this is one you can pick up and enjoy as it isn't heavy on emotion. It is the perfect mix of romance, sizzle and realistic problems.

*I loved the underlying theme of taking a risk for love. Let's face it, falling in love is scary and we are likely to end up with a broken heart or two before finding the one, and we may get discouraged and want to give up. This book is a reminder that some risks are worth taking, and even though we may be terrified at the thought of falling in love and enduring loss or heartbreak, aren't the benefits worth the risk? Life is too short to waste time, seize your chance at happiness and don't worry about the what ifs... if it is meant to be it will be, right? Ms. Hildenbrand does an excellent job at reminding us of these important truths.

*I enjoyed watching Summer's journey. She comes home rattled and hurt after her parents' split. She breaks it off with her current boyfriend because her belief in love is shattered. When Ford walks into the room, there

are instant sparks of attraction, but she denies them. Why fall in love again and get hurt, especially if he is just going to leave? As time goes on, Summer and Ford become friends and then something more, until they both decide to take a chance and date even though they know it is short term. What follows is a beautiful friendship that turns into a heated romance. Will they get their happily ever after? Is love worth the fight and the risk? Summer soon finds out. I liked that the romance is packed with heat, but it moves slowly.

*I loved the secondary characters from Summer's quiet, kind father, to the Greek housekeeper and most of all the charming, good natured Casey, Summer's best friend and surrogate brother. I thought the secondary characters rounded out the cast, and they all felt like comfortable old friends.

*I liked that this book has a few bumps in the road, but it isn't overly dramatic. There are plenty of fun moments that lead up to a perfectly sweet and wonderful ending that I am sure readers will savor. I especially loved learning the real life inspiration behind the story, it made the read so much more impactful.

*Finally, I adored the lovely quotes and snippets that were included at the beginning of every chapter. I thought they were wonderful!

And The Not So Much:

*One of the big conflicts in the book follows the break up of Summer's parents. At first, there is a great deal of mystery surrounding the divorce. I was itching to know why they ended it so I could better understand Summer's hurt. When the answers are finally divulged, I was left wanting to know a bit more. I would have loved to know a more about what the marriage was like and how they decided to end it. Furthermore, I was disappointed in the father's take on everything. He is tight lipped for the most part and when he does finally open up, he doesn't provide much insight. I wanted to know more from his angle.

*Ford though he was sexy and charming didn't have the same appeal to me as Casey. I thought Casey was adorable and so full of life. While I appreciated that the romance didn't involve Casey, I was disappointed that he didn't have a bigger role, mostly because I thought his scenes were always entertaining. I loved, though that this book didn't stray into a love triangle and that Summer maintains a strict friendship with Casey.

*There is a big, funny scene involving a rematch of Casey and Summer's childhood creek race. Something happens when they run the first race and there was discussion of a rematch, and then the story line disappears. I wanted to see the rematch and learn who the winner was. Why didn't they run the race again?

*I was most pleased with the first sex scene. It had plenty of heat and sizzle, and I thought just the right amount of detail before the door closed and the lover's were left to the imagination. I was cheering, thinking yes! Then it went downhill after that as there were several more sex scenes that were explicit in detail and way steamy. I much preferred the first sex scenes to the subsequent bare it all spare no details scenes, but I am a less is more type reader when it comes to sex scenes.

*I struggled with Ford's reasons for leaving the farm. I just didn't think his rationalization was strong enough or that the reason was compelling enough to make him leave. I was very disappointed in his selfishness. A minor sticking point for me.

A Risk Worth Taking is a passionate and beautifully written New Adult book that is light on angst and drama, but with plenty of sizzle and romance. This is a book that reminds us that even though love is a risk, some things in life are worth taking a chance on. Pick this up when you are in the mood for a realistic, well written romance that reminds you that love is worth it.

Favorite Quotations:

"Don't cry over the past, it's gone. Don't stress over the future, it hasn't arrived. Live in the present, and make it beautiful." Author Unknown.

"Parents are just people who get put on a pedestal. We expect more from them because they mean so much to us. But they're only human."

"Perception is about making people see what you want, not what really is."

"Magic seems like something you'd have to experience to believe."

"If all you had was this moment, would you still live in it?"

"You should never settle. Life's too short. Do things that make you happy."

"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened." Dr. Seuss

"I'd decided months ago to love freely. And that meant not throwing away a single chance at happiness. Even if there was no guarantee it would last. Even if it scared me."

"Dreams changed. You to change with them or risk losing it all."

I purchased a copy of this book. All opinions are my own and I was not compensated for this review.

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Vicki says

Summer is a heartbroken, somewhat angry/bitter young woman due to her parents' divorce. Mainly she's just upset with her mother for leaving the family. The book starts with this dynamic. She has been away at college studying but decides to go back home to her roots and help her father with his farm. As one would expect, to see parents split after years of marriage takes its toll on the children, even adult children as it did Summer.

But when she meets Ford things change up. Although she's not really ready for love, she does want to have some fun times which works perfectly for Ford, too. At least for a time. Watching these two struggle between what they want and what they really feel for each other is sweet.

Ford is protective of her at times like once when Danny gets a bit drunk and thinks he has the right to just sweep Summer off her feet literally and pick her up, insisting on a kiss "like the one they had years ago as kids" before he'll let her down. But Summer isn't having it and doesn't think it's fun or funny at all. But when she tells him to stop/let her down, he doesn't listen to her at all. Along comes Ford to her rescue and "saves" her. But it's not too much, it's welcomed.

I love the country aspect of the story. I grew up in the city, but I went to my grandparents' farm in Texas every summer. So anything that was familiar to me regarding country people/living really endeared me to the character/story. I'm glad I picked this one up and I loved it.

Recommendation: I think this book is sweet, emotional at times, and I definitely recommend it. It's an easy read for a quick one sitting read, if that's how you want to read it.
