



[Cool for the Summer](#) by Dahlia Adler

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*Age Range: 14-18

Grade Range: (Recommended by *School Library Journal*)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Lara finally lands the guy of her dreams, only to have her unexpected(ly female) summer fling transfer to her school, in Dahlia Adler's beloved award-winning YA queer romance, now in paperback!

Lara's had eyes for exactly one person throughout her three years of high school: Chase Harding. He's tall, strong, sweet, a football star, and frankly, stupid hot. Oh, and he's talking to her now. On purpose and everything. Maybe...flirting, even? No, wait, he's definitely flirting, which is pretty much the sum of everything Lara's wanted out of life.

Except she's haunted by a memory. A memory of a confusing, romantic, strangely perfect summer spent with a girl named Jasmine. A memory that becomes a confusing, disorienting present when Jasmine herself walks through the front doors of the school to see Lara and Chase chatting it up in front of the lockers.

Lara has everything she ever wanted: a tight-knit group of friends, a job that borders on cool, and Chase, the boy of her literal dreams. But if she's finally got the guy, why can't she stop thinking about the girl?

Dahlia Adler's *Cool for the Summer* is a young adult story of self-discovery and new love. It's about the things we want and the things we need. And it's about the people who will let us be who we are.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"Un-bi-lievably good." - *Buzzfeed*

"With its summery vibes and rollercoaster of queer confusion, *Cool for the Summer* is the sexy, sweet and steamy beach read of the year!" - *The Nerd Daily*

"As bright and sweet as its cover and poignantly explores queer identity and self-discovery." - *Buzzfeed*

"This book is a gamechanger for queer Jewish teens." - *Alma*

"[S]trung through with humor, warmth, and sensuality, this romance will speak to any reader who has ever struggled to know their own heart." - [Booklist](#) (starred review)

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"Dahlia Adler's latest has me longing for the summer. This story of a bi girl discovering who she is and who holds her heart sounds like the perfect summer 2021 read." - *Bookish*

"...echoes of Demi Lovato's 2015 bop resound throughout these sweet and sultry pages, but Adler's novel offers a wonderfully queer spin on another August-becomes-September anthem: Grease's 'Summer Nights.'" - Oprahmag.com

"Written in a clear, accessible style, this book tells the compelling and sweet story of one girl's journey of self-discovery." - *Jewish Book Council*

"The thoughtful representation of a questioning teen's struggle to understand herself...is sorely needed. A welcome addition to the small but growing canon of questioning queer fiction." - [Kirkus Reviews](#)

"Witty, wise, and disarmingly tender. I am hopelessly devoted to this summer dream of a book." - Becky Albertalli, New York Times bestselling author of *Kate in Waiting* and *Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda*

"Adler captures the radiance and joy of summer love and perfectly mixes it with all of the longing and wonder that comes after. Filled with nuance and charm, and queer girls you can't help but root for, *Cool for the Summer* will leave readers grinning long after they finish." - Jennifer Dugan, author of *Some Girls Do*

"A little bit sexy and a little bit sweet - Dahlia Adler has written the perfect summer romance, filled with humor, joy, and self-discovery. *Cool for the Summer* is a delight and an anthem to self-love all at once." - Aminah Mae Safi, author of *Tell Me How You Really Feel*

"Filled with summer vibes and swoon-worthy moments, *Cool for the Summer* is a book I wish I'd had as a teen. I related to Lara's story so much, from dealing with divorced parents and the struggle of finding your own voice, to the rollercoaster ride of figuring out your sexuality. Dahlia perfectly captures what it's like to feel torn between what we think we should want and what our hearts actually desire." - Jen Wilde, author of *Going Off Script*

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- * Winner of the Alma for Best Jewish YA of the Year *
- * May/June 2021 Kids' Indie Next Pick *
- * 2021 Booklist Editors' Choice *
- * A 2022 Rainbow List Pick *

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

[F\(r\)iction Lit interview](#)

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*A NOTE ON AGE RANGES

A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book's intended use.