



**Title:** Hot Dog Girl

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# BOOK RESUME: HOT DOG GIRL

## BOOK SYNOPSIS

A fresh and funny contemporary YA rom-com about teens working as costumed characters in a local amusement park.

Elouise (Lou) Parker is determined to have the absolute best, most impossibly epic summer of her life. There are just a few things standing in her way:

- She's landed a job at Magic Castle Playland . . . as a giant dancing hot dog.
- Her crush, the dreamy diving pirate Nick, already has a girlfriend, who is literally the princess of the park. But Lou's never liked anyone, guy or otherwise, this much before, and now she wants a chance at her own happily ever after.
- Her best friend, Seeley, the carousel operator, has always been up for anything, but she's decidedly not on board when it comes to Lou's quest to set her up with the perfect girl or Lou's scheme to get close to Nick.
- And it turns out that this will be their last summer at Magic Castle Playland—ever—unless she can find a way to stop it from closing.

Jennifer Dugan's sparkling debut coming-of-age queer romance stars a princess, a pirate, a hot dog, and a carousel operator who find love—and themselves—in unexpected people and unforgettable places.

## REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"Funny, relatable, and oh-so-cute." —*Girls' Life Magazine*

"A story of friendship growing into love. Elouise's big ideas don't always execute well but her foibles feel real." —*The Washington Post*

"Relatable and funny, Dugan's character dialogue and voice capture the awkward/messy/magical summer and keep both the characters and plot real and winning throughout this amusement park ride." —*Publishers Weekly*

"Dugan's debut has a clear and confident voice, and her characters are sympathetic in their desire for happiness and fear of change; the supporting cast members have their own fully-developed personalities without overwhelming the main storyline. Lou's inner narration is funny, clear, and emotional... A fun romantic comedy that evokes the pleasures of summertime." —*Kirkus Reviews*

"Lou's energetic, readable voice makes her a sympathetic character even when, or especially when, she is confessing her flaws. Readers looking for a frothy summer read won't regret this." —*BCCB*

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“A sparkling summer romance. Dugan’s amusement-park setting is entertaining, as is her likable cast of characters.” —*BookPage*

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