



***THIS ONE SUMMER*** by Mariko Tamaki; illustrated by Jillian Tamaki

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\*Age Range: 12-18

## BOOK SYNOPSIS

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Every summer, Rose goes with her mom and dad to a lake house in Awago Beach. It's their getaway, their refuge. Rosie's friend Windy is always there, too, like the little sister she never had. But this summer is different. Rose's mom and dad won't stop fighting, and when Rose and Windy seek a distraction from the drama, they find themselves with a whole new set of problems. One of the local teens - just a couple of years older than Rose and Windy - is caught up in something bad... Something life threatening.

It's a summer of secrets, and sorrow, and growing up, and it's a good thing Rose and Windy have each other.

This One Summer is a tremendously exciting new teen graphic novel from two creators with true literary clout. Cousins Mariko and Jillian Tamaki, the team behind *Skim*, have collaborated on this gorgeous, heartbreaking, and ultimately hopeful story about a girl on the cusp of childhood - a story of renewal and revelation.

## REVIEWS AND PRAISE

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★ "This book is poignant and melancholy, and it will be swiftly recognizable to those who only recently hovered at the cusp of adolescence." —*BCCB*, **starred review**

★ "This captivating graphic novel presents a fully realized picture of a particular time in a young girl's life, an in-between summer filled with yearning and a sense of ephemerality." —*School Library Journal*, **starred review**

★ "A summer of family drama, secrets and change in a small beach town . . . Keenly observed and gorgeously illustrated - a triumph." —*Kirkus Reviews*, **starred review**

★ "With a light touch, the Tamakis capture the struggle of growing up in a patchwork of summer moments . . . Wistful, touching, and perfectly bittersweet." —*Booklist*, **starred review**

"If I worked at a bookstore, I'd be hand-selling it to customers who adored Raina Telgemeier's graphic memoir *Smile* but are now ready for more complex themes...This is a lovely book." —*The New York Times*

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"[This One Summer] manages to evoke the nuances, the confusions, of a pair of characters on the cusp." —[Los Angeles Times](#)

"Mariko's strengths as a writer lie in her subtlety and her ability to convey whole worlds of feeling within a few lines of dialogue." —*National Post*

"Jillian Tamaki's art is spectacular in an understated and finely controlled way, an economy of line that reveals deep emotion and movement through hints and glimpses. And Mariko Tamaki's writing manages to wind together a small-town love-story, a parental marriage on the rocks, and the weird world of sexuality seen from the near side of puberty into a whole that is both dreamily nostalgic and immediate and sharp." —[BoingBoing](#)

"I loved it." —Craig Thompson

"Jillian's art is simply gorgeous, and the perfect companion to the beautiful—and sometimes painful—truth behind Mariko's every word." —Stephanie Perkins

"This One Summer is so vivid and beautifully told, that I saw, heard, and felt every moment. This tender and oh-so-true story of one girl's pivotal summer is a stand-out." —Deb Caletti

"A rare treasure of a book, like a summer caught and pressed between the pages." —Svetlana Chmakova

"I read this in July, and spent the rest of the summer thinking about it. Every bike on a dusty road and gleefully swimming kid made me think about this book, and how it so eloquently and perfectly captures the feeling of summer-- slow, lazy and somehow hectic and astounding and full-- that we spend every year after the age of 18 trying to remember." —Lucy Knisley

"This One Summer is a precisely written, exquisitely illustrated exploration of the moment when childhood tips over into adolescence. For the second time the Tamakis have raised the bar for young adult comics." —Hope Larson

"The most beautiful thing I've ever seen." —Faith Erin Hicks

"This One Summer is a beautiful, relatable story of that summer everyone has had, where things happen around you but nothing happens to you." —Julie Halpern

"Read this and remember that time. Read this and feel the innocence and the intimate, wrestling out at the beach. Read this and keep it like a secret, or let it run wild like a bonfire night. Read this for the joy and the grit, the tears and the sunburn, what you can't remember and what you'll never forget. Read This One Summer and swear you were there." —Daniel Handler

## AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

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- A NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER
- A 2015 Caldecott Honor Book
- A 2015 Michael L. Printz Honor Book
- An Eisner Award Winner

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- *Horn Book* Fanfare
- New York Times Book Review Notable Children's Books of the Year
- L.A. Times Book Prize - Finalist
- Eisner Award Nominee
- Harvey Award
- *Boston Globe* Best Books of the Year
- *Kirkus* Best Teen Books of the Year
- *Publishers Weekly* Best Books of the Year
- *School Library* Best Books of the Year
- *Time Magazine* Top 10 Books of the Year
- ALA Notable Children's Books
- *Booklist* Editors' Choice
- CCBC Choice (Univ. of WI)
- YALSA Great Graphic Novels for Teens
- YALSA Great Graphic Novel for Teens
- YALSA Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults
- Ignatz Award for Best Graphic Novel

## **MEDIA AND RESOURCES**

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- [Discussion Guide](#)
- [Reading Group Guide](#)
- [Watch an interview with Mariko and Jillian Tamaki](#)
- [New Yorker interview with Mariko and Jillian Tamaki](#)
- [Publishers Weekly interview with Mariko and Jillian Tamaki](#)

## **\*A NOTE ON AGE RANGES**

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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.

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