



TEEN SERVICES COMMUNITY SERVICE TEEN BOOK REVIEW

Two Summers By Aimee Friedman Reviewed by Mia Li

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Book Title: Two Summers

Author: Aimee Friedman

Number of Pages: 355

Rating (on a scale of 1-5): 5/5

Character List:

- **Summer Everett:** Summer is a girl with a broken home. Her father lives in France while Summer and her mom live in New York. One summer, her father invites her to his home in France. There, she finds out a secret that changes her life.
- **Ruby:** Ruby is Summer's best friend. When she finds out Summer is going to France, she thinks it's the perfect time to have some space between them and to try new things.
- **Eloise:** When her father decides to invite his unknown daughter, Eloise decides she hates her. Summer and Eloise have the same dad, and Eloise was the result of an affair.
- **Jacques:** A boy Summer meets at a cafe in France. They immediately hit it off and quickly form a relationship.
- **Hugh Tyson:** Hugh Tyson is Summer's oldest crush. When Summer signs up for photography class, Hugh just so happens to be in the class. What's even worse is Summer ends up being partners with him! How is she going to survive?

Review:

Summer Everett has two summers: one in the French countryside with fields of pretty flowers, another in the upstate New York. When she makes a split second decision, her summer divides into two parallel universes. One summer is spent in France, where she struggles to fit in with the random girl at her father's house and finds a new relationship with a cute boy she met at the cafe down the street. Summer and Jacques spend the summer going to art galleries, dancing in fields of poppies, and enjoying each other's presence. Almost too good to be true. Another summer spent in upstate New York, where she attends art class, and finally has the courage to talk to her longtime crush, Hugh Tyson. Being partners in photography class really helps her bond with him. Hugh takes her to his favorite place, which he has never shown anybody. In both versions of her summer, she has her first kiss with someone she never thought she would have a chance with. In both, she learns a family secret that sends her almost perfect world spiraling down.

A book filled with romance and drama, *Two Summers* is about finding who you truly are and overcoming obstacles with a strong mind. Author Aimee Friedman takes you on an adventure in an interesting way -she demonstrates how one action can impact the rest of your life by writing about Summer's summer after both decisions. I would recommend this for teens and young adults – join Summer on her quest to find love and the answers to her dad's new life in France!