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Since You've Been Gone



Synopsis

Emily is about to take some risks and have the most unexpected summer ever. Hellogiggles.com says, "Basically I couldn't be more in love with this book," from the bestselling author of *Second Chance Summer* and *Amy and Roger's Epic Detour*. Before Sloane, Emily didn't go to parties, she barely talked to guys, and she didn't do anything crazy. Enter Sloane, social tornado and the best kind of best friend "someone who yanks you out of your shell. But right before what should have been an epic summer, Sloane just disappears. There's just a random to-do list with thirteen bizarre tasks that Emily would never try. But what if they can lead her to Sloane? Apple picking at night? Okay, easy enough. Dance until dawn? Sure. Why not? Kiss a stranger? Wait, what? Getting through Sloane's list will mean a lot of firsts, and with a whole summer ahead of her and with the unexpected help of the handsome Frank Porter "who knows what she'll find. Go Skinny Dipping? Um, yes!" Includes sixteen pages of bonus content!

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1. Kiss a stranger
2. Go skinny-dipping
3. Steal something
4. Break something
5.

Penelope
6. Ride a dern horse, ya cowpoke
7. 55 S. Ave. Ask for Mona
8. The Backless Dress. and somewhere to wear it
9. Dance until dawn
10. Share some secrets in the dark
11. Hug a Jamie
12.

Apple picking at night13. Sleep under the starsFor the last two years, Em and Sloane have been the best of friends. So when Em returns home after a family trip to discover that Sloane and her family have completely disappeared, sheâ™s beyond shocked. Even more so when a list comes in the mail in Sloaneâ™s handwriting, detailing what Em is supposed to do for the summer. Left without any other options, Em follows the instructions and discovers that she may be just as strong on her own as she is with her friend. Em gets a job, begins new friendships, hangs out with her brother and more in the summer she never expected to have.A great story about self discovery and how we can often let our friends define who we are instead of defining ourselves. Emâ™s journey was fascinating, even if itâ™s from the perspective of a lost sixteen year old girl. Watching Em grow as a character is the best part about this book, and how she finds her inner strength to explore her past decisions and makes better future ones based on it. All of the side characters were very well developed and never felt one dimensional; they read like people the reader would meet in real life instead of a flat character in a book.One criticism to be noted on this work is the length. It was about 450 pages which can be daunting. Also when reading, there seemed to be a lot of details on places/people/things that werenâ™t extremely important to the book.

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