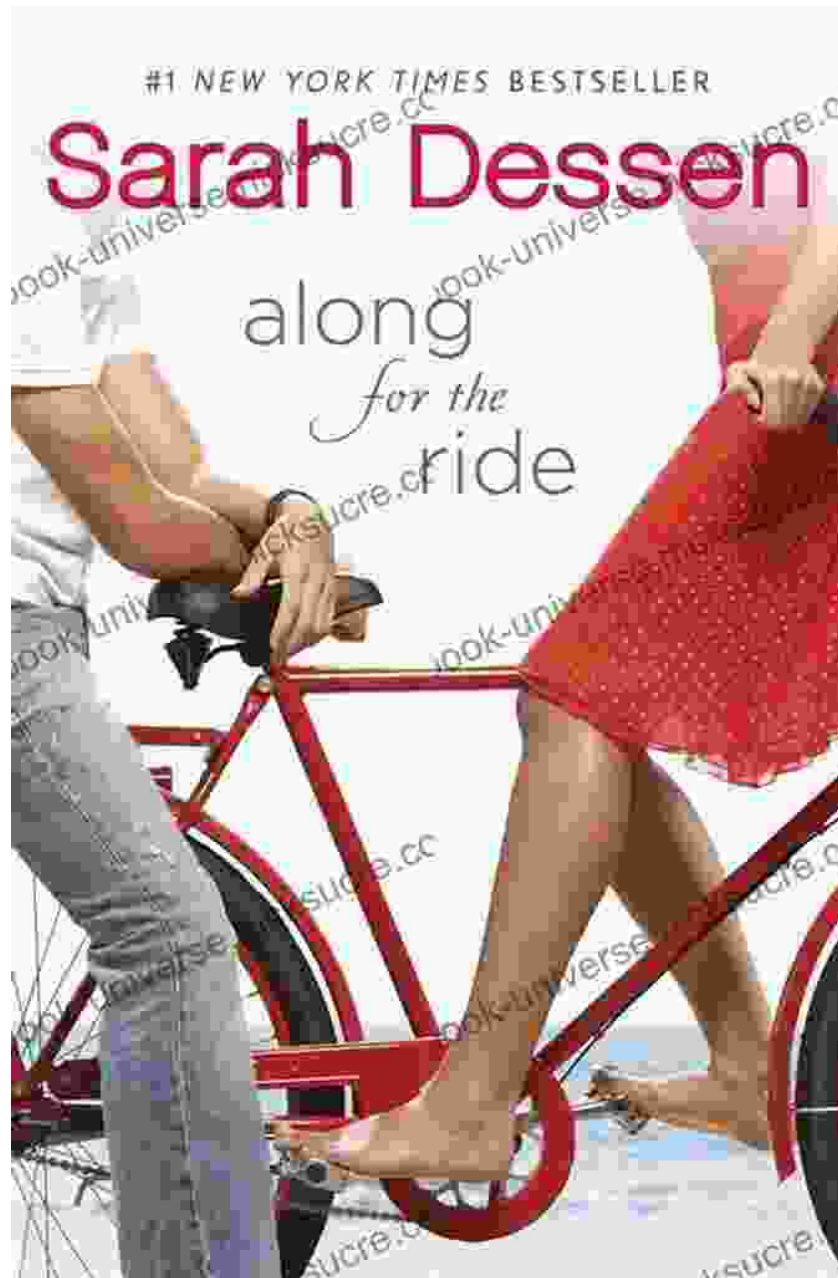


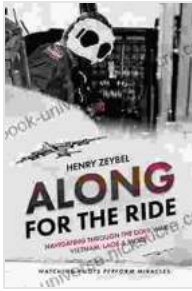
Along for the Ride: A Journey of Self-Discovery, Friendship, and First Love



Along for the Ride: Navigating Through the Cold War, Vietnam, Laos & More by Henry Zeybel

★★★★★ 5 out of 5

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Along for the Ride is a coming-of-age story about Auden, a 17-year-old girl who moves to a small coastal town for the summer and befriends Eli, a mysterious boy who spends his nights biking the empty streets.

Auden is a bright and ambitious girl, but she's also lonely and lost. She's never really fit in anywhere, and she's not sure what she wants to do with her life. When she moves to Colby Beach for the summer, she's hoping to find a new start. But she soon realizes that she's not the only one who's struggling.

Eli is a loner who keeps his distance from everyone. He's haunted by a painful past, and he's not sure if he can ever let anyone in again. But when he meets Auden, he starts to open up. Together, they explore the hidden corners of Colby Beach and learn to face their fears.

Along the way, Auden and Eli fall in love. But their relationship is complicated by Eli's past and Auden's own insecurities. They both have to learn how to trust each other and let go of the things that are holding them back.

Along for the Ride is a beautifully written and emotionally resonant story about the power of friendship, the importance of self-discovery, and the transformative nature of first love. Sarah Dessen's characters are complex and relatable, and her writing is both lyrical and insightful.

This is a book that will stay with you long after you finish it. It's a story that will make you laugh, cry, and think about your own life in a new way.

Characters

- **Auden** is a 17-year-old girl who moves to Colby Beach for the summer. She's bright and ambitious, but she's also lonely and lost. She's not sure what she wants to do with her life, and she's hoping to find a new start in Colby Beach.
- **Eli** is a loner who keeps his distance from everyone. He's haunted by a painful past, and he's not sure if he can ever let anyone in again. But when he meets Auden, he starts to open up.
- **Maggie** is Auden's best friend. She's a kind and caring person, and she's always there for Auden.
- **Esther** is Eli's mother. She's a strong and independent woman, and she's determined to help Eli overcome his past.

Themes

- **Friendship** is a central theme in **Along for the Ride**. Auden and Eli's friendship is a lifeline for both of them. They help each other through tough times, and they learn to trust and rely on each other.
- **Self-discovery** is another important theme in the book. Auden and Eli are both on a journey of self-discovery. They're both trying to figure out

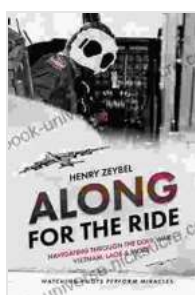
who they are and what they want out of life.

- **First love** is a powerful force in **Along for the Ride**. Auden and Eli's first love is intense and passionate, but it's also complicated by Eli's past and Auden's own insecurities.

Author

Sarah Dessen is the author of several popular young adult novels, including **Along for the Ride**, **The Truth About Forever**, and **Just Listen**. Her books are known for their realistic characters, relatable stories, and lyrical writing style. Dessen has won numerous awards for her work, including the Margaret A. Edwards Award from the American Library Association.

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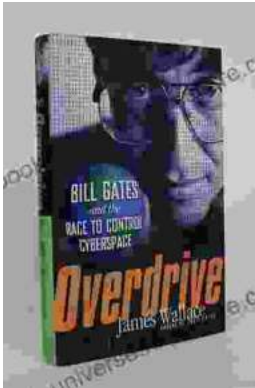
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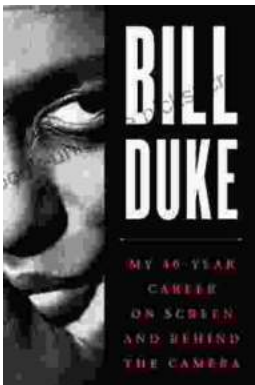
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