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STUDENT BOOK REVIEW

The Truth About Forever

By Sarah Dessen

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Sara Dessen, a New York Times best-selling author and favored teen novelist, fills the plot of this epic summer tale with denial, fear, and romance. The main character, Macy Queen, is a sixteen-year-old girl striving to gain closure from the recent death of her father. While standing in for her brainy, unaffectionate, arrogant boyfriend at his “dull-as-dishwater” job at the library, their relationship begins to crumble. When Dessen introduces the Wish Catering crew to the story, Macy’s life accelerates as she often stumbles across the eccentric, fast-paced group. Offered a generous position with Wish, Macy accepts the job as a getaway from her boring life at the library and ‘workaholic’ mother. At this enterprise, Macy adapts

to her colleagues’ lifestyles, learning more each day. As the text sculpts around the traits of Macy’s workmates and her realization of “life and forever”, she falls for Wes. When they help her come to terms with the past, Dessen wraps up the tale, instilling a remarkable life lesson in her audience, throwing in a satisfying amount of romance. In this realistic novel of emotional humanity, Dessen indulges her readers with a flawless piece of literature, teaching of one resilient girl putting her life back together.



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