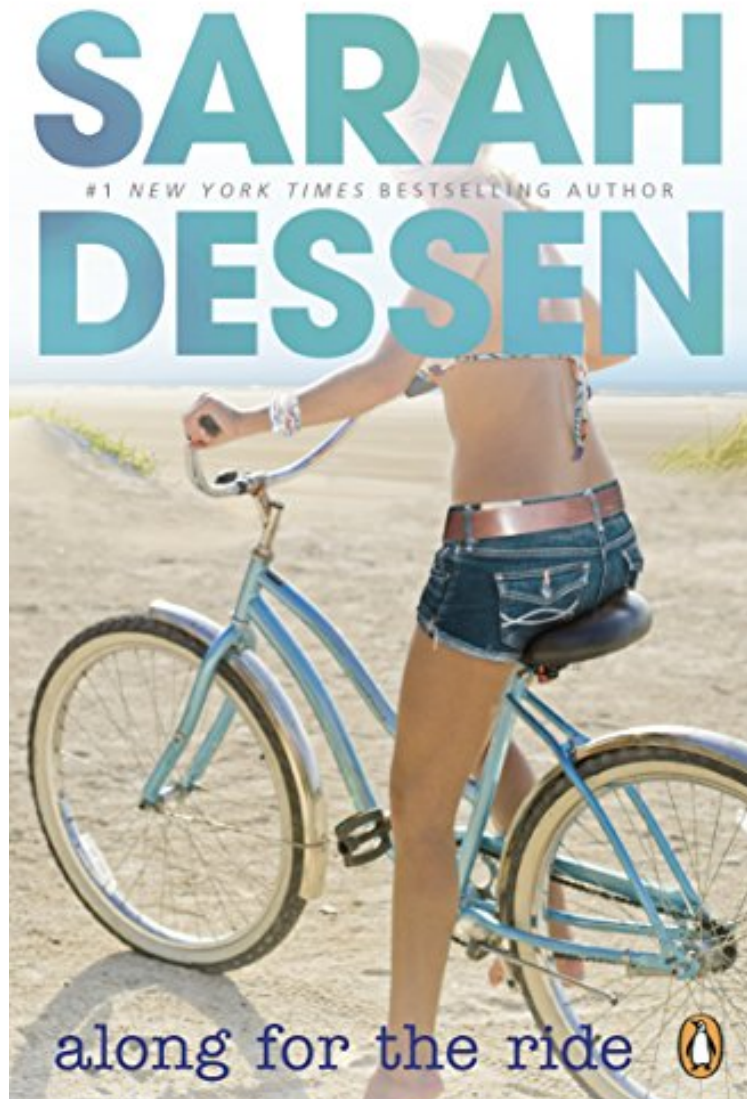


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**Von Sarah Dessen : Along for the Ride** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Along for the Ride:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Courtesy of Teens Read TooVon TeensReadTooI have read every Sarah Dessen book published. I was so excited to learn she was coming out with a new one, ALONG FOR THE RIDE, that I marked the release date on my calendar. Was the wait worth it? Absolutely. Finished it in two days time, too - it would have taken me less time but I had to factor in

pesky responsibilities like work. I love the way Dessen writes. Her characters are always real, and the storylines are believable - you can't ask for more than that! As with other Dessen books, there are multiple lessons learned in this book. The two that I felt that were most important (and I know it sounds cliché) is "Live, Love, Laugh" and "Never judge a book by its cover." *ALONG FOR THE RIDE* is about a girl named Auden, fresh out of high school, ready to embark on the next leg of life but doesn't really know how to do it. The academic part she has down pat; the fun, let loose and be free part she has a lot of trouble with. Auden didn't have the typical childhood - she was more of an adult than a kid while she was growing up, entertaining herself through countless adult dinner parties revolving around academia. She missed out on so many rites of growing up - racing up and down her block on bicycles or skates, hanging out at the pool with friends, going on dates and even the prom. While it was great that she had such a drive to do well, her parents, now divorced, incredibly high expectations was also very damaging to her psyche. The cherry topping - Auden is an insomniac. Nothing, no matter what, changes or cures her insomnia. Of course, this can be a good thing, too, at least in her case. I can relate to the insomnia issue - it's just too bad that I haven't met the guy of my dreams during one of my episodes. I felt sorry for her many times throughout the book. So she escapes for the summer, leaving her overbearing mother behind, to live with her father, stepmother, and brand new sister. Is she trading one mess for another? It proves to be a summer of change and friendship and love. Auden definitely doesn't have an easy time of it - she has a lot to face, from how the turmoil of her parent's divorce has really affected her to actually having real friendships with girls and a guy who is genuinely interested in her. This bee shows Auden how to love unconditionally and the power of connecting. Eli shows her the magic of first love and where to get a great cup of coffee and a slice of pie in the middle of the night. Finally, Maggie, Leah, and Esther show how great friendships can be. Everyday brings something new and her summer in Colby teaches her to enjoy and appreciate the life she does have. A perfect summer read. Reviewed by: [coollibrarianchick0](#) von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A smooth and fortifying read inviting readers to the beach town of Colby and on a felicitous YA summer vacation! Von Miss Page-Turner Many other YA contemporaries present us with main characters who regret one or another thing from their pasts. Not Auden. She's always been content about her regulated and uneventful childhood. Auden has worked so hard for success and the approval of her parents that she completely missed out on making the memories other teens her age have made. In *ALONG FOR THE RIDE* she starts questioning her choices so far. She doesn't know it yet but her decision to spend the summer with her father, stepmom and baby sister in Colby will be her chance to make good for all that she's missed out on so far. Auden first appeared as a slightly alien main character. Never having partied, enjoyed shopping, meeting friends. She is definitely not your regular teen, but that makes you like her even more. Her days are mostly spent sleeping. It are the nights that count, in which she drinks coffee and wanders around town. They are restless and without any direction. Until Auden meets Eli and they begin spending their nights together on a kind of quest to make new memories. Their outings and adventures seemed so natural and sweet, I wished all the time that they could find a way to make their nights last forever. I'm a night person like Auden which made her even more sympathetic and her nights with Eli a YA highlight. What surprised me was that their love story wasn't as dominant as their friendship (people who actually know each other before they fall in love) and without too many intimate scenes or details (minimal deficit). Besides her nights with Eli, Auden's time in Colby is reserved for her new friends, summer job and her family. Auden's stepmom Heidi and her daughter Isby are two characters you immediately take into your heart, showing so much love and acceptance for Auden. Her unemotional and selfish parents on the other hand are very tough to like as they are anything but exemplary parents. Auden's offer to help out in Heidi's clothes shop is the key to an eventful summer in Colby. It's where she meets the hip girl trio Maggie, Leah and Esther and becomes friends with them. Their cliques' passion for BMX bikes provides *ALONG FOR THE RIDE* with an active hobby, offering to teach Auden and the reader more about a new sport. After two years of putting off reading *ALONG FOR THE RIDE* I finally picked it as a must read this summer. It was my first book by Sarah Dessen and now I know why so many readers name Sarah's books as their favourite YA contemporaries. 4,5/5 \*\*\*\*/\* *ALONG FOR THE RIDE* - A smooth and fortifying read inviting readers to the beach town of Colby and on a felicitous YA summer vacation! *ALONG FOR THE RIDE* reminds you of your favourite childhood memories and encourages you to always go your own way and make as many new memories as you can, for you should know the best of times are always ahead of you. I totally get the appeal Sarah Dessen books have on YA readers, because they are about so many things that are important in your teen years. My next trip to Colby is already booked! 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Back on the bike Von Philia Libri One thing is absolutely obvious to Auden: she has to change something. Some detail of her life to understand who she really is. Because suddenly she is not so sure if she knows herself. A summer spent with her father seems to be the perfect opportunity. Auden changes quicker than thought - for the first time in her life she has friends, is really in love and begins to understand her parents better. Everything seems just perfect until her past repeats itself and Auden's world splits into pieces. But that's just the thing with being on a ride - you can just get back on the bike. So much Auden has already learned... I loved it - like all of Dessen's books this one was just fabulous. Not as good as "Just Listen" but very close.

Kurzbeschreibung Auden has always felt like the odd one out. Since her parents' divorce she's shied away, studying lots and staying out of the party scene. But now Auden's realized there must be something more and, just like that, she changes everything. Moving to her dad's house opens up a whole new world of beach parties, food fights - and simply having fun. As she gets to know herself - and a secretive boy with dark, brooding eyes - can Auden begin to let go and finally feel like she truly belongs? Pressestimmen "Beautifully captures that sense of summer as a golden threshold between past regrets and future unknowns." -The Washington Post Pressestimmen "Beautifully captures that sense of summer as a golden threshold between past regrets and future unknowns." -"The Washington Post"