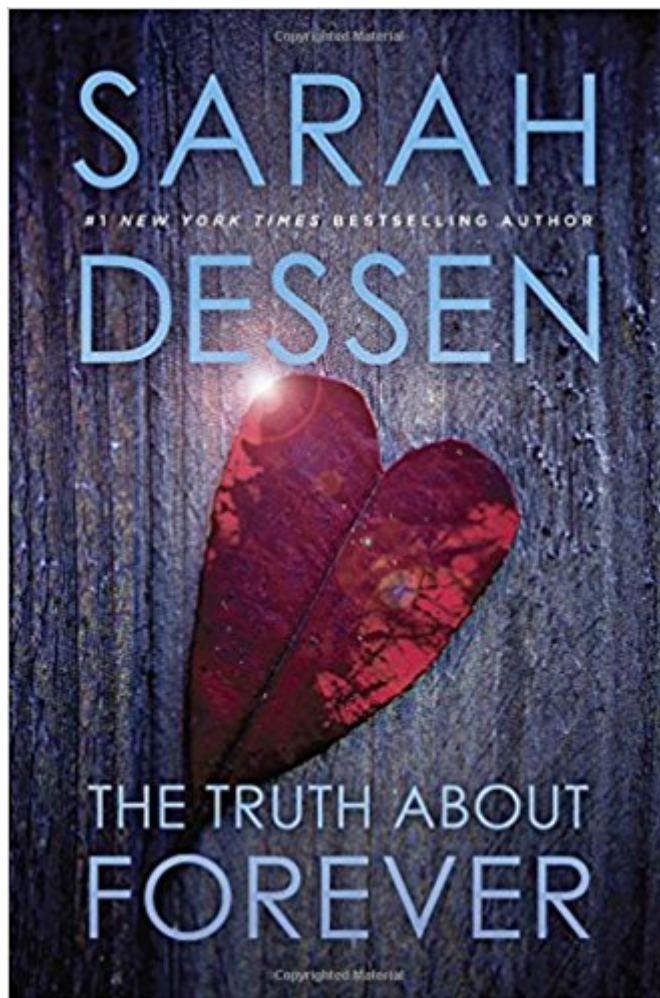


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# The Truth About Forever



## Synopsis

From the award-winning and New York Times bestselling author of *Once and for All* – Expect the unexpected. – Macy’s got her whole summer carefully planned. – But her plans didn’t include a job at Wish Catering. And they certainly didn’t include Wes. – But Macy soon discovers that the things you expect least are sometimes the things you need most. – “Dessen gracefully balances comedy with tragedy and introduces a complex heroine worth getting to know.” – Publishers Weekly – Sarah Dessen is the winner of the Margaret A. Edwards Award for her contributions to YA literature, as well as the Romantic Times Career Achievement Award. – Books by Sarah Dessen: *That Summer* *Someone Like You* *Keeping the Moon* *Dreamland* *This Lullaby* *The Truth About Forever* – Just Listen *Lock and Key* *Along for the Ride* *What Happened to Goodbye* *The Moon and More* *Saint Anything* *Once and for All*

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## Customer Reviews

With her sixth novel, award-winning author Sarah Dessen offers up another generous helping of finely crafted storytelling about real teens dealing with real life. In *The Truth About Forever*, when asked how she is coping with her father’s death, invariably seventeen year old Macy Queen’s answer is “fine,” when nothing could be further from the truth. In actuality, she is drowning in grief while maintaining a flawless façade of good grades and unblemished behavior. Though she feels lost when her boyfriend heads to “Brain Camp” for the summer, she finds herself a job with the quirky Wish Catering crew, and meets “sa-woon”-worthy Wes, whose chaotic lifestyle is in direct

opposition to her own. As the two share their stories over the summer, Macy realizes she can no longer keep her feelings on ice. Though it feels like her future ended with her dad's death, Macy's learns that forever is all about beginnings. Dessen charts Macy's navigation of grief in such an honest way it will touch every reader who meets her. All of the Dessen trademarks are here: a girl in transition, a wonderfully fleshed out cast of secondary characters, and of course, the luminous, powerful writing itself. *The Truth About Forever* will more than satisfy Dessen's legion of fans, and will win her countless more as well. Highly recommended. (Ages 12 and up) --Jennifer Hubert --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Grade 7 Up  
Macy, 16, witnessed her father's death, but has never figured out how to mourn. Instead, she stays in control—good grades, perfect boyfriend, always neat and tidy—and tries to fake her way to normal. Then she gets a job at Wish Catering. It is run by pregnant, forgetful Delia and staffed by her nephews, Bert and Wes, and her neighbors Kristy and Monica. "Wish" was named for Delia's late sister, the boys' mother. Working and eventually hanging out with her new friends, Macy sees what it's like to live an unprescribed lifestyle, from dealing with kitchen fires to sneaking out at night, and slowly realizes it's not so bad to be human. Wes and Macy play an ongoing game of Truth and share everything from gross-outs to what it feels like to watch someone you love die. They fall in love by talking, and the author sculpts them to full dimension this way. All of Dessen's characters, from Macy, who narrates to the bone, to Kristy, whose every word has life and attitude, to Monica, who says almost nothing but oozes nuance, are fully and beautifully drawn. Their dialogue is natural and believable, and their care for one another is palpable. The prose is fueled with humor—the descriptions of Macy's dad's home-shopping addiction are priceless, as is the goofy bedlam of catering gigs gone bad—and as many good comedians do, Dessen uses it to throw light onto darker subjects. Grief, fear, and love set the novel's pace, and Macy's crescendo from time-bomb perfection to fallible, emotional humanity is, for the right readers, as gripping as any action adventure.  
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This book was an absolutely amazing book. I got really into and couldn't put it down. I normally hate reading but there was just something about this book that made me want to keep reading. There are many diverse characters in this book that come together and it all works and flows so well. Macy, Jason, Wes and Delia are the main characters. Pretty much, her father dies so she has to find a

way to cope with that. Her boyfriend is away at Brain Camp and he eventually wants to "take a break" from their relationship. She starts working for a catering company and meet this guy, Wes. They don't hit it off right away but she slowly but surely starts to fall for him. They are two great characters that really work well together in the book. It is a great read and you won't be able to put it down because you'll want to keep finding out what happens next.

I am absolutely in love with reading! Ever since I was a kid I would always have a book by my side no matter where I was. As you can imagine, I was on end for days waiting for my package to come, which this time, consisted of 5 books. One of them, "The Truth About Forever", by Sarah Dessen, is probably one of my favorite books. This past summer my mom would take me to the library and it was there that I fell in love with Mrs. Dessen. There was something about her style that made me anticipate the ending of every book. "The Truth About Forever" is probably my favorite book by her. Macy kind of reminds me of myself. I'm a pre-planner so I always plan ahead. When something doesn't go exactly how I wanted too, I tend to get mad. But I've learned along the way that sometimes it's good to go with the flow. I definitely recommend this book to anyone who is like me and wants to be more like Macy.

After reading many reviews of Sarah Dessen's books, I finally gave it a chance and tried her delicious writing. First of all, notice that the person that are writing here is an assumed nostalgic one, so I ask that you fall under any sentimental exaggeration. The Truth About Forever has the simplest plot you can imagine, full of everyday situations and common dialogs made by truly believable characters. Sarah Dessen tells the story of Macy, a teenager who lost his father just over a year, lives with her mother - who hides her feelings under work - and are dating Jason, a "genius" boy who will spend the summer vacation at Brain Camp. We can easily identify ourselves with Macy and her will - or the others - to be perfect, to have the perfect boyfriend, the perfect job, the perfect life. She thinks this is normal, this is happiness, this is future, until she meets the not perfect at all Wes, Bert, Kristy, Delia and Monica, who are part of Wish Catering. And can I say? I've never liked chaos so much in my life! These characters are fantastic, full of flaws, super funny and will make Macy smile and feel a happiness like she's never imagined possible. And Wes? This artist character will make Macy's little heart beat faster, will make her hands sweat and will take her breath away. Without even notice, he will make Macy understand that nobody and nothing is perfect and they will give joy and happiness a new meaning. The most amazing about this book is that nothing is fanciful, everything is beautifully simple and plausible. The author's ability to talk about teenage feelings and

situations makes everyone drooling and wish getting back adolescence. Yes! I saw me backing to my adolescence at every page, every accelerated heart, every hand that drenched by anxiety, every folly of a friend, every spoken word without thinking, every declared truth. I don't know what is it about YA books that teens don't read as teenagers - I speak for myself, which was a fan of authors such as Agatha Christie and Sidney Sheldon. It seems we care more for the YA when this teenage phase is over, when what is left is just the nostalgia and fond memories of moments that do not come back. Or at least they didn't, until I met Sarah Dessen. Thanks, miss Dessen!\*\*\*(I'm really sorry about any mistakes this review may contain. English is not my first language and I'm just trying to improve it)

A great Sarah Dessen book. Her sixth, I think I may like it better than some that came after. Macy & Wes were very likable. Jason, not so much. I loved when she quit her unsatisfying job. She is so young to be so ballsy, but it worked. Everyone has their breaking point. I loved the sculpture angel too. I learned a lot about catering.

This is the first book I've read by this author. Admittedly, it started a little slow. I didn't realize until after purchasing that it was a YA book, and was concerned it might be too simplistic. I was very wrong. Though the two main characters are teenagers, their dialogue is real and raw. Their friendship is based on truth and trust, and their feelings are human on all levels, regardless of age. The book addresses the true struggle with grief, sadness, insecurity and control.

I re-read this very often. This book makes me laugh and that's pretty much what I look for. It's got the twists and expected things in it. But it's pretty original, I've never read anything like this book. It's one of my favorites for sure. I recommend it to my friends, one didn't like it that much but my other friend did. The one who didn't like it is more into mysteries not really romance, so that's the reason why. My other friends enjoy romances so they enjoyed this book. It all depends on what genre you prefer. Each character has their own story and that makes this book a winner, as they aren't like other books who have a pretty cliché background and story line. Who you predict to be the couple is a given, though, and I'm perfectly okay with that.

I first read this book in High School and loved it!!! I've read it at least 5 more times since then. I just bought this for my best friend for Christmas just because of how much I love it. I love most of Sarah Dessen books, I love how real these dark situations can be for girls of this age group (High School)

as when I read this one I had recently lost my mom so I felt like I connected to this character.

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