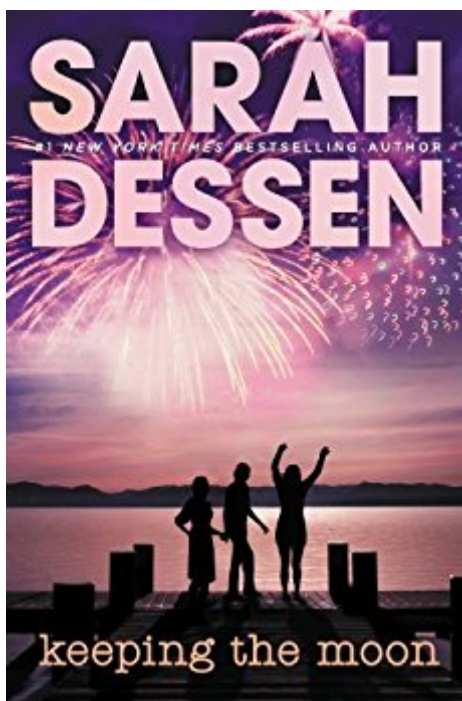


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# Keeping The Moon



## Synopsis

Never underestimate the power of friendship. When Colie goes to spend the summer at the beach, she doesn't expect much. But Colie didn't count on meeting Morgan and Isabel. Through them, she learns what true friendship is all about, and finally starts to realize her potential. And that just might open the door to her first chance at love. . . . A down-to-earth Cinderella story. . . captures that special feeling. • "The New York Post" Also by Sarah Dessen: Along for the Ride Dreamland Just Listen Lock and Key The Moon and More Someone Like You That Summer This Lullaby The Truth About Forever What Happened to Goodbye

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## Customer Reviews

Coli (short for Nicole) has a famous mother, who showed women around the country that they can be determined to get fit. Now Colie has lost weight just like her mother, but she still doesn't seem to fit in with other people. Now her mother is touring in Europe, and Colie has to stay in North Carolina with her Aunt Mira. Then, out of the blue, she ends up with a job at the "Last Chance Bar and Grill". Colie still lacks confidence, especially after running into some classmates who still tease her and

spread hurtful rumors. But with the help of fellow waitresses Isabel and Morgan, she finds a part of her she can really love and appreciate. She has true friends here, not to mention a boy who she never expected to be with.---:) This novel brought me lots of smiles. You know, it really did make me think twice about how well I appreciate myself. Girls today don't always have that great of an outlook on themselves, but this book has opened my eyes. I hope it can do the same for others as well.

I loved this book! I recommend this book to anyone who loves to read. Keeping the Moon really makes you think about life. I enjoyed reading about Colie and her fitness trainer mom, Kiki Sparks. I also like reading about her Aunt Mira and her new friends that she made. They are Isabel, Morgan, and Norman. The characters seem so real. I think that teenagers especially would like it because it has to do with a teenage girl and her life at school, and with other people. This book tells you all the hard times that she went through and how she kept going even though she didn't think she could. I'm sure that most people can relate to this book in a certain way. I really liked this book and I'd definitely read it again!

I am also 15, the same as Colie, and I know this is a book that you could read over and over again and can never seem to put down. I like that it's witty and clever, too. What's funny is that it's called keeping the moon and the book I read right before it, Under the Baseball Moon, is also one of my favorite love stories of all time. I guess now I'm looking for one more "moon" book,, but I definitely recommend this one.

After I finished reading this book, I found I really didn't like it. The narrator is kind of boring and whiney. The secondary characters however, are a lot stronger than the main character. Isabel, the pretty waitress, is one of Sarah Dessen's best characters ever. She has great lines, a great personality, and is really well drawn. You could picture her character as a real person; she isn't cliched. The story, especially for a Sarah Dessen novel, is extremely ordinary and obvious. It's been done ten thousand times over. I like Sarah Dessen's books because most of the time they have unusual storylines. This one is just the typical "former fat girl has low self-esteem but learns that loving who you are is true beauty" plot. It also had the typical "father and son don't get along because the son won't go into the family business" storyline with Norman. This book might still have had a chance to be saved if not for the extremely predictable ending where Colie realizes she's fallen for Norman. The best part of this book is the "Chick Night". It has great descriptions and is really fun and believable (aside from the cheesy part where they dance around singing "I Will

Survive"). Sarah Dessen became my favorite author because she didn't write typical young adult books like this one. She favors an unusual story and memorable characters, and writes great depictions. This book, however, while it has awesome description, is strongly lacking in the other areas.

Although I've read Sarah Dessen books before (That Summer and Someone Like You) I wasn't seeing what everyone loved so much about them. That is, until I read this book. Keeping the Moon begins at the train station, where Nicole Sparks is being shipped off to her eccentric aunt Mira's for the summer while her mom tours Europe, promoting her tips for weight loss. Colie, as she likes to be called, wasn't what you would have expected from the famous Kiki Sparks' daughter. As it turns out, both Colie and Kiki used to be overweight. As soon as she gets to Colby, where her aunt resides, she's picked up by an interesting boy named Norman that listens to hippie music and collects odds and ends to create art in his free time. As they pull up to the house, Colie meets her aunt as she's frantically looking for Cat Norman, her overweight feline companion. Everything in Mira's house is marked with a note, such as "WINDOWS PAINTED SHUT" or "ONE LEG SHORTER THAN THE OTHERS". Just about everything in the house is secondhand and broken. What I loved most about this book was that I see a lot of myself in Colie. She always takes it personally when someone insults her and I'm exactly the same. Aunt Mira, on the other hand, is the complete opposite. She will wear a bright yellow dress with purple high-top Converse and ride her red bike through town, buying old broken toasters and have no care what anyone says although just about everyone snickers as she passes by. Since I've been made fun of my entire life for being fat, I understand why Colie has such low self-esteem. It's hard not to listen to the things that other people say. With the help of some new-found friends and Norman's art, Colie begins to see the person she really is. The ending is beautiful and it just makes you feel like everything is right where it's supposed to be. I couldn't stop smiling after I put the book down. It even made me feel better about myself.

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