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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 5–7—Marigold, Zinnie, and Lily Silver live in Los Angeles with their screenwriter dad and editor mom. When both parents get out-of-town jobs, the girls are unwillingly shipped to the coastal town of Prael, MA, to stay with their Aunt Sunny. Twelve-year-old Marigold is livid. She has just gotten an agent for her budding acting career plus an opportunity to audition for her favorite book-turned-movie, *Nite Sprites*. Spunky Aunt Sunny merrily greets the trio with the distressing news that there is no cell phone reception, no TV, and a slow internet connection. But the house is inviting, Aunt Sunny cooks delicious pancakes, and the girls are allowed to go to the beach by themselves. The sisters excitedly learn that Philip Rathbone, the producer of *Nite Sprites*, has a Prael summer home. A community talent show seems like just the thing to catch his eye, so Zinnie goes about writing an original play that will spotlight Marigold's acting ability. The producer turns up to judge the show, along with catty teenage megastar Amanda Mills, forcing Marigold to make a crucial choice. Should she stay loyal to the family and town she has learned to love or turn her back in order to impress the Hollywood glitterati? The cozy, connected characters and activities of Prael, complete with clambakes, amateur talent shows, and first kisses, are the perfect antidote for a girl caught up in the empty allures of technology and stardom. Zinnie also makes self-discoveries—she may not have the traditional beauty and acting talent of Marigold, but she is creative and resilient. The real-life dynamics between the sisters is humorous and touching. **VERDICT** This heartwarming story is hard to put down.—Diane McCabe, John Muir Elementary, Santa Monica, CA

Review

“THE FORGET-ME-NOT SUMMER brims with hilarity and sisterly hijinks.” (Rita Williams-Garcia, Newbery Honor and Coretta Scott King Award-winning author)

“Howland gives more nuance than is often seen in middle-grade fiction. Reminiscent of the *Penderwicks* series. Readers will be drawn in, and once inside, they will find a book that might well become a favorite.” (Booklist (starred review))

“Perfect for middle grades and a clean read for all ages, this summer-vacation novel is a breath of realistic fresh air and a welcome addition to any school or public library.” (5Q, 4P review, Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA))

“The real-life dynamics between the sisters [are] humorous and touching. This heartwarming story is hard to put down. (School Library Journal)

“Well-told with engaging characters.” (Kirkus Reviews)

From the Back Cover

Sisters Marigold, Zinnia, and Lily Silver can't wait for summer even though it's warm all year in L.A. Twelve-year-old Marigold, an aspiring actress, has boys on the brain and is hoping to become more than friends with her crush. Zinnia, eleven, having failed at trying to tame her unruly curls, has plenty of time on her hands during summer vacation and will most likely spend it in Marigold's shadow. Five-year-old Lily, whom everyone adores, is content to play with her beloved nanny all day.

But when their parents announce they're sending these California girls to their aunt Sunny's house on Cape

Cod for several weeks, it's a complete disaster. They're forced to adjust to a much simpler way of life—no TV, no Wi-Fi, and, worst of all, sharing a room. Could their summer get any more awful?

While at first reluctant, Marigold, Zinnia, and Lily are charmed by their warmhearted and quirky aunt Sunny, whose cheery attitude is contagious. Resolving to make the most of their situation, the sisters decide to spice up this quiet town by organizing a local talent show. As they start to make friends—like Peter, the Red Sox-loving sailor boy with an eye for Marigold—and see the magic of the Cape, the summer becomes one of firsts, fun, and plenty of sun . . . all while they learn how to band together as the strongest version of themselves they can be: sisters.

Users Review

From reader reviews:

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