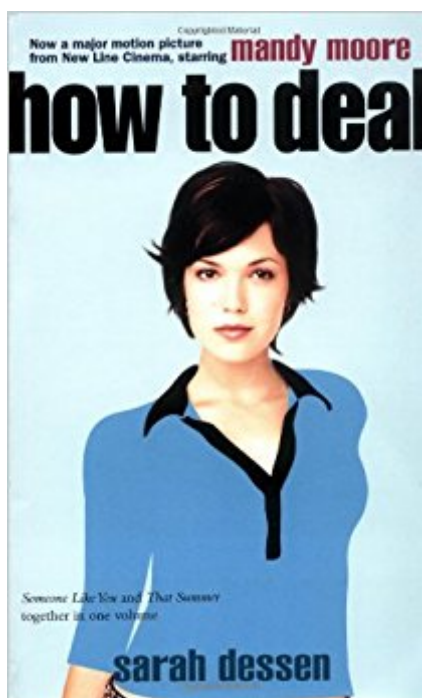


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# How To Deal: Someone Like You/That Summer (Movie Tie-in)



## Synopsis

The novels that inspired the major motion picture featuring Mandy Moore--Golden Globe nominated star of THIS IS US.Â Just when you think you've got everything figured out for yourself, things get turned upside down. Families change. Lives end. New lives begin. And love sneaks up on you when you least expect it. The trick is finding that one person you can always count on, that one person who will throw out the rules and help you figure out how to deal with it all. Here, from acclaimed author Sarah Dessen, are two books about girls who stick together and manage to get it right -- the two books that served as inspiration for the film How to Deal, starring Mandy Moore. Read them, and you'll see where Halley and Scarlett's story began.

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## Customer Reviews

Sarah DessenÂ is the author of thirteen novels, which include theÂ New York

TimesÂ bestsellersÂ The Moon and More,Â What Happened to Goodbye,Â Along for the

Ride,Â Lock and Key,Â Just Listen,Â The Truth About Forever, andÂ This Lullaby. Her first two

books,Â That SummerÂ andÂ Someone Like You, were made into the movieÂ How to

Deal.Â Â DessenÂ ™s books are frequently chosen for the TeensÂ ™ Top Ten list and the list of

Best Fiction for Young Adults. They have been translated into twenty-five languages. Sarah Dessen

is the recipient of the 2017 Margaret A. Edwards Award from the Young Adult division of the

American Library Association.Â Sarah Dessen graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with highest honors in creative writing. She lives in Chapel Hill with her husband, Jay, and their daughter, Sasha Clementine.Â Visit Sarah at [sarahdessen.com](http://sarahdessen.com).

I HAVE 3 DAUGHTERS IN COLLEGE WHO LOVE LOVE LOVE TO READ THEY HAVE VARIED INTERESTS AND THEY ALL LOVED THIS BOOK

These books make you dream. Maybe because I fall in love with the movie many years ago. !! I heartily recommend it .

It's 2 books in 1...it's amazing. I love Sarah Dessen's novels and I'm glad to add this to my collection.

How to Deal is a book with two novels by Sarah Dessen in them which were put together to make a movie. The stories are divided in this book instead of together like the movie. I'll review each story seperatlySomeone Like You was my favorite of the two novels, it talks about Halley and her crazy life. She used to be quiet and well behaved, but then her best friend Scarlett became pregnant and the father of the baby is killed. Halley helps Scarlett through her pregnancy while dating Macon, the mysterious and wild boy who was Michael(the baby's father)'s best friend. Soon Halley's world turns upside down with Macon's reckless actions, Scarlett's pregnancy and her problems with her mother This story is about true life and love, and how Halley deals with it. I found myself smiling through my tears in the end, and every time I re-read it, the book gets more and more compelling.That Summer: Haven is an awkward fifteen year old, who finds her world turned upside-down this summer. What with her father having an affair, her moody sister getting married to a man like a saltine cracker and her mother's saddness and obsessive gardening, Haven feels lost in the shuffle. She is angry with her crazy family, her new "Bad Girl" best friend and her life in general. She keeps remembering how wonderful that summer was when her sister was dating Sumner Lee, the happy and perfect boy who seemed to pull her family together. But after they broke-up, it was then that Haven's world unraveled. It sound like it would be an awesome book, but the characters were not developed well and the ending seemed unfinished. The message in the story was a good one though, about how the first boy always hurts the most.I had to give this book four stars because of the story That Summer, but this is worth owning. The books were way better then the movie, Haven and Halley and their crazy lives cannot fit within one film. I found that in "That Summer" Macon was a very

strong character like Halley, and the film did not portray either of the stories like Sarah Dessen did. Both are books worth owning, and should be read over and over, because they do get better every time.

Although *How to Deal* contains two novels about two different characters, both stories share the same themes such as family, friends, and trying to find oneself during a time of uncertainty. The first story follows Halley as she tries to support her best friend during a time of need, and deal with the new excitement (and confusion) of a first love. Most teens can relate to Halley's struggle as she feels more and more distant from her family and her constant anxiety over friends and her boyfriend, Macon. The first story is fast paced and touching, a story of about strength and the unity of friendship. The next story follows Haven, as her father (divorced from her mother) marries the weathergirl, Lorna Queen who he works with and the planning of her sister, Ashley's wedding. Haven's mind drifts to a time of a better summer, when she was closer to her sister, when her parents were together, when one of Ashley's boyfriends, Sumner, had brought the best out of all of them and made them a family. Haven is torn between all the changes taking place in her family as she tries to find where she belongs. This story moves slower than the first with more emphasis on character development instead of action or suspense as found in the first.

For those of you looking for a great read, *How To Deal* is the perfect book. You will be getting two of Sarah Dessen's novels in one: *Someone Like You* and *That Summer*. The Movie *How To Deal* was made based on these two books. Both are wonderful reads for adolescent girls going through the pains and joys of growing up. In *Someone Like You*, best friends Halley and Scarlette struggle through Scarlette's pregnancy and together strive through the loss of a close friend. This book shows the blessings of a best friend, and how important it is to have someone to care about. In *That Summer*, Haven struggles through the pains of family life and first loves. It teaches the importance of family sticking together, and how wonderful and painful first loves can be. Both books are excellent novels and guides that every teenage girl will be able to relate to.

*How to Deal* realistic fiction book it. It tells the story of a modern fifteen year old girl who is struggling with family issues and social problems as well. She is barely able to even keep up with her "boyfriend". As if that wasn't enough, her best friend, who is fifteen also, is going to have a baby. The baby's father is dead now; he got in a horrible motorcycle accident. It seems like nothing is going right for this mellow girl. Sarah Dessen graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel

Hill with Highest Honors in Creative Writing. She is also the author of Keeping the Moon, Dreamland, and This Lullaby, a Publishers Weekly Best Book of the Year. She now lives in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. I would recommend this book to anyone who is down and needs to see how good their life is. This girl's life sucks a lot. The overall book was a fun read and a good reading experience, so pick up this book and see where it takes you.- Avery Askew

I was shopping with my Uncle because he was purchasing me a birthday present. My friends told me Sarah Dessen was a great author so when I found her books at the store, I was really happy. Most of my friends recommended Someone Like You and That Summer so when I found a book that had both of them in it and was cheaper than the single books, I snatched it up. The books were fun to read and I'm looking forward to read more from Sarah Dessen.

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