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Darcy Wills is at the center of this tale, a sequel to *Until We Meet Again*. Darcy hides a painful secret from her friends and family. Yet others, including her parents and her childhood friend, are keeping secrets of their own. When the truth finally surfaces, Darcy's entire world is turned upside down forever.

## Summer of Secrets Details

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### **Ashlie says**

This story is about a girl named Darcy Wills. She has a few family problems. Three weeks ago, Darcy's grandma died in her sleep. The whole family misses grandma. Darcy also has a secret. During the summer, Darcy was attracted to a guy named Brian. They were kissing one day they were alone. Brian was touching her and he took it too far. Darcy doesn't know if she should tell anyone or not about the attack. At the end, Darcy's Mom is pregnant and the family is happy. Darcy tells her friends about the baby that is on the way. Then she doesn't feel bad about the secret anymore because she talked about it with her friends.

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### **Darnaysha says**

This book was almost like a mystery because when you thought something was happening it really wasn't happening to that person it happened to a different person. What I am trying to say is Darcy is 16 in high school and she has a problem she doesn't tell anyone about except for her family. Her secret is that she almost got raped by a boy named Brian when her boyfriend Hakeem left for Detroit. Darcy's old friend Brisana is acting different and has changed her appearance. When Darcy sees that Brisana's boyfriend Duane is no good she tries to tell her but won't believe her. Now Brisana thinks she is pregnant. So Darcy arranges an appointment with a doctor and it turns out Brisana isn't pregnant. Darcy's parents have been arguing and keeping secrets from her and her little sister Jamee. The secret was that their mom was pregnant and she didn't want to tell them because she thought she couldn't handle more children...But she will keep the baby.

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### **Tyree says**

This book is about a girl whose parents are separated. The girl is living a tough life because her mother's boyfriend is an abuser. He hits on the girl and her mom whenever he is upset. Most of the times he's upset because of a rough day at work. The girl has an internal conflict. Which is, should she run away because her mom is too scared to leave her boyfriend, or fight back and stay living with her mommy.

I can connect to this book sort of because my parents are separated. But my mother's boyfriend she just met is not abusive like the main character's mother's boyfriend is.

I would give this book a 4 because, in a way that it is scary and sad at the same time. I recommended this book to kids who love to listen to people getting beat. Harsh people like that is perfect for this book.

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### **Shawtylowelch says**

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## Paula says

In "Summer of Secrets" by Paul Langan, its about a teenager named Darcy who's grandma dies and has to deal with her parents fighting. Since its summer vacation, Darcy gets a job in an ice-cream shop so that she can earn money for her self. Darcy is worried because of different things that are going on in her life. Her younger sister, Jaimee, is going out with her friend, Cooper, her parents are fighting, and her grandma has just died. But most of all, she is afraid and has nightmares because of a guy named ,Brain, who tried to rape her before summer vacation, but her dad came in before Brian did anything. Since her parents are fighting, they don't notice how she feels, and Darcy hasn't told anyone about what had happened, except for her parents.

Then she sees her old friend, Brisana, and she tries telling her that she shouldn't be going out with Duane, since Brisana tried warning her about Brian. But then later on Brisana comes to Darcy and tells her that she might be pregnant, and that Duane doesn't want anything to do with the baby. Brisana is worried and Darcy tells her that she will ask her friend, Tarah, for help. At first Brisana doesn't want her help but then she says that its okay. Then one night her parents tell both Darcy and Jaimee that they will have a new baby in the house and everyone is happy. The next day she and Brisana go to the clinc, where Tarah told them, and they found out that Brisana wasn't pregnant, but that she should protect herself. Then she knows that over time, she will get better, and that she will not be scared of Brian, not that much.

My critique of this book is that I realy enjoyed reading this book because it was an interesting book on a teenager. I would give this book 5 stars out of 5 because it was on a teenager who was facing a challenge and it showed how she dealt with it. I enjoyed this book because the main character, Darcy, faces many problems, and has trouble facing them, and she also helps her friend out when she is in trouble.

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## 83petersimpson says

Its about the struggle Darcy had to go through after Hakeem has left. After her grandmoher has died its summer again and all the secrets start buliding up. Darcy had almost been raped by Brian and now is trying to put in her past she gets a job working in an ice cream resturant to have something to do to pass the slow summer.Jamee began going out with Cooper's brother and Darcy did not like that because for one her boyfriend moved away after his father was diagonised and Darcy was left lonely during the summer. Jamee was confused because she did not know why Darcy was acting like that because for one Cooper was one of Darcy's bestfriends because of this conflict it added to more tension in the house. Then there was also trouble in the house because of secrets between Darcy's mother and father.After the summer is about to come to a close Darcy's ex friend shows up bringing more secrets for Darcy to endure during the summer. At the end things have a way of working out but you need to read the book in order to fint that out

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## 82hot\_sauce..hehe? says

*Summer of Secrets is the book I read written by Paul Langan. Highschool. The characters in this book are Darcy Wills, Brisana, Duane Nye, Cooper, Tarah, Jamee Wills, Carl Wills, Darcy's mom, and Jamee's boyfriend. This book is about all of these teenagers that go to Bluford Highschool. In this book, all of them were in thier summer break. Darcy had just said good bye to Hakeem her boyfriend that moved to Detroit. That summer Darcy had started to work at Scoop an ice cream shop. Brisana was Draacy's friend for a long*

*time except that summer Darcy had noticed that Brisana had changed a lot. One day, when Darcy was workin her daily shift a girl came in to the shop with this very flashy dude his name was Duane Nye. Darcy had noticed Brisana had changed because of what she was wearing. Brisana would have never worn the clothes that Darcy was seeing her in. Anyway, all throughout that summer Darcy saw Brisana with that boy. Brisana started wearing very provocative clothes and also very uncovered clothes. One day, Tarah, Darcy, Cooper, and Tarah's cousin Troy were going to meet up at the park for The Fourth of July. When they met up, it was only Troy, Tarah, and Darcy. Then Cooper came late because he had problems with his bosses boy. Then Cooper got in a fight with Duane because that was his bosses boy. After that day, Brisana told Darcy that she thought she was pregnant. When Darcy found out, she took her to the medical center and at the end they found out that she wasn't pregnant. There summer was full of surprises!*

*What made this book unique, was that it can relate to alot of teenage girls and to alot of teenage boys. I can connect to this book because, a lot of girls go through what Brisana went through and a lot of the problems are similar to the problems we have in real life. What i thought the purpose of this book was, was to connect with us and sort of teach us what can happen if your not smart enough and say no to something that you know is wrong. The other purpose i think this book was written is so this book can warn us and helps us understand those problems.*

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### **Babybop says**

A girl named Darcy that was having promblem with her self and family.She had got attaked by a boy named brain and she had been scared ever secne.Her mom and dad are fusing alot.She found out that her mom was pregnet and she told her mom what brain did to her.her life got better.The protagonist is

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### **~KA'DEJA~ BARACK OBAMA `08 says**

I loved this book.I highly recommand that everyone read this wonderful book.

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### **Adilene Macedo says**

#### **Summary**

Darcy is a teenage girl, who finds herself in a hard situation coming out of a trauma realtionship.On the other side Darcy is dealing with her sister Jamee,the death of her grandma and her parents conflicts don't notice Darcy's troubles. With all her troubles Darcy decides to turn for help to her friends Tarah and Cooper, but she will end up finding out a bigger secret and take a stand for her friends and herself.

#### **Theme**

The theme in the book plays out a life of a teenage girl in which a series of problems present in her life and in order to solve them she needs to take a stand for herself.

## Comparison

The theme of the book as a similar connection to society because there are teenage girls that have gone through a hard, complicated relationship that later on it ends up affecting them in a harmful way making them feel insecure, uncomfortable and afraid to begin or be in a relationship.

Did I liked it or not?

I liked the book because it gives out and it demonstrates how teenage life can be so complicated.

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## Jasmine says

This book was wonderful. Its about the struggle Darcy had to go through after Hakeem has left. After her grandmother has died its summer again and all the secrets start building up. Darcy had almost been raped by Brian and now is trying to put in her past she gets a job working in an ice cream restaurant to have something to do to pass the slow summer. Jamee began going out with Cooper's brother and Darcy did not like that because for one her boyfriend moved away after his father was diagnosis and Darcy was left lonely during the summer. Jamee was confused because she did not know why Darcy was acting like that because for one Cooper was one of Darcy's best friends due to this conflict it added to more tension in the house. Then there was also trouble in the house because of secrets between Darcy's mother and father. After the summer is about to come to a close Darcy's ex friend shows up bringing more secrets for Darcy to endure. At the end things have a way of working out but you need to read the book in order to find that out .

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## Care Baers says

darcy has bad drama with her school year and with her parents. darcy is more alone than ever. her beloved greatmother gone. darcy turns to her remaining friends only to discover one of them has an bigger secret.

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## Yo-Yo says

her is a girl . and she has a secrets about that that is a boy and she lets him stay with thim cause his dad is in the hospital, and one day her parents was not there and she was on the chouch and he can on her and raped here and here dad just got home andhe saw hime on top on her . so he kik him out pf his house .

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## 82banana95 says

In Summer of secrets by Paul Langan, there is a lot of exciting points where it may seem like foreshadowing. Darcy is a young girl around 16 or so, who is dealing with a secret that could change the way she will be for the rest of her life. Jamee is Darcy's young sister who tries to figure out what's going on .Tarah, is Darcy's best friend who talks to Darcy and tried to help when she can. Brisana, is Darcy's old friend who has a secret

of her own and comes to Darcy for help. Like when one of the secrets are about to be revealed, but something happens all of a sudden and things go to a totally different topic. This book goes on a rampage of the many different scenes going on with Darcy and her friends and also family, over a summer break. Darcy's friends become closer after her grandmothers resent death.

If I could rate this book on a scale of 1-10 I would rate it as 5.5-6 .I say this because in points the story would be going on and on about something that's not even appealing anymore. This book is a great book to read if you enjoy something intriguing and that maybe some teens around that age can compare to. Over this entire book has a good ending, not quite what I expected but a good ending. It ended as if there were more to it, they meet Tarah after she helped Brisana out with her little secret and they ended up letting all the secrets out and got along without being enemies. If there would be one thing I would change it would be the foreshadowing I would make it more suspenseful so it doesn't loose the reader attention as much as it did mine.

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### **Leslie Baker says**

This book is about a girl named Darcy who is looking for refuge. She is trying to cope with the loss of her grandmother and the effect of almost being raped by a guy she thought she knew. She bottled everything inside and told her her friends and family secrets until she finally had enough of hiding her feelings and told them. She let them know why she has become this different person and why she's always on the edge. I loved how this had tons of suspenseful moments tha kept me wanting to read more. This is a book that teenage girls can relate to because of the situations that not only Darcy put herself in, but all the other characters put themselves in as well. If you like or even love books with drama and suspense I recommend you read this book!

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