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Dawn Rochelle is fifteen, and the leukemia she's been fighting for the past two years is in remission again, after a successful bone marrow transplant from her brother. This summer Dawn has agreed to work as a camp counselor for younger kids with cancer. It's the same camp that she attended with her best friend, Sandy, just before Sandy died. Dawn knows that the kids need her, but being at the camp brings back painful memories. Since Dawn has so much to live for now, wouldn't it be better to just forget about everything connected with cancer?

## So Much to Live For Details

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### **Kimberlyn Schilke says**

I learned from this book is to be nice to everyone no matter how mean they are to you because they may have something wrong with them and you could give them hope.

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### **Author says**

Another good addition to Dawn's story. I really enjoyed this book, though again, it was heartbreaking. I think I liked the second one better than this one, just because it focused more on Dawn and the ending was so well written. This book was good as well, but I think it didn't keep my attention as much as the last book did. One thing I enjoy about Lurlene McDaniel's books is the fact that she doesn't just focus on the main person, Dawn, she spends some time telling the story of those around her, who also are affected by cancer, and how their lives and Dawn's affect each other.

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### **Molly says**

Dawn Rochelle is ready to put Leukemia behind her and spend the summer working in an ice cream parlor and hanging out with friends, but she is convinced to become a counselor-in-training at the camp for kids with cancer she has gone to in the past. While there, she makes new friends that will change her life.

I don't really have anything different to say about this one from the other books in the series, but readers will be satisfied.

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### **Morgan Lemke says**

this is the best book i have read by lurlen! this book is about a 15 year old girl who had cancer... her best friend died of cancer 2 years ago abd she cries everytime she even hears her name... she decides to be a counceler at a cancer camp for children... there she meets a brat named merlylee...merlylee has gone through a lot in her life including both of her parents dying, cancer, and a fake eye... merlylee gets cancer again and dawn (main character) is the only one there for her... merlylee ends up dying from cancer and dawn is upset because that is another one of her friends that has died from cancer...

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### **Rebecca says**

Dawn always had some drama going on in her life.

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### **Delaney McIntyre says**

This book is definitely one of the best in the Dawn Rochelle series. It is full of emotion. I couldn't put the book down. I would definitely recommend and I believe that there should be more books in this series.

Book three of the Dawn Rochelle series is as powerful and exciting as all of the previous books. It adds a little twist by introducing a new friend into Dawn's life, Marlee. It all starts as Dawn becomes a CIT at the same cancer camp she had attended the previous summer. Dawn's campers were all so polite and friendly. But this new girl was mean and spiteful. She was angry with the world for the cancer it has given her and took it out on everyone around her. At first I thought this was out of place but as the story unfolded I could see how this was all part of the cancer story, or rather the life of those who had cancer. Of course Dawn and Marlee bumped heads in the beginning but all Marlee wanted was a friend. Maybe this sour child wasn't so sour after all.... (view spoiler) This is truly a wonderful book and should be required for all of us to read. This is really a very talented author.

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### **Ms. Mielke's Class Make sure you post how your sheets tell you to!!!! says**

It was a sad and caring book about a girl who had cancer and is now in remission and goes to a camp for cancer kids and is a cit and helps the cancer kids. She is a girls councelor and she keeps remembering when her and her friend were at that camp together. Something happens after camp that she will never forget.... LJ

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### **Lily Schirado says**

I thought the book was very good it had good characters and a good setting. I liked it because it was not your regular book it had twists and turns and even some sad parts.

In this book, Dawn is in remission so on her way to be free of cancer. Dawn was a camp counselor for the cancer camp, she met someone there she thought she would never see. The person she met was Brent, Sandy's brother. She liked him because she felt like she had a piece of Sandy with her. Also at cancer camp, she met a girl named Marly. At first Marly was just mean and disrespectful to Dawn, but by the end, Dawn was Marly's friend she even called Dawn after camp. Shortly after camp, Marly called Dawn and she said that she was in the hospital again. Dawn went to the oncology floor of the hospital for the first time in a long time. It brought back many memories of when she was with Sandy. Dawn visited Marly every day but one day Marly passes away. Dawn thought to herself that she had now lost 2 of her friends that went through the same thing as her. Dawn was very sad that she had lost such a good friend.

I think this book was good the way the author explained how Dawn felt when she went back to the hospital was so good you could feel how she was feeling, The author did this in most of the book. I would highly recommend this book who like a twist on a story about a serious subject.

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### **Frank says**

Book three of the Six Months to Live series is as powerful and exciting as "Six Months" to live. It takes a

little different twist by introducing a new friend into Dawn's life but this new girl was mean and spiteful. She was angry with the world for the cancer it had given her and took it out on everyone around her. At first I thought this out of place but as the story unfolds I could see how this was all part of the cancer story, or rather the living life of those who had cancer. Her big wish was to be kissed before she died. So when you read it be sure you have a lot of Kleenex on hand. The author Lurlene McDaniel works her literary magic in helping us all to understand this strange world of young cancer patients; those who are survivors and those who succumb to the disease. She not only paves the way for those with debilitation diseases to live life to the full even beyond their limiting diseases; she shows healthy people how do deal with life too. This is truly a wonderful read and should be required reading for all of us. This is really a very talented author.

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### **Megan S says**

I gave it five stars because I thought I could relate to what Dawn is thinking. She is fifteen years old Dawn has survived cancer not once, but twice. No one knows the battle better then she does. That's why Dawn agrees to be a camp counselor for young kids with cancer the same thing that Dawn and her friend Sandy had attended when they were little. But now that Sandy is dead she can not live without her. What I didn't like about it was it kept on dragging on so I just wanted to know what will happen next.

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### **Lisa Buccieri says**

Out of all the Dawn Rochelle books this one was defenitly the best..at least for me anyway. The ending was so sweet and sad and the whole story just made me want to cry, even though it was short it had so much dept and meaning and i lovvvvveddd it, go out and read this right now!!! You wont regret it (=

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### **Amanda says**

This was a really sad book but it was also really good. I like this series so far and am hoping that it has a good ending. I think these books bother me because it's hard to think how come it wasn't me? Even though these books are fiction this accually happens to kids thats why it's so heartbreakng.

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### **Books Kids Like says**

Since her bone marrow transplant, Dawn Rochelle has been free of leukemia symptoms. It is summer, and she is off to cancer camp. Dawn had planned on working the whole summer with Rhonda in her uncle's ice cream parlor. She really wanted to put the whole idea of leukemia behind her, but Joan Clark talks her into becoming a counselor-in-training. Soon after she arrives she meets a vaguely familiar boy who is also a CIT. Dawn is not surprised when she finds out that he is Brent Chandler, Sandy's brother. Many of Dawn's carefully thought-out plans to make her girls welcome are destroyed by an angry young girl named Marlee. Dawn soon realizes that Marlee's anger hides fright and a lack of self-confidence. She and her cabin mates strive to make Marlee fit in; sometimes against great odds. They know they've accomplished something when Marlee decides to play this year's practical joke on Dr. Ben. After camp, Marlee goes back to the hospital. Dawn begins visiting her every day. She loans Marlee Mr. Ruggers to keep her company. By

helping Marlee, Dawn can is a small way repay the help that Sandy gave her.

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### **Teaha says**

this book was really sad, well dawn rochelle had cancer 2 times and both times survived it. when she goes to this camp where kids who has cancer or who are in remission can go and have fun, well when dawn goes there this year she has to deal with meeting her friend brother brent and deal with the lost of his sister and her best friend (sandy) from cancer. dawn meets this girl marlee and at first she is a spolt brat but then she softens up a little when her and dawn starts a friendship, marlee hasto go back to the hospital for tests and ends up she might not make it, can dawn deal with lossing marlee like she did with her best friend sandy who died, and feel like everyone is leaving her alone and somehow wish it was her instead of them or is she going to live with the thought that life is a gift and that she should be glad that she is still living. you need to read this book to find out.

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### **Brandy says**

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