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From the author of *Butterfly Summer* comes the unforgettable story of a new friendship, a terrible tragedy and long-buried lie.

When Lizzie and Bee meet on holiday, it feels as if they were always meant to be friends. Escaping their parents and exploring, everything seems perfect in the hot summer sun. As the two girls grow closer however, strange questions rise to the surface... Is Lizzie an only child? Why has Bee's dad disappeared? And why, as the holiday comes to an end, are the two girls forbidden from seeing each other again? Could one dark secret from the past hold the answer? Could one fateful night keep Lizzie and Bee apart...for ever?

Forbidden Friends Details

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Paige Bookdragon says

It's so cheesy it beats the Cheerios.

Ellie says

Was so good!!!! Always full of surprises and was written in a beautiful way!!! I recommend this book to children the ages of 9-12. After reading this book I went to my friends and said "you have to read this book, it's SO good"

Any ways I definitely recommend this!!!!!!

Grace says

Interesting book, LOVED the way it balanced out the two families in the eyes of the two daughters! Good read,would definitely recommend :)

T says

My mother in law got this book out of our local library for my 13yr old daughter who detests reading. She was set the task of reading this book across the week she was away on holidays with her grandparents. Surprised to say... she LOVED it, couldn't put it down and when finished she started to do an immediate re-read! She phoned me from her holiday destination and told me it was truly the BEST BOOK she has ever read!!!!

So I decided whilst she was busy this weekend with swimming competitions, I would give the book a go (as I like to keep up to date with books that are out there for her age bracket - always looking for books that will engage her) and I have arrived at the same rating as she gave it. It is a wonderful read, very well written, interesting, emotional and at times funny.

I hope that Ms Conway continues to write more stories as she has a natural writers hand and if this book is anything to go by, she certainly knows how to include a "strong message" in her story line. I have been back to our library today and got out another of her books - Tangled Secrets. We are both really looking forward to starting it.

Any suggestions from any of you "young" readers out there for a girl who now quite enjoys this type of genre, would be most welcome.

Ametistia says

Wowowowowow this book was AMAZING!!! The writing was very easy to read, the characters were well-

developed, and the concept was just amazing! Now I'm sad that it's over lol. Yes, i definetely recommend this to everyone!

Keira says

Great read! Gripping and mysterious!

Dom?o says

Taak do?ítané :)

Príbeh zaujímavý, koniec tiež a navyše som sa nau?il množstvo nových slov, takže šupa :)

Katherine says

I was lucky enough to meet the author of the book and get it signed at my local book awards. I'd read her first book, Butterfly Summer and loved it. So, I bought this one. I can think of three words to describe this book: Amazing, Dramatic and Mysterious... The first sentence slightly drew me in and the storyline was intriguing and imaginative. I felt that it dragged on a bit though. Overall though, a good book, 4/5 stars...

Jess says

This was really really susprising! The covers really bright and bold, but it also covers a dark topic. I loved the main characters it this book, and the duel POV. Sometimes I did get confused between both of the characters, but other than that I liked it. Highly recommend to people who enjoy mystery and contemporary.

Jenny says

Probably would have enjoyed this more when I was younger.

Rachel Huskisson says

A solid book for young teens, great story with a few twists and turns.

Serendipity Reviews says

Review originally posted on www.serendipityreviews.co.uk

This is the first book I've read by Anne-Marie Conway and it most definitely won't be last. It's one of those

stories that plays on your senses allowing you to transport to another time. I was instantly taken back to recent holidays abroad, slathered in sun cream with a book in one hand and an ice cream in another.

Told from alternate viewpoints, the book introduces us to lovely girls Bee and Lizzie, each quite lonely in their own way, quite opposite in their characteristics, yet they still embark on a new friendship while holidaying with their families. Bee, the reader, was my favourite, especially when she packed her suitcase with reading material for the holiday. As the holiday nears an end, they realise their lives are more entwined than originally thought, each struggling to understand why they are forbidden to ever see each other.

As the story progresses the mystery of the past slowly unfolds and the truth finally comes out. I was completely absorbed in the story as I waited rather impatiently to find out what happened all those years ago.

This book has some strong themes in it. It looks very closely at bullying and both girls experience it in varying degrees. They both support each other as they try to confront the people who bully them. The book also examines family relationships and how easily they can unravel. Each family was suffering due to the events that were clearly an accident.

I was surprised how much I enjoyed this book and it will definitely be one I will be recommending. Ideal for the 9 to 12 age bracket, especially children dealing with friendship issues. Honestly a good summer holiday read.

Sarah says

Teenage mystery but good x

Sonja says

In the begging Forbidden Friends was a little hard to read and... yeah... a little bit boring and annoying. But from that first plot twist on it was interesting and I really wanted to know what was going on.

The main characters of Forbidden Friends are Bee and Lizzie who meet on vacation in Spain and find out that they actually don't live that far apart from each other in London.

Lizzie comes to Spain every year for the same two weeks and they always stay in the same hotel. She and her parents travel there every year because her big brother Luke died on their first family vacation in Spain 10 years ago. Lizzie is homeschooled by her dad who is a total douchebag. He bullies his wife and daughter and is so overprotective that Lizzie can't even leave her house.

Lizzie's mother says he became so angry and overprotective because Luke died because "he had the wrong friends" and "sending him to school was a big mistake".

Anyway, so they travel to Spain for the 10th anniversary of Luke's death. At first only Lizzie and her mom, her dad followed one week later. So in that one week Lizzie could be on her own a little bit and that's when she met Bee.

Bee's story starts with her having to talk to the police because her dad disappeared. That's literally the only thing we know that was happening. Then her mom and grandma say "okay let's go to Spain for two weeks". Why exactly they travel to Spain and why her dad disappeared and why her mom and grandma act so weird all the time and tell her nothing that's going on is not explained even a little bit. That's the thing that was so annoying. Bee asks her mom a lot of times what's going on, her mom always responds with either "I don't

want to talk about it" or "I can't tell you" and after the third time she says that it gets slightly ridiculous. Then the first plot twist comes around, the vacation ends and it all turns a little bit into a detective story. Bee and Lizzie are forbidden to see each other again. They find out ways to talk to each other anyway and find out what's going on together.

I actually want to stop typing now because I don't want to spoil anything and most of the plot actually happens after the first big plot twist (there are a few of them)...

So yeah... Forbidden Friends is a story about a big big big secret and a really strong friendship. I still only can rate it 3 of 5 because of the first chapters...

Najlaa AlHajri says

The book is half set in London and half set in Spain. I enjoy books that take place in England. Two girls Lizzie and Bee meet in Spain when their families travel for the break. The two families are going through difficult time and hiding secrets from the girls.

The book is written from the two girls point of view. It was meant for teens and maybe that's why I did not enjoy it, but it wasn't bad. I wished when the secrets were revealed that they'd been something that the reader wouldn't be expecting but yes it was quite predictable.

[Beware this the below contains a spoiler]

And maybe since it was meant for teens, it was quite light and they made it seem like people can change and heal quickly. I was disappointed that they made the father change so quickly for the better. People with anger issues do not change in a day and a night especially when they carried that anger for 10 years.
