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For Emily, going to camp, the summer before college starts, means leaving her feuding parents alone for the next eight weeks, and coming back to divorce papers is a risk she can't take.

But no matter how many meddling phone calls, questionable hair decisions, and possibly illegal hookups she plans, her parents still march her off to Camp Champ totally against her will.

No matter. A few broken rules, and Em will be home free. That is, until she learns Tyler Ford, her baseball coach father's star player and her drunken party hookup, is at camp, too.

For Tyler, summer is the onramp to the biggest decision of his life: med school or major leagues. Mega hot, possibly underage Emily? A complication he does not need.

But as the summer heats up with strikeouts and stolen bases will Tyler and Emily hit a home run and get what they're after? Or will they both be thrown a curveball...in the game of love?

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From Reader Review Stealing Third for online ebook

Amy Ross says

Really good read, really enjoyed the characters and the relationship development :) really good light hearted contemporary:)

Anna Katmore says

Weird thing...I purchased this book without any recommendation or even reading reviews before. I clicked on the cover, because it caught my attention, read the blurb, and thought: Okay, why not?

Now, I started this book today, and finished it just ten minutes ago. That's saying something, as you may guess.

First off, you need to know that this is a feel-good book. Nothing much happens, no real drama or too high stakes. It's a light summer read (just something that I needed in this cold November), with lots of sunshine, lake-scenes, a camp romance and, of course, some misunderstandings that cause a little chaos throughout.

Normally, I don't reiterate a lot of the story, because you get that in most reviews already, but I saw that Stealing Third doesn't have lots of reviews yet, so here we go. The plot:

Emily's family is falling apart. Her parents fight so much it hurts, and she comes up with her very own little plan to keep them distracted so as not to think of a divorce. She's causing trouble. Because when they both are mad at her, they can't be mad at one another. Right?

Except, her latest stroke of genius backfires. She tried to evade summer camp in order not to let her parents to themselves for eight long weeks in which they might break up, but everything comes out and she still has to go. Yeah, but not before she sneaks to a college party, where she hooks up with one of the guys of the baseball team that her father coaches.

The chemistry between Emily and her hook-up Tyler is off the scale right from the start. And I mean "fan yourself with the book while you read" off the scale! There's a pool table, a drinking game, and a guy taking off his shirt involved, and you just want to really read faster and faster to find out what's happening next.

After that night, Emily finds herself floating face down in a lake at camp, more dead than alive. Okay, there are some things happening between that and the party, but it's nice to see hottie Tyler saving her as he's supposed to shadow the doc at this camp for the summer in accordance with his med studies. So yeah, Ty isn't only super sweet, sinfully sexy, and a baseball player called up to the minors, he's also pre med. Ah, I love that.

A romance is budding up between them, starting out with a very important question to Tyler: Is Emily already 18, or did he hook up with his Coach's underage daughter and will get his knee caps blown to outer space with a baseball bat by her father when he finds out? The author really managed to keep the tension up for Tyler and revealed the truth in a funny and perfect moment.

When the chemistry between them starts to sizzle again, they're facing a different problem. One, Emily wants to get kicked out of camp to get back home and save her family from breaking apart, and two, campers aren't supposed to fraternize. (Stupid rule, if you ask me, and that's the one thing I really disliked about this

book, from beginning to end.)

I'm not going to say much more, only so much: One misunderstanding leads to the next, and you will find yourself thumbing through the pages with a racing heart to find out how it's all going to get solved.

What I loved best about this book is the amazing writing style of Marta Brown. She strings words together like grannies knit scarves, creating a wonderful flow, weaved with humor and authentic teen talk. I was sucking up every line with pleasure.

Though I saw it listed as teen romance somewhere, this is definitely not YA but written for an audience of 17+. If you're a prude, or overly protective mother, don't give it to your 13 year old daughter to read. If you do, don't complain afterward – just saying because I have to deal with such mothers in relation to my own books a lot and it sucks!

So here's the thing, there's a lot of sexual innuendo, but there's no consumed love scene. Since I'm a hopeless romantic and daydreamer of being seventeen again, I always like the first budding love that leads to the first kiss and stuff. In this book you get the first kiss and a very bold heroine right on the first few pages, but it kind of works for the book. It was different in that way, and different is good, right?

So all in all, you get a realistic beginning of a relationship in a wonderfully romantic summer camp scenery. What more can you ask for? ;-)

Sandy Catanzarita says

This was a sweet charming YA read.

Pierina says

This was the perfect contemporary for summer feels! It was cute, funny and light hearted. An easy read that draws your attention from the beginning. I loved the characters, the humour, the fact that it was set in camp. It's innocent with a little kick.

diana says

Rating: 3.5 of 5 stars

Hari ^_^ says

loved this, a nice quick read

Kaitlyn says

This book is a little slow getting into it. In the beginning I was uninterested and thought it was never going to be at a point where i would get fully into it. Once I kept reading it got interesting and YOU MUST READ THE EPILOGUE its so cute and adorable :)

Caitlin McClain says

Forever.

The best book ever written. Short love story that caught me and wouldn't let go. Finished so fast, I just couldn't put it down. Amazing!!

Becky Rendon says

Fun read

I enjoyed this quick read about a girl trying to get kicked out of camp. She came up with a crazy plan to try and save her parents' marriage. But what happens when camp is where she wants to stay? Will she try to complete her plan or stuff . It to spend more time with Hottie Mchottieface?

Layla says

4.5 Stars!!

Just a nice simple feel good read!

Beth says

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Sandy says

I received Stealing Third in an Armchair BEA giveaway. I'd never heard of this book or the author before that time. Because this isn't a book that I went out of my way to get my hands on, I probably would have put off reading it longer except for the length. I knew that once I started this book (even if I didn't enjoy it) then

I would be able to finish it really quickly. And that was the case for sure. I finished it in a couple of hours.

As the description says, Emily's parents' relationship has been kind of rocky lately and she's worried that they're going to get a divorce. She doesn't want her family torn apart so she begins concocting all of these radical ideas and schemes to try to keep them together. Her biggest fear is that their marriage will fall apart while she's off at summer camp and not there to intervene.

Tyler is a college baseball player (Emily's dad is his coach) and he's just been told that he has a chance at the minors. Yet, he's also in school for pre-med. So he's got a decision to make about his future. Does he want to play baseball or does he want to be a doctor? He's not really sure. But in the meantime, he's got a summer job shadowing the doctor on staff at the summer camp where Emily is planning to be a junior counselor.

Emily and Tyler meet at a party. They hit things off but are suddenly pulled apart with no firm plans on how to get in touch with each other from there. They're not even sure they will see each other again. So when they both end up at Camp Champ they're a bit surprised. Emily wasn't exactly forthcoming about her age and the last thing Tyler wants is to screw up his future (his baseball future or his medical school future). Yet keeping the two of them apart is like a disaster waiting to happen. It can't be stopped.

While I read *Stealing Third* quickly and I would say that overall I enjoyed it, there were some aspects that I didn't love. At times the dialogue felt immature to me (both in the characters and in the writing style), and there were some major cheesy parts. I mean "Suck, Blow, Shots." Really? I'm sure it's a real thing, but it just felt like a better scenario could have been constructed. I'd say *Stealing Third* would sometimes fall into that category of books that "tell" too much versus "showing." Showing is always better. Plus the amount of adjectives/adverbs used (specifically in the beginning) was a little overkill. My last complaint would be that everything fell into place just a little too perfectly. I like happy endings, but perfect endings I usually don't love.

Stealing Third was a quick, light, and fun contemporary read. Although the writing felt a little unpolished and immature for my tastes at times, I still enjoyed the overall story. Would I go out and purchase *Stealing Third*? No probably not. But I would definitely read it if you had the option of getting it as a freebie like I did. *Stealing Third* gets 3 Stars from me. Have you read *Stealing Third*? What did you think? Let me know!

Michelle says

2.5 stars

Melinda says

Stealing Third is an absolutely adorable and light-hearted summer read. I thoroughly enjoyed it and it was one of those books I couldn't stop reading till I finished.

Reasons to read this book

- 1) Emily. She's spunky, sassy, caring, and a little trouble-maker.
- 2) Tyler. His struggle between med school and baseball really made me feel empathy for him. Also he's such

a sweetheart.

3) Emily and Tyler. Their chemistry is explosive and I love them.
