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Annie McFarland is sick of being a shy nobody. A session at summer camp seems like the perfect opportunity to reinvent herself—gain some confidence, kiss a boy, be whoever she wants to be. A few days in, she's already set her sights on über-hottie Kyle. Too bad her fear of water keeps her away from the lake, where Kyle is always hanging out.

Jacob Fazio is at Camp Pine Ridge after one too many screw-ups. Junior counseling seems like punishment enough, but the rigid no-fraternizing-with-campers rules harsh his chill. When a night of Truth or Dare gets him roped into teaching Annie how to swim, she begs him to also teach her how to snag Kyle.

Late-night swim sessions turn into late-night kissing sessions...but there's more on the line than just their hearts. If they get caught, Jake's headed straight to juvie, but Annie's more than ready to dare him to reveal the truth.

Disclaimer: This Entangled Teen Crush book contains references to drinking, sexual situations, adult language, and an intense bad boy hero who will melt your heart.

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Christine Wallflower & Dark Romance Junkie says

"But this girl...I don't know. There was something about her that made me want to keep her around. I wanted to talk to her. Learn more about her. Maybe even give her grief in the hope that she'd dish some back out at me."

Look I'm 30 but this book was just too freaking sweet. I don't really delve into the clean and tween anymore but getting into some real teen angst was somewhat refreshing. I feel like I should be saying "this is the perfect summer read for young adults" but instead I'll say if you're looking for something light, fluffy and plenty nostalgic you should probably try this book.

This is the first YA book by Monica Murphy that I've read before this I'd only read her One Week Girlfriend series which is more NA. The story starts off with Annie preparing to leave for summer camp. She's a good girl but a loner, she's hoping to reinvent herself. She'd like to do all those things teenage girls do, make friends, be daring and talk to the cute boy.

Jake is your resident bad boy and with the threat of juvie hanging over his shoulder, his father sends him to work with his uncle at summer camp. His uncle is supposed to straighten him out, and if he steps out of line he'll be carted off back home and straight to juvie. For all intents and purposes everything goes well until he sees Annie.

I could cross analyse this book and tell you that its all about 2 teens crying out for attention, but I'll also tell you that its a sweetly romantic YA romance and a perfect beach read.

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Roxanne says

Thanks to Entangled Teen Crush for the free review copy in exchange for my honest opinion.

This book was super cute and I really enjoyed my time with it. There's a bit of angst and drama, and maybe a few things I would change or fix up, but overall, it was just what I was looking for to lighten up my summer TBR list.

With the dual POV, we get both Annie's and Jake's thoughts, which seemed to work well here. I really liked Annie and Jack, and found myself empathizing with them both, although I have to say I became more attached to Jake than I was expecting to! He has done some bad things, but really, it's pretty evident from the beginning that he has a heart of gold. Annie, on the other hand, frustrated me occasionally, what with her trying to get together with Kyle all of the time. I wanted her to give her head a shake, but considering how completely inexperienced she was with boys, I was able to forgive her lapse of judgment. She went to camp to learn and grow and to come out of her shell, so in a way it was good that she had a crush on Kyle first, just to figure out that he wasn't really the one for her.

I do wish that there was a bit more description of the day to day workings of the camp - did Annie really

spend a month learning how to make lanyards? Likewise, I wanted to know more about how Annie's relationships with the girls in her cabin developed. It felt like one minute everyone was ignoring Annie or ditching her to drown, and the next they were giving her makeovers. There just wasn't enough explanation to take me from point A to point B, so I didn't really believe the change in attitude there. In contrast, Annie and Jake's relationship felt really well developed, so in that regard I was quite satisfied.

So, if you're looking for a sweet, summer romance to melt your icy heart (haha!) don't hesitate to pick up "Daring the Bad Boy" - I guarantee you'll have a hard time NOT falling for Jake and Annie!

My rating: 3.5 stars

Natalie The Biblioholic says

Sweet. Sweet. Sweet. I sometimes forget how cute and sweet YA romance books can be.

Monica Murphy created two adorable characters with Annie and Jake. Annie was incredibly shy and kind of a loner. She intended to use her camp experience as a way to force herself out of her shell, to make new friends, and to encourage herself to be more active. However, she was terrified of water and coerced Jake to teach her how to swim. Jake was amazing. Gosh, this guy was so dang cute! He was forced to be a counselor at his uncle's camp in order to avoid time in Juvie. He was forbidden to get involved with anyone while there. Yeah, cuz kids really like being told what NOT to do lol. He didn't expect his time there to be life changing.

What ensues is a lot of sweetness. No angst. No drama. No muss and no fuss.

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Maddie says

Will do review over the weekend

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Mine

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(^v^)♥♥

Time to put on my reading glasses

A BIG Thank you to the author! :D

Shannon Moore says

I'm sure this will shock absolutely no one, but I love love love reading young adult books. Experiencing those feelings of first love, those warm fuzzies, the butterflies and nerves, I genuinely enjoy every second of it. And even a lot of times I like the endings a lot more than the new adult counterparts that I read. I don't need a diamond ring and a baby in a storyline to satisfy me as a reader. If an author can nail emotions right, I'm perfectly content without all that physical stuff too. That's another thing about YA. More often than not, there isn't explicit sexual scenes or at least they're fade to black. This forces the author to focus on the emotional attachments instead of physical. Sometimes it's a nice change up from the everyday sex crazed culture that we live in.

"Four days into camp, and I'd come to some realizations. Summer camp is just as clichéd as I wished it to be. And this wasn't an insult, either. I liked the fact that the camp director was sort of odd and crazy yet lovable. That Nancy, the lady who ran the arts and crafts building, believed she was a hippie and wore flowing skirts and flowers in her hair. That all the boys checked out all the girls and the little kids ran circles around us every night no matter what we were trying to do, and that our bathroom looked like a girl bomb exploded inside and that our counselor Hannah left every night after lights-out so she could go hook up with Brian, one of the counselors for the teen boys' cabins."

When starting *Daring The Bad Boy*, I was ecstatic. As an older teenager, for two and a half months every year I worked at a summer camp. I lived day in and day out with my friends and know first hand exactly what this camp experience is all about. Monica brings back all of these feelings of camp within the first few chapters and not only was I reading about Annie's story, but I was having flashbacks of my own. These memories are priceless and Monica writes them in the exact same way.

I really enjoyed the change in Jake's character. I wasn't the biggest fan of Annie but he was a nice solid addition to the story that was extremely beneficial to the plot and the heroine. Also his struggle with the forbidden love aspect was well done. The worst thing that can happen at camp is a camper/counselor relationship, so he knew exactly what he was risking.

*She nodded, looking determined. "I want to."
"You're nuts!" Kelsey yelled, and Annie flashed her a dirty look.
"I am not."
"You kinda are," I said, low enough so only she could hear.
"I'll only do it if you jump with me," she said.
My eyes widened and I popped my mouth open, not sure what I should say.
"I trust you," she added, her gaze never flinching from mine. "The only way I can do it is if you're holding my hand. I know you won't let go."
"I won't," I said. "I promise."*

Writing wise, my criticism would be that it tends to read young. But the weirder part was it wasn't bad all the way through. The beginning was understandable, but the farther the story progressed, the characters acted

younger and younger. I know it's a young adult book, but there are tons that I find no problem with as an adult reader. This one feels most like it's directed for actual 14, 15 and 16 year olds to read, not really much beyond that. Because of this, there were times that I tended to skim or get a bit bored. Other than the age thing, the story kind of started to fall apart in the second half. It's like small twists were randomly thrown in because we didn't know what else to put there. But then these were haphazardly dealt with and tended to make the story messier (and not in a good way).

The climax of the novel could've gone in a different direction and had a much stronger impact. It was like all of a sudden Annie started going psycho paranoid clinger girlfriend and I was instantly turned off. What the heck happened for her character to turn practically over night? Then demand answers? This was a major turn off. I 100% agreed with Jake, the hero, AND how he dealt with things. He was completely justified, the heroine on the other hand, was not.

Overall, I'm sad to say this wasn't my favourite young adult story ever. I think both the plot and character development needed some more ... Development, and the ending needed to slow down. It seemed like all of a sudden everything was trying to come to a point and conclusion all at once. I've always enjoyed Monica's work and was so glad the first half of this book made me incredibly happy, but then the second half fell a little flat for me. Because of this, I'm rating it as 3 stars.

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Cátia says

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Actual Rating: 2.5 out of 5 Stars

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By now you might know that normally Entangled: Crush books don't disappoint me. They are always full of cuteness and adorable and I love it. This book was going in the right way until it got to about 80%. After that I hated it and I'm still mad about what happened. Basically the book took a 180° turn and ruined everything and that's shown by my rating for this book. But let's talk about other things first.

I really did like the book in the beginning. I can see where Annie was coming from. We have a 16 year-old girl who was always shy and lived in her own little world where she loved to read (I can't see the problem with that but okay...) and she decided she wants to go to summer camp for the first time and start living more. We also have Jake that is a "bad boy" with a good heart and who is forced to work at his uncle's summer camp to avoid serious problems. However, Jake is not that bad of a boy. He's just a teenage boy who wanted to be noticed by his father after his mom's death and because of that he did some really stupid things. Annie and Jake don't really like each other in the beginning (well, Annie didn't like Jake and Jake was already interested in her but he knew he couldn't date a camper) but I really liked to see those two together when they were fighting with each other. It was kind of cute. It doesn't help that Annie has a crush in a guy she just met, Kyle, who is an asshole. That's when my frustration with Annie started. I know people have crushes, I understand that but I couldn't understand Annie's fascination for Kyle. First of all, he didn't

know her name. He wanted to hook up with her but he didn't even know her name. Why?? Because he's an asshole as I said before. Second of all, Kyle already hooked up with most of Annie's roommates. What did they say to her?? #You should definitely hook up with him". WTF?? And lastly, Annie almost drowned because of one of Kyle's dares. Do you know what he and her roommates did?? THEY RAN AWAY WHEN SHE WAS DROWNING. WHAT THE HELL? They didn't even say sorry after that. I don't know about you but if that happened in my life you can be sure I would cut those people from my life. But okay, I forgave Annie for that. She came to her senses and understood she didn't like Kyle and she did like Jake. She also realized her roommates (with one exception) were not really her friends (unfortunately this part didn't last long). After all of this this book was getting to a solid 4 stars. I was loving to see Annie and Jake together and how they trusted each other and told each other things they wouldn't tell other people... it was cute. They even started dating, even if they had to keep it a secret so Jake wouldn't get into some serious problems. I liked it. Then the chapter where they get together ends and EVERYTHING starts going downhill. I'm still trying to forget that last 15% of this book. Suddenly Annie wasn't okay with keeping their relationship a secret. She felt like she was Jake's "dirty little secret" and she couldn't handle it. Okay, I can understand that. What I can't understand was how she did an ultimatum to Jake even after he explained to her he couldn't break the rules or else he could go to juvie or, even worse, jail. I can't understand why she listened to her "friends" (basically her stupid roommates who left her to die before) and went to talk to Jake's uncle without him knowing. I can't understand why when she talked to the uncle she told him she and Jake were "messing around with each other" and not that they actually liked each other making Jake look like someone who didn't care about his job and rules. I just can't deal with how childish Annie became from one moment to another. From all the drama I thought that could happen between them this would be the last thing coming to my mind and I hated it. I also didn't like how fast all the drama was solved and how Jake was actually able to forgive Annie. She put his life in jeopardy and less than 24 hours later they are okay again.

Another thing I can't understand was Kelsey's role in this book. She was Annie's roommate and she was the only one that was actually her friend. But suddenly she started disappearing and anyone knew where she was. I can't even understand why Annie went to talk to the other girls when she was having "problems" with Jake if supposedly Kelsey was her real friend in that camp. And don't even make me talk about the fact that Kelsey was a lesbian. I wouldn't have problems with that at all but for me Kelsey's sexuality was only used to connect this book to the other book in this series, *Keeping Her Secret*, which features a lesbian couple. I wouldn't understand if this was something that had some importance in the book but it didn't. Basically Annie found Kelsey with another girl and told her she shouldn't be scared of coming out because people in the camp accepted the girls from the other book pretty well... that was it. WTF??? At least the epilogue was cute. YAY -_-'

I did like the writing style and I really liked the dual POV. I think Annie and Jake's voices were distinct and this was a really fast paced book but I just can't forget that last 15% that completely ruined the book. Overall, this could have been a cute contemporary and perfect for summer but Annie's change of personality ruined everything. I would love to recommend this book because it was good for the most part but I really can't because that ending ruined everything.

Jessica (Angie & Jessica's Dreamy Reads) says

3 - 3.5 YA stars

This was a very cutesie YA romance that I read in one sitting. As someone who never went to summer camp as a kid, I'll say that this story reminded me of every fictionalized summer camp I've ever seen on tv or in movies: ghost stories, swims in the lake, arts and crafts, chatty cabin bunk mates, secret romances between camp counselors. This story really captured first love, summer love, in the middle of summer camp, with a bit of a forbidden spin on it. The characters are very young so the drama that evolves is not of the angsty,

emotional sort, but it's much more consistent with young, teenage crushes. The characters are immature, rightfully so, and the antics and dialogue and drama that ensues is consistent with what you'd expect to find in a story about a 16 year old introvert and the 17 year old camp counselor who's been prohibited from dating the campers. All in all, it was cute. Was it the most memorable storyline from Monica Murphy? Not really. But it's a fun little refreshing change of pace and perfect for younger readers.

Elaine says

Rating 3.5/5

This is a cute summer read, with teens heading off to summer camp and some dramatic changes to their expectations and behaviour. It has some strange parts to it but perhaps they just add to the story? Annie is determined to make changes to how others perceive her. She's fed up with being the shy nerd who most folk never even notice. To make the change, she convinces her very protective parents to let her go to summer camp by a lake - even though she can't swim and the family has a traumatic history regarding water safety.

The male main character is Jacob/Jake. The camp is run by his uncle and Jake is there as a junior counsellor, with strict instructions not to start any relationship with any of the campers. He mustn't make any mistakes as the alternative is being sent to juvenile prison as a result of his one too many rebellious escapades. Whilst his past history may make him somewhat undesirable, his maturity, consideration and determination to try to do right make him a brilliant young man, IMHO.

I initially thought Annie was a great character, too, but then, soon after arriving at the camp, she succumbs to focusses her attention on the first good looking and confident handsome bad boy, Kyle, even though she doesn't really know anything about him but his looks. Not only that but this initially quiet, caring and considerate young lady has a further change in attitude as she takes a stupid life threatening risk and then threatens and bribes to get her own way. Now, whilst it is great that she's more confident and prepared to stand up for herself, she starts to make unconsidered decisions some of which could have far reaching negative consequences for both herself and for someone she supposedly cares about. Sometimes it is important to keep the common sense regardless of other changes you're trying to make in your life, behaviour and attitude!

The story is still great with all the things you'd expect from a well run summer camp, with new friends, plenty of fun, a few folks who are out to spoil things and plenty who aren't. There's fun, challenges, spooky ghost stories, a moonlit walk and, of course, the possibility of romance for many of the participants. Go escape to the lakeside camp for summer fun in the sun!

I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Courtney says

3.5 Stars

This is a very sweet and cute YA romance. And I read it quite quickly.

This story is based around summer camp – ghost stories, arts and crafts, lake activities, etc. Along with the forbidden romances. All very cutesie.

I enjoyed the overall story of this book. Monica does a great job keeping this book moving at the right pace. The characters are young and the drama that goes down is perfect at their age. However, my biggest issue is that sometimes, not all the time, their mannerisms and they want they talked was almost too young – like 13/14 instead of 16/17.

Monica does a great job of building the scene and visualizing all the camp ground activities. The interactions are entertaining and will make you feel young again. Awww...young love.

But overall, its a good read for young readers or for anyone who wants a storyline that is not full of angst and has that young love vibe. It's a refreshing and quick read.

Dani (Dani Reviews Things & Love in a time of Feminism) says

Disclaimer: I received a review copy of this book in exchange for my honest opinion.

DNF @ 83%

Ok, you're probably wondering why I quit so close to the end. Well, it was going ok. It was on the road to a 3, maybe 3.5. Then the main girl had a complete personality transplant all to add drama that made no sense given the circumstances and her previous behaviour. She went from sweet to cray cray overnight. And this conflict could have happened organically WITHOUT this weird change. It was so ridiculous that I had to put my Kindle down and decide to never finish on the spot.

WHY DID ANNIE HAVE TO SUDDENLY BECOME A BRAT?!

Update

I thought I'd expand as to why the book was on the road to a 3 or 3.5. I think the best way to describe the book until then is "sour Skittles". It was very sweet with a dash of sour bad boy, but it lacked any real "nutritional" value.

- The characters were ok, though it was disappointing for the author to use a shortcut and basically tell us what each character's issues were at the start, not let it be revealed through action and dialogue. It was very much "Hi, my name is X and Y happened to me so now I act like Z."

- Actually, a lot of it was more telling instead of showing.

- The passage of time was a little awkward. It seemed like it jumped around a lot and skipped over important moments. At times, I wasn't sure whether a day or a week had passed.

- While I liked the growth of the romance, I never felt all fluttery inside.

- But it was cute for 82%!

Like I said, the killing blow for me was the moment when Annie went from considerate and relatively mature to being a needy spoiled brat in the flip of a page. She seemed like she understood rules in general and accepted the terms of her relationship with Jake, so it made no sense for her to flip out and make demands and ultimatums and whine.

Deniz says

The perfect summer read

This in fact made me think about summer camp. You see I actually never went to summer camp. I don't think it exists in Switzerland. Well, maybe it does NOW, but I don't live there now (nor am I in school for that matter but anyway). There wasn't summer camp when I was growing up, let's just leave it at that. The whole summer camp reminds me of several films I liked as a teen. I kept wondering if I would have liked it in the first half of the book. To be honest I am not sure.

It does sound fun, but .. I don't know. Maybe I am too old for that now.

But what I am not too old for is reading about it. I think Murphy did an amazing job at setting the ambiance. At least how I imagine summer camp could be. And that's where my little off the track musings come in: What do people who went to summer camp think?

After finishing it though, I frankly don't care that much. Because if I know one thing, Murphy got the summer love crazy thing just right. The odd teenage dance around each other, the boys and the girls.

I love her descriptions of the summer time activities, and it did remind me of many summer holiday. Being reminded of countless hours around bonfires and daring jumps, hikes in the woods ..the feeling of endless summers. Elegantly done.

When it comes to character building, I gotta say the same thing. Murphy made me change my mind on several of the side cast. My opinions being totally swayed by the narrator's opinion. This being told from both Jake's and Annie's POV with well chosen times for the switches. Both of them have a distinct voice both have their own battles and insecurities. Jake being older also has a slightly more mature voice. in fact, I adore his POV.

The parents, who actually feature really little, are interesting. Because I feel like I know them, where they are coming from- a good example of Murphy's skill at character building and storytelling

The plot is super cute. The romance is slow and super sweet. I was loving the build up and dying for a kiss to happen. It's a great story.

My only little dislike would be the hug blow up- well not the blow up it self, but rather how quickly it all blew over. And then it was the end. I didn't want it to end! I also wanted them to have to fight more, it's this big huge drama and then it's sorted and the book is done. Did I say I didn't want it to end? Well, I didn't, so I am beyond grateful for the epilogue.

And now I am hoping there will be more book set at the camp?

Also I am planning on reading the companion novel Keeping Her Secret, because I want more summer camp fun but also I wanna see what happens to Kelsey.

A must read for lovers of cute&fluffies. Guaranteed summer romance fix.

Melissa (YA Book Shelf) says

Fun, sweet romance between Jake, a junior camp counsellor, and Annie, one of the campers. Also has the bad boy with the good girl thing going on.

Love the campfire scary stories scene in particular!

Michelle says

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Daring The Bad Boy by Monica Murphy is your very sweet, innocent, standard trope of young teen love. Ms. Murphy charms her readers with a cute summer romance brewing between an innocent naive young teen girl and of course the reformed bad boy.

“The best thing would be not to engage. Engaging gave him ammunition, and the guy already had enough on me. I didn’t trust him. I didn’t necessarily like him, either, even if he did save my life last night.”

Summer, the time to let loose and have fun. And for Annie McFarland, the time away at summer camp will be an excellent chance for her to make friends and live a little. As a sheltered young teen, Annie mostly lives in her literary world of books and so when she goes off to summer camp, Annie never expected that a little game of truth or dare would have her falling in love with the camp’s bad boy counselor.

After getting in troubles, Jacob Fazio’s father decides that it would be best if Jake does volunteer work at a his uncle’s summer camp. There Jake would be one of the camp counselors. He is well aware of the bad boy stigma that is associated with him but in all honesty, he is a kindhearted soul that is dealing with issues from his past. And so when he meets Annie, he is intrigued by her and also that she has kind of blackmailed him into teaching her how to swim. As Jake and Annie begin to get close, sparks of attraction and friendship begins to deepen. Will Annie and Jake find themselves sinking or swimming when it comes to summer romance?

“I felt like he could never take our relationship seriously, if he couldn’t admit to anyone that we were together. And that hurt. Everything else about our relationship was perfect. Laughing with him, telling each other stories, comparing our likes and dislikes. Kissing him. Lots and lots of kissing... He was always so patient with me. And so sweet. I was the totally inept, inexperienced girlfriend and he never complained. Ever. He could. He probably should. But he never did.”

Daring The Bad Boy is your quintessential sweet and innocent summer teen romance. With a few little angst and drama thrown into the mix, Monica Murphy serves a cute and lovely teen romance of a young girl discovering her first teen love with the reformed bad boy. They say opposites attract and so if you are looking for a lovely and sweet read, then this book is for you.

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Norah Una Sumner says

"Truth or Dare was never this much fun..."

Such a fun and cute book! I think that it's a well known fact that I love Entangled Teen Crush books and this one was no exception. I absolutely loved reading both from Jake's and Annie's POV - there're really great characters who develop a lot throughout this book. There were a few moments that probably would've annoyed me if they actually weren't quite real - Annie's relationship with her camp friends, her crush on Kyle developed by the whole atmosphere her friends created, that one move she made behind Jake's back. But this all happens in real life, not everything is sugary and perfect so I thought that this was actually quite interesting and relatable. I also loved seeing the relationship between Jake and his father grow stronger and it really made me happy to find out the story of his parents' romance. Overall, a very sweet but still very entertaining book!

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You can read this review on [BookishFever](#).

Fafa's Book Corner says

Mini review:

DNF

I received this E-ARC via the publisher and Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

I was pretty excited to start reading this. Unfortunately I didn't enjoy this. It was slightly dramatic and there is this particular scene where Annie starts talking to her 'friends' after they ditched her. I understood that she felt responsible but I would never talk to someone who would do that to me.

Do not recommend.
