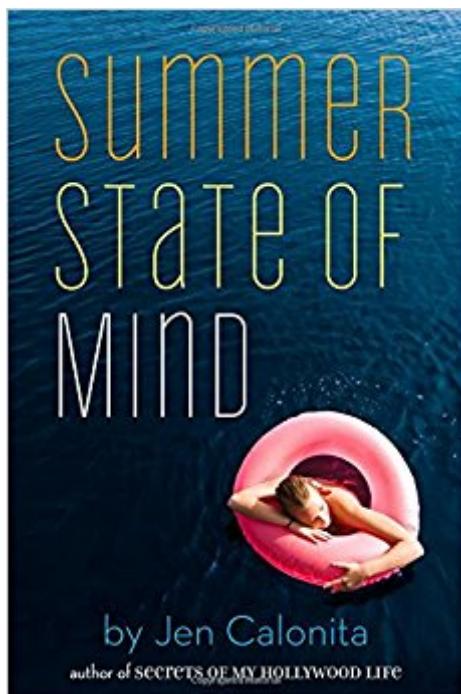


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# Summer State Of Mind (Whispering Pines)



## Synopsis

Summer has finally arrived and fifteen-year-old Harper McCallister intends to spend her days at the mall shopping or by the pool at her country club. But after receiving her latest heart-stopping credit card bill, Harper's parents makes other plans, and ship her off to camp. Suddenly, the clueless yet ever-popular Harper is the new girl at the bottom of a social ladder she can't climb in wedge sandals and expensive clothes. She seems to be winning over super-cute camp "Lifer" Ethan, though, and if she can manage to make a few friends--and stay out of trouble--she just might find a whole new summer state of mind. A fresh and funny summer-camp companion novel to Jen Calonita's hit *Sleepaway Girls*.

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 8 Up  In this coming-of-age story, 15-year-old Harper is the spoiled daughter of a wealthy music producer. Her plans for the summer consist of shopping, hanging out with her mean-girl besties, and attending all of the hot parties. But after charging one too many frivolous purchases to her dad's credit card, he decides to ship her off to summer camp to remind her of who she was before they struck it rich. Harper has a difficult time adjusting to the environment and alienates most of the other campers with her obsessive vanity and her dependence on electronics. As the summer progresses, she slowly begins to win some of them over, manages to save the day, learns a little bit about herself, and begins a romance with a camp "lifer" who goes to her high school. Her romance with Ethan feels a little forced and shallow, and the plot is somewhat anticlimactic, but teen girls who

can't get enough summer-romance novels may enjoy it. Purchase only where beach reads fly off the shelves. —Candyce Pruitt-Goddard, Hartford Public Library, CT

Praise for Summer State of Mind: "...Readers will respond to how the newly rich Harper struggles with identity issues...The book illustrates some important lessons: money doesn't buy true friends; good friends are harder to come by, and they can only be "bought" with authentic and meaningful nurturing." —Booklist "The perfect summertime read! It's sweet, funny, and made me want to head to camp immediately." —Katie Finn, author of the Top 8 series and Broken Hearts, Fences, and Other Things to Mend

I think the author could have gone into more detail and talked about the rest of the summer. I loved Sleepaway Girls but if you haven't read it yet read it first. Don't read this book and say I don't like this author without reading some of her other books first. I have a few friends who base books off of covers and I got one of them to read Sleepaway Girls after I did and she loved it so when I told her this one was coming out she and I both flipped out, but once we read the book we were disappointed with the lack of details.

Amazing. The thought put into this may not seem like a lot, but the plot progresses smoothly. The development of the main character is shown so well I have read through this book numerous times just to look at how she grows and matures throughout the story. Must-read for teens and tweens everywhere!

I thought this was a great book, yes it had its ups and downs I think Harper (the main character) pulled it all together in the end.

Awesome book! It was very creative and super relatable.

I loved this book, It was fantastic and had everything I love about this author! It's a must read for any fan of Jen Calonita!

Nice summer read. Great characters. Good lesson learned by the main character. Overall, fast, fun read.

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Summer camp is fun for those who absolutely love outdoors. Even though there are some people who hate outdoor activity, they can learn to love it. Harper McCallister, who is an epic fashionista and lover of manicures (and makeup and clothes and shoes and bedazzled things), is definitely hating on summer camp. She struggles to make friends with her distant cabin mates, but no matter what she does, things just get worse. *SECRETS OF MY HOLLYWOOD LIFE* is among my favorite books, and Jen Calonita gives me another to add. *SUMMER STATE OF MIND* is quirky, humorous, delightful, and unique. It is everything, and I love how open and amazing it is. The story flows easily and smoothly. Every second is perfect, and each transition is clean. Readers can be taken back to the days of summer camp, and memories of watching *THE PARENT TRAP* will immediately be recalled. The "boys versus girls" subplot makes me laugh, the romance makes me swoon (a little more on that later), and Harper's own character development makes me smile in awe of her. Harper is the fashion girl, and she is indeed clueless. She is ignorant in an adorable way, and no matter what people do to her, she always has a reason to smile and keep going. She doesn't break down easily (and sometimes being clueless is good). She is a very understandable character, whose characteristics are obvious and straightforward. Her character development is subtle at first, but Jen Calonita quickly breaks down Harper's walls and lets her learn things on her own. She is a greatly flawed character, but she does tries her best. The romance between Harper and Ethan is definitely swoonworthy. They share a weak foundation in the beginning, but at summer camp, they slowly build their relationship. Without the pressures of popularity and friends and cell phones, Harper lets herself loose. Ethan (who is a precious cinnamon roll) gets to know her. Their chemistry is unmistakable and subtle. Once you know it is there, you see all of the signs. Overall, *SUMMER STATE OF MIND* is a charming story about a summer away from everything a girl knows. She manages to make new friends and relearn everything she has forgotten. It is realistic, and the book will leave everyone wishing they can escape to a summer camp. Best recommended for young teens and up. Rating: Four out of Five

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