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## **Editorial Review**

From School Library Journal

Gr 10 Up—Before heading off to college, Joy, Tali, Luce, and Zoe attend their summer camp reunion. While in a photo booth, they suddenly find that—poof!—they are back in time. They immediately devise a plan to re-create that last week at camp, hoping it triggers the portal to return to the future. The alternating narratives of each girl relive past slights and joys and enable each character to learn more about who she really is as a person and friend. Reader Emily Woo Zeller tries to give each of the girls a unique voice, but ultimately they all end up sounding similar. The girls themselves are quite one-dimensional (there is the smart one, the pretty one, the gay one, and the quiet one), and it is difficult to see how they were ever friends to begin with. VERDICT While the story deals with heavy topics, such as sexual orientation and death, the plot and characters remain very shallow.—Suzanne Dix, The Seven Hills School, Cincinnati, OH

Review

“A beautifully written testament to the power of friendship and the possibility of second chances, told with humor, heart, and a little bit of magic.” (Jennifer E. Smith, author of *The Geography of You and Me*)

“Sexy, soulful, and surprising.” (Corey Ann Haydu, author of *O.C.D. LOVE STORY* and *LIFE BY COMMITTEE*)

“Complex and sophisticated, *Proof of Forever* is *The Sisterhood of the (Time) Traveling Pants* for a new generation! You will love this memorable, sparkling debut!” (–Wendy Wunder, author of *The Museum of Intangible Things* and *The Probability of Miracles*)

“A quintessential summer novel...This novel will appeal to fans of Sarah Dessen, Jennifer E. Smith, and Ann Brashares. VERDICT Hillyer has penned a tale ideal for readers seeking something sweet tinged with a hint of sadness.” (School Library Journal)

“A quick, enjoyable read that should resonate with readers on the cusp of adulthood.” (Kirkus Reviews)

“Fluid and layered with emotion.” (Publishers Weekly)

“Poignant and surprising...a perfect summer read.” (RT Book Reviews)

“An edgier, more risqué version of Ann Brashares’ *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* (2001), *Proof of Forever* features four authentic teenage voices and unique perspectives that will encourage readers to reevaluate their own friendships, love interests, and philosophies of life.” (Booklist)

“In the vein of Sarah Dessen or Ann Brashares, *Proof of Forever* is an ode to summer camp...a perfect read for a sprawling summer day.” (BookPage)

From the Back Cover

Before:

It was the perfect summer of first kisses, skinny-dipping, and bonfires by the lake. Joy, Tali, Luce, and Zoe knew their final summer at Camp Okahatchee would come to an end, but they swore they'd stay friends.

After:

Now, two years later, their bond has faded, along with those memories.

THEN:

That is, until the fateful flash of a photo-booth camera transports the four of them back in time, to the summer they were fifteen—the summer everything changed.

Now:

The girls must re-create the past in order to return to the present. As they live through their second-chance summer, the mystery behind their lost friendship unravels, and a dark secret threatens to tear the girls apart all over again.

Always:

Summers end. But this one will change them forever.

## **Users Review**

### **From reader reviews:**

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