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Joy, Tali, Luce, and Zoe, formerly inseparable summer-camp friends, have drifted apart in the two years since their last camp experience. At the request of Joy, the four friends gather for a camp reunion, where a time-altering event takes place, shifting all the girls back to their last summer at the camp. With full awareness of the choices, circumstances, and struggles of the present, each girl contends with her knowledge of her relationships, seeking to repair, heal, and reconnect with the things that mean the most.

Told in alternating viewpoints, this novel takes the reader into the minds and hearts of four young women all poised on the advent of adulthood. Each suffers from misunderstandings and from new comprehensions, which sets the novel up for significant character growth; however, the outcomes fall short of the possibility. Each character leans heavily on vices (alcohol, drugs, sex) to discover her new path forward, leaving the reader to wonder if any deep and lasting change has come for any of the young women.

Occasional strong language, sexual content, drug use, alcohol use