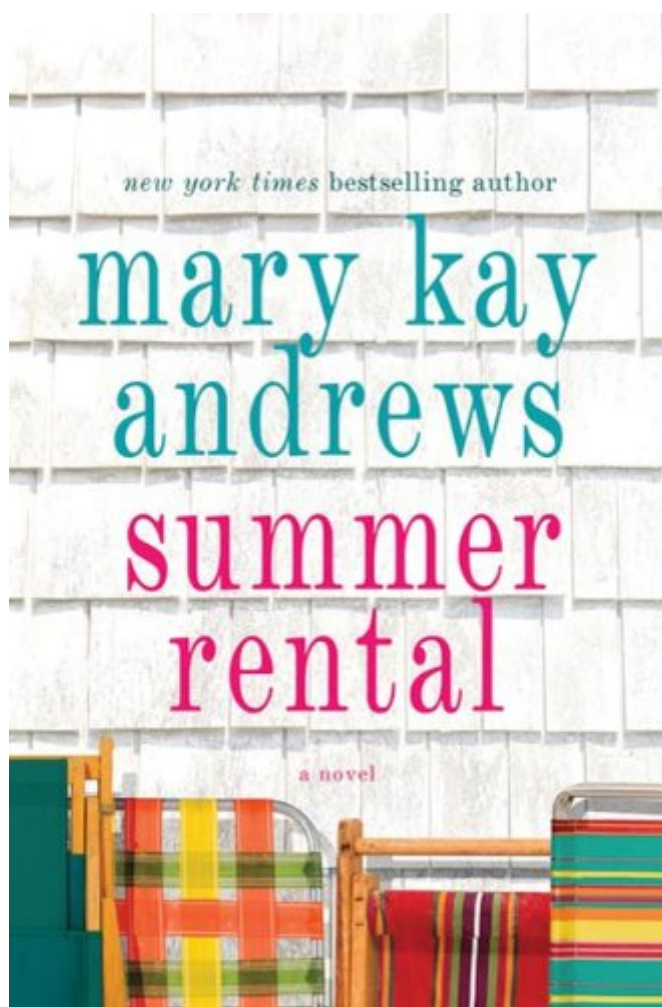


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# Summer Rental: A Novel



## Synopsis

Sometimes, when you need a change in your life, the tide just happens to pull you in the right direction. Ellis, Julia, and Dorie. Best friends since Catholic grade school, they now find themselves, in their mid-thirties, at the crossroads of life and love. Ellis, recently fired from a job she gave everything to, is rudderless and now beginning to question the choices she's made over the past decade of her life. Julia--whose caustic wit covers up her wounds--has a man who loves her and is offering her the world, but she can't hide from how deeply insecure she feels about her looks, her brains, her life. And Dorie has just been shockingly betrayed by the man she loved and trusted the most in the world--though this is just the tip of the iceberg of her problems and secrets. A month in North Carolina's Outer Banks is just what they each of them needs. Ty Bazemore is their landlord, though he's hanging on to the rambling old beach house by a thin thread. After an inauspicious first meeting with Ellis, the two find themselves disturbingly attracted to one another, even as Ty is about to lose everything he's ever cared about. Maryn Shackleford is a stranger, and a woman on the run. Maryn needs just a few things in life: no questions, a good hiding place, and a new identity. Ellis, Julia, and Dorie can provide what Maryn wants; can they also provide what she needs? Mary Kay Andrews' novel is the story of five people questioning everything they ever thought they knew about life. Five people on a journey that will uncover their secrets and point them on the path to forgiveness. Five people who each need a sea change, and one month in a summer rental that might just give it to them. Summer Rental is one of Library Journal's Best Women's Fiction Books of 2011

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Brief Book Summary...from the book jacket...For Ellis, Dorie, and Julia, a vacation in North Carolina's Outer Banks is just what they need. They rent a rambling old beach house from the mysterious Ty Bazemore, who is also at a turning point in his life, and prepare for a month of rest, relaxation and reconnecting. Their plans for a peaceful summer are interrupted when they meet up with Maryn Shackleford, a woman on the run who desperately needs their help. Soon Ellis and Julia and Dorie, Ty and Maryn will question everything they thought they knew about life as they drift towards a much needed sea change, and uncover the healing power of friendship and forgiveness. My thoughts...Hmmm...yum...sigh...those are my sounds of sheer reading contentment while reading this lovely book. What is it about summer reading? Like shedding heavy clothes...for light cottons and linens and other breezy fabrics...this book was a voyage of sheer contentment. It had everything I love in a summer beach book without losing substance. These women in their mid-thirties truly needed to decide what they were going to do with the rest of their lives. Ellis has been released from her banking job. Julia is tired of maintaining what she has to do to continue modeling, Dorie is at a difficult part of her marriage and Maryn is just in danger...then we throw in Ty...who has also lost his career and is trying desperately to hang on to Ebb tide...the house the women are renting and that has been in his family for generations. All of the above is fun and a bit tense and there is some mystery as Mary Kay Andrews draws us in to this month in August in this rundown ramshackle but lovely old beach house. I wanted to be there...I wanted to know them...

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