

**Chapter 1 : Review: Sweethearts by Sara Zarr - The Perpetual Page-Turner**

*Sara Zarr's Sweethearts is a heartwarming book the story of the two teens that have romantically reunited, uncover the teens past of bully's tragic memories and.*

And they were both victims of merciless bullying at school. Then one day, Cameron disappears, and Jennifer is led to believe that he is dead. Fast forward a few years: Her mother married Alan, who is a wonderful stepfather. Jenna goes to a small school for kids who are too smart to fit in elsewhere. Until one day, the day of her seventeenth birthday, Cameron returns. And Jenna can no longer keep who she is and who she used to be apart. Sweethearts turned out to be quite different than I was expecting. I needed some time to figure out just how I felt about it. She has everything she wanted back when she was Jennifer, but the effort of constantly acting out the role of Jenna is bringing her down. Worst of all, she believes that they would no longer love her if they saw who she really is. Perhaps the most obvious solution would be for Jenna to return to being Jennifer, her "true self", stick to the friends who loved her for that, and learn not to care about what everyone else says. But as time passes, people, especially teenagers, do change. They obviously care a lot about each other, but they have trouble communicating openly. There were moments when I wanted to shake them both so they would just talk. But you know, I remember living through things like that: I remember moments when I felt that I was watching a wild creature from up close, and any sound, any clumsy movement, would frighten it away from good. Jenna and Cameron share a secret. Something happened to them when they were children, something they have never told anyone else about. I was disappointed that Sweethearts brings up the topic of eating disorders and then fails to deal with it effectively. She starves herself sometimes, and at other times, especially times of distress, she turns to binge eating for comfort. This seems to be a reoccurring pattern for her, because she even mentions stealing food from other kids when she was younger. Neither by Jenna herself nor by the other characters. I realize that Sara Zarr might have felt that exploring this issue more thoroughly would have turned Sweethearts into a story about eating disorders. Sweethearts reminded me of my life in some ways. But anyway, I guess a lot of us have a Cameron in our lives.

Chapter 2 : Sweethearts by Sara Zarr (, Paperback) | eBay

*Sweethearts by Sara Zarr is a heartbreaking story of two kids, Jennifer and best friend Cameron. The book opens eight years earlier, on Jennifer's ninth birthday. They are at Cameron's house, his dad is home and he is hassling Cameron and then Jennifer as well.*

Now in high school, Jennifer has been transformed. When Cameron suddenly reappears, they are both confronted with memories of their shared past and the drastically different paths their lives have taken. From the National Book Award nominated author of *Story of a Girl*, *Sweethearts* is a story about the power of memory, the bond of friendship, and the quiet resilience of our childhood hearts. Heartbreaking is the word that most sums up this book for me. I loved the storyline, loved the characters—it all came together rather perfectly for me. *Sweethearts* is the story of a girl called Jennifer Harris and a boy named Cameron Quick. As children they are the best of friends. Both unpopular outcasts who are teased and bullied by the other children, the two share a very deep friendship but then Cameron disappears off the face of the Earth leaving Jennifer devastated. The other children at school tell Jennifer that Cameron has died and with no evidence to refute this, Jennifer tries to come to terms with losing the most important person in her life. Years pass and Jennifer is now Jenna Vaughn having changed her surname after her mother marries, she also decided to lose the Jennifer. She has re-invented herself, shedding all the excess weight she carried in her youth, and forcing herself to appear happy and social. She even has a boyfriend for the first time in her life. Yet Jenna still feels an emptiness inside. It is on her 17th birthday that Cameron Quick re-appears and throws her world into chaos. I absolutely adored Cameron Quick — sad, damaged, beautiful boy that he was. My heart ached for his situation. Jenna was a harder character to relate to, given that she spent much of the story pretending, with her friends, her family, her boyfriend—but never Cameron. These two characters, despite all the years they have spent apart, share a bond so deep that nothing else compares. It is not a love story as such, even though they clearly love each other, their connection goes deeper than simple romantic love. You root for a happy ending for these two broken souls, but to be honest, it feels more real that there is not a happily ever after in the cards for them. Sometimes in life you meet people that you feel so strongly about they are like an extension of yourself but these types of relationships are difficult to maintain. Quite often life intrudes and people drift apart no matter how much they mean to each other. Coming in at only pages, the story nevertheless packed a punch. It is not a hopeless story though, for all its bleak issues such as abuse, bullying, neglect etc. The ending is not sunshine and bunnies but there is hope for the characters. It is left open to interpretation. This was my first Sara Zarr novel and it will certainly not be my last.

**Chapter 3 : SWEETHEARTS by Sara Zarr | Kirkus Reviews**

*Sara Zarr was raised in San Francisco, California. She is the author of How to Save a Life, What We Lost, Sweethearts, and the National Book Award finalist Story of a Girl. She is also the coauthor of Roomies, with Tara Altebrando.*

Got this little beaut at the library! Jennifer Harris used to be THAT girl in school – the one that always got made fun of and who was a complete social outcast. Her best friend, Cameron, was her one and only friend in school so when Cameron disappears randomly so does the old Jennifer. I am definitely a new found Sara Zarr fan! This was just straight-up excellent contemporary YA. I instantly fell in love with Jennifer and also Cameron. Their relationship as kids was just so beautiful and pure – they had a friendship that was so strong because everyone else rejected them. I felt so badly for them but loved that they had each other. Zarr really wrote her in a way that you could totally understand her desire to change who she was and get a fresh start but you could feel that deep conflict in her soul where Jennifer and Jenna warred – with Cameron, who accepted Jennifer, being at the heart of it. Zarr creates some really well developed characters in this novel that felt incredibly realistic. Two incredibly broken people who could find solace and love in each other when they were young and again when they found each other again. I feel I got something way more. Their friendship ran so deep and they shared that secret and I just felt how hard it was for each one of them to deal with it on their own so when they came together again Sara Zarr just created this intense feeling of longing, confusion and unfinished business. There were so many things that were left unsaid with the two of them and I loved how you could just feel the intensity of it. I felt hopeful and just sad to see their story end. I know a lot of people were wanting more resolution but I was fine without everything all tied up neatly in a bow for this story. This story of a beautiful friendship was unexpected for me and touched me more deeply than I realized until I was done. Have you read this one? What did you think if you have read it? Were you satisfied with the ending or were you wishing for more resolution? Which was your favorite?

**Chapter 4 : Sweethearts by Sara Zarr | blog.quintoapp.com**

*Sweethearts is a story about the power of memory, the bond of friendship, and the quiet resilience of our childhood hearts. Similar books by other authors Everything, Everything.*

**Chapter 5 : Sweethearts by Sara Zarr ~ things mean a lot**

*I was very impressed with the way Sara Zarr built the suspense in Sweethearts. I was aching to find out where Cameron had been, aching for Jenna to talk to him, aching to see their childhood love burst into adolescent fruition.*

**Chapter 6 : Books & Podcast – sara zarr**

*From the National Book Award nominated author of Story of a Girl, Sweethearts is a story about the power of memory, the bond of friendship, and the quiet resilience of our childhood hearts. © Sara Zarr; (P) Listening Library.*

**Chapter 7 : Student Book Review: Sweethearts by Sara Zarr**

*Buy a cheap copy of Sweethearts book by Sara Zarr. As children, Jennifer Harris and Cameron Quick were both social outcasts. They were also one another's only friend.*

**Chapter 8 : Sweethearts - Middletown Fall Creek Township Public Library**

*Themes of love and friendship are handled by the author, Sara Zarr, in an especially unique and realistic manner in Sweethearts, which was published in The story, which is written in spare.*

Chapter 9 : Sara Zarr (Author of Sweethearts)

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