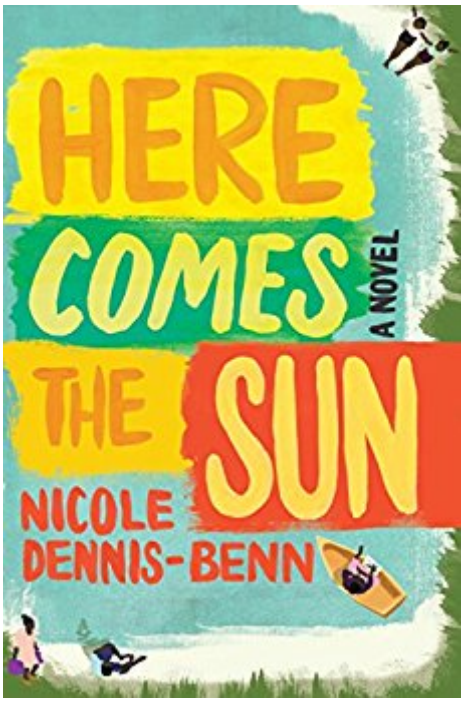
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Here Comes The Sun: A Novel



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Synopsis

Winner of the Lambda Literary Award, and Finalist for the Center for Fiction’s First Novel Prize and the NYPL Young Lions Fiction AwardNamed a Best Book of 2016 by: New York Times, NPR, Buzzfeed, San Francisco Chronicle, The Root, BookRiot, Kirkus, , WBUR’s "On Point," and Barnes & NobleIn this radiant, highly anticipated debut, a cast of unforgettable women battle for independence while a maelstrom of change threatens their Jamaican village.Capturing the distinct rhythms of Jamaican life and dialect, Nicole Dennis- Benn pens a tender hymn to a world hidden among pristine beaches and the wide expanse of turquoise seas. At an opulent resort in Montego Bay, Margot hustles to send her younger sister, Thandi, to school. Taught as a girl to trade her sexuality for survival, Margot is ruthlessly determined to shield Thandi from the same fate. When plans for a new hotel threaten their village, Margot sees not only an opportunity for her own financial independence but also perhaps a chance to admit a shocking secret: her forbidden love for another woman. As they face the impending destruction of their community, each womanÃ¢â ¬â •fighting to balance the burdens she shoulders with the freedom she cravesÃ¢â ¬â •must confront long-hidden scars. From a much-heralded new writer, Here Comes the Sun offers a dramatic glimpse into a vibrant, passionate world most outsiders see simply as paradise.

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Customer Reviews

I truly enjoyed this book. The people come alive and you get who and what they are even though they occupy a world totally foreign to you. The only thing I did not like is that I really wanted to know if Thandi and Charles...well, I do not want to give it away, but, I would have liked a disclosure ending.

Bringing the reality of what Paradise is really like is sad but believable because greed seems to conquer all. Only 4*s because the book didn’t really end...hope there’s a second

This novel is stunning. It’s narrated by four female characters, each one lifelike and compelling. The language immerses you in the setting: a small town in Jamaica in the 90s. Each of these four women fight for the agency that they have not been granted. They try to understand what they want, and reach for it, but struggle under the influence of their pasts and forces outside of their control (rape culture, the patriarchy, racism, colorism, classism). This story will stay with me for a long time.

A fantastic, albeit a sad, read. Makes you ponder over the extreme degree of hardships people face in this world and how they choose to deal with them. It also does not give you a pedestal to judge the characters, especially the protagonist despite their acts, however bad they are, stemmed from dire need to survive. I love the author’s writing. Way to go Nicole Dennis-Benn!

This novel has really interesting characterswho race towards their inevitable demise,but it makes tourists think about the hard life choices of people from third world countries.

This book has a unique plot and well formed characters. And a new perspective on what us unethical when your life provides you no other options than suffering. Great read

This was a most compelling read. Entering into this world of poverty, misery and greed could often be overwhelming. The extreme harshness of such poverty in midst of opulent tourism was often hard to take, but I was driven by the lives of every character.

Author seems to run out of plot at the end. Anti-climatic conclusion. Very tragic and depressing portrayal of life in Jamaica. Gripping narrative. That said, it gives reader false hopes that heroine can eventually redeem herself.

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