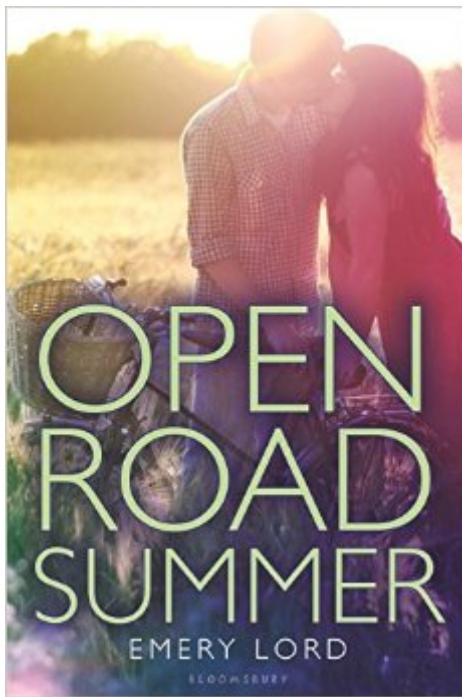


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Open Road Summer



Synopsis

After breaking up with her bad-news boyfriend, Reagan O'Neill is ready to leave her rebellious ways behind. Her best friend, country superstar Lilah Montgomery, is nursing a broken heart of her own. Fortunately, Lilah's 24-city tour is about to kick off, offering a perfect opportunity for a girls-only summer of healing hearts and break-up ballads. But when Matt Finch joins the tour as its opening act, his boy-next-door charm proves difficult for Reagan to resist, despite her vow to live a drama-free existence. This summer, Reagan and Lilah will navigate the ups and downs of fame and friendship as they come to see that giving your heart to the right person is always a risk worth taking. A fresh new voice in this growing genre, Emery Lord's gorgeous debut hits all the right notes of contemporary romance.

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Customer Reviews

I think I've found my favorite contemporary novel. I'd heard amazing things about this book and every single one of those people were right. Truly, I don't think Emery Lord could have delivered a better debut. I'm declaring Reagan as my soul sister. I loved her voice and her character and her tough-as-nails demeanor. Moreover, while Reagan has one hell of a rough exterior, there's a deep vulnerability to her that just made me love her all the much more. Reagan's a little bit broken, both physically and emotionally, and she sees the summer ahead of

her as way to heal, pick herself up and start fresh. Then comes along Matt Finch and she gets lost in the feelings he brings forthâ "feelings that scare her shitless, all the while lifting her higher and higher. Here is a girl whoâ ™s endured harsh, cruel words and not only has it hardened her heart, itâ ™s also made her reluctant to trust and open up. Reaganâ ™s built numerous walls around her, and as the story goes on, we see as she slowly lowers them around a boy that has the power to undo her. Matt Finch was everything that I wanted and more. So much more. He was a bit cocky and smug, but most importantly, he could dish it right back at Reagan. I loved every interaction between the two. I was either smirking, laughing or smiling any time they were together. Like Reagan, Mattâ ™s been hurting deeply for a while now. I just wanted to wrap him up and never let go. It might be cheesy of me to say so, but Matt and Reagan really do heal each other. Not only does Matt challenge Reagan to lay down her barriers, but she challenges him to let her see the real him. Neither Reagan nor Matt are perfect, but they are perfect for each other.

Originally reviewed on The Hardcover Lover. Open Road Summer by Emery Lord is one of those adorable Young Adult books that will literally take you on a roller coaster ride of emotions. This book will make you laugh. It will make you cry. You'll probably swoon a little bit, and then you'll get your heart broken into a million little jigsaw puzzle pieces only to have all the pieces put back together. It's literally that stunningly beautiful. The book is about two childhood best friends, Reagan and Dee, who have recently suffered heartaches. Both are trying to heal and move on, and the best way for them is to head to the highways. But this isn't your average road trip because Dee is really country superstar Lilah Montgomery. This part of the plot kind of gives off the Hannah Montana and Taylor Swift vibes, but I adored it! Why? Well I'll tell you why. I freaking love Taylor Swift, and her debut album is still my favorite. Oh and Hannah Montana is kind of one of my guilty pleasures. I'm also a pretty big country music fan, and music fan in general, so this part of the plot really appealed to me and is pretty much the main reason why I bought the book. Yes... there is some romance going on during this road trip, and yes, I'm going to go ahead and say that it's as endearing and charming as an idyllic country lifestyle. Prepare to swoon when you meet the country heartthrob in this book! Two words - Matt Finch. I have now found my contemporary book boyfriend, and no... I'm not sharing. I love Matt's story. He really helps round out the book. I technically gave this book a five-star-rating, but I do want to state that I did find some flaws in the book. The ones that bothered me were easy enough to overlook and did not interfere with my enjoyment of the novel.

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