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REVIEW

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and poignant need, but no reader could fault Dara for choosing this irresistible natural wonder. KC

MATSON, MORGAN *Since You've Been Gone*. Simon, 2014 449p

Trade ed. ISBN 978-1-4424-3500-1 \$17.99

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Ad Gr. 7-12

"Number One: Kiss a stranger" is the first of thirteen action items on the list that is all Emily's best friend Sloane left Emily before mysteriously disappearing. Now Emily, shy, quiet, and known mostly for being Sloane's friend, must get through the summer without her daring and gregarious counterpart. Emily sets out to perform each of the challenges, from wearing a backless dress to riding a horse to using a fake ID, in hopes that completion of the list will lead to her friend. Unexpected help arrives in the form of Frank Porter, president of their junior class, probable valedictorian, and all-around good guy who solicits Emily's help in distance running and makes the list his personal project in the process. As she repeatedly ventures beyond her comfort zone, meeting new people and even having a bit of romance, Emily learns more about herself, certainly, but also about her friend, and how the people who seem to have it all together may be the ones struggling most. Filled with established tropes such as warm nights, skinny-dipping, and a job at an ice cream parlor, this is a familiar teenage summer story, told through Emily's believable voice. Readers used to playing the role of sidekick or wallflower will identify with her as she moves from painful self-consciousness to blossoming self-confidence, even if her reasons for fulfilling the list are unclear. Indeed, Sloane's hold over Emily doesn't ring entirely true, and those readers with any sort of backbone will question the control Emily gives her absent friend; similarly, the maturity and poise of Frank strains credulity among those familiar with most seventeen-year old boys, as does the convenient distraction of Emily's playwright parents. Still, it's the stuff of summer dreams, and Matson pulls it off in this part mystery, part personal growth, entirely readable novel about all the living that awaits outside one's shell. AA

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