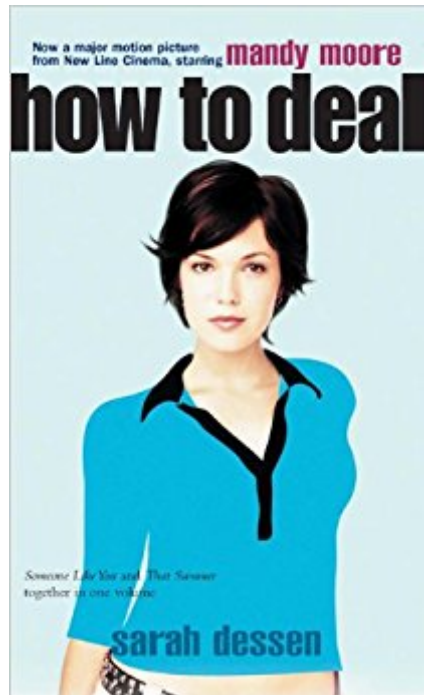


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# How To Deal (Turtleback School & Library Binding Edition)



## Synopsis

FOR USE IN SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES ONLY. In Halley's junior year she faces the death of her best friend Scarlett's boyfriend, Scarlett's pregnancy, and Halley's own first relationship, and all during the summer of her divorced father's remarriage and her sister's wedding.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

How to Deal is a book with two novels by Sarah Dessen in them which were put together to make a movie. The stories are divided in this book instead of together like the movie. I'll review each story separately. Someone Like You was my favorite of the two novels, it talks about Halley and her crazy life. She used to be quiet and well behaved, but then her best friend Scarlett became pregnant and the father of the baby is killed. Halley helps Scarlett through her pregnancy while dating Macon, the mysterious and wild boy who was Michael (the baby's father)'s best friend. Soon Halley's world turns upside down with Macon's reckless actions, Scarlett's pregnancy and her problems with her mother. This story is about true life and love, and how Halley deals with it. I found myself smiling through my tears in the end, and every time I re-read it, the book gets more and more compelling. That Summer: Haven is an awkward fifteen year old, who finds her world turned upside-down this summer. What with her father having an affair, her moody sister getting married to a man like a saltine cracker and her mother's sadness and obsessive gardening, Haven feels lost in the shuffle. She is angry with

her crazy family, her new "Bad Girl" best friend and her life in general. She keeps remembering how wonderful that summer was when her sister was dating Sumner Lee, the happy and perfect boy who seemed to pull her family together. But after they broke-up, it was then that Haven's world unraveled. It sound like it would be an awesome book, but the characters were not developed well and the ending seemed unfinished. The message in the story was a good one though, about how the first boy always hurts the most.

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