I Need A Book Cover

Another Summer

Book Information

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Another Summer

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Lake Rules: Soak up the sun. Sit under the stars. Don’t fall back in love.

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Romance, Contemporary

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Content

Synopsis

Miles and Avery seemed like the perfect couple when they met a decade ago while working at a lakeside resort in Maine. For one magical summer, they were like blueberry pancakes and maple syrup. But at summer’s end, things turned sticky when Miles abruptly ended things. They haven’t spoken since. When the resort’s owner suffers a family emergency, both Avery and Miles return to the lake to help open the resort for summer.
After selling her stationery business and leaving her cheating fiancé, Avery is all about playing it safe. She wasn’t expecting to see Miles until the fall wedding of their mutual friends—with people around to buffer the shock. His ten years of silence still stings, and she isn’t interested in giving Miles and his big dock energy another chance. As long as she keeps him at a canoe paddle’s distance,

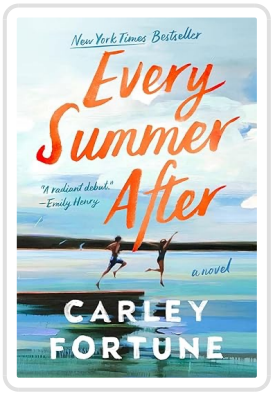
they won’t have to dredge up their past before she starts her MBA in the fall.
Miles grew up on the lake and is now a tech entrepreneur and semi-famous serial dater living in New York. He’s bought Avery’s favorite lake house and is hoping to open a bereavement camp on the lake. Avery’s the only woman who ever understood him and he’s determined to make up for past hurts. If he can remind her of everything they had that summer and show her what they could have again, he might get another chance.
The resort needs a marketing plan and Miles convinces Avery to team up with him to make a website and social media plan. She agrees and decorates a cabin as a way to have digital images to post. Despite their messy past, Avery can’t deny Miles remains the same intelligent, kindhearted soul who showed her the stars ten years ago. It’ll take another summer to figure out if they’re friends, lovers, enemies, or ghosted exes.
They put aside their heartbreak and past hurt, but as they fall back in love, Miles suffers panic attacks. He is afraid to tell Avery and she interprets his discomfort as a sign she might not fit in his big city life after summer ends. Their relationship unravels after a fundraiser for his bereavement camp and since they have to travel the following week, they agree to take a break to assess where the relationship is going.
When Avery and Miles meet back at the lake, he tells her about his panic disorder, and she tells him she has decided not to get an MBA and to pursue a career in design. At summer's end she moves to New York to take classes.

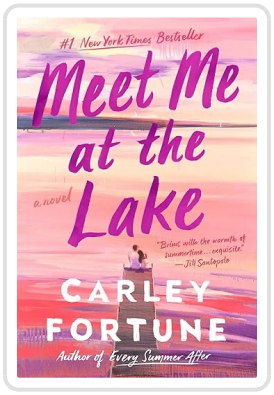
Blurbs

possible blurb coming

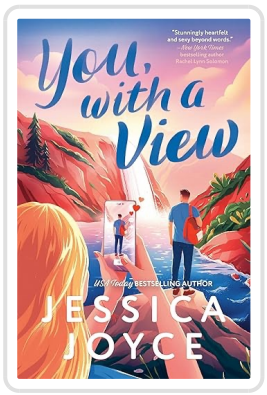
Design References

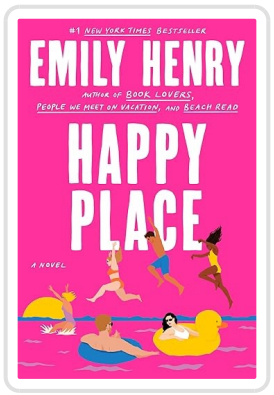
Comparative Covers

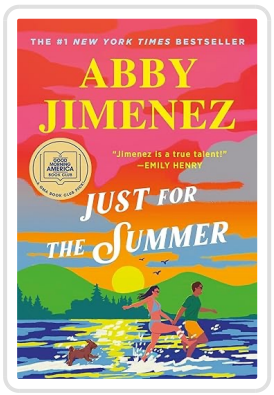


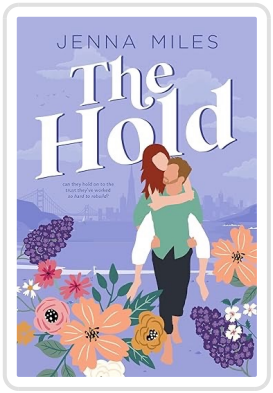




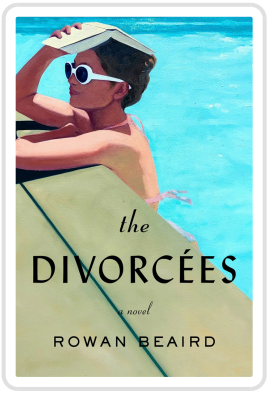




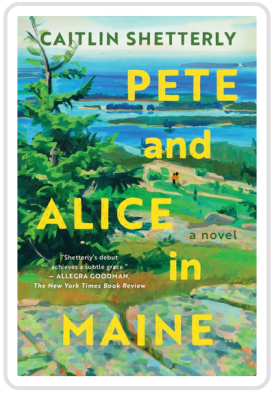












Carley Fortune series: I like the **artistic quality** of these and how they all look like **paintings** (my character, Avery, is a watercolor painter). These covers capture the **lake setting** and the couple. I also love the breezy font and **rich colors**.

You with a View: Another cover with **lush colors**. Love how we know this is a couple visiting a National Park.

Happy Place: Love the bright colors, the **playfulness**, and the simplicity of this cover. One thing I like about Emily Henry covers is that we know where these characters are with very little clutter in the background. One thing I find odd is this is not a scene in the book (have noticed this with other EH covers as well).

Just for the Summer: Love the colors and we know this is a **lake**.

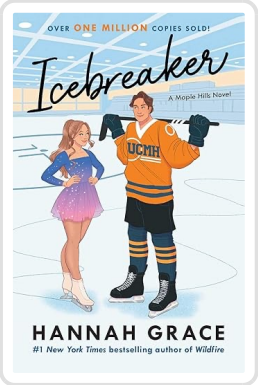
The Catch and *The Hold*: I like the flowers in the foreground and **hint of the setting** in the background. And I like the style of these illustrative cartoon renderings, although I'm not sure about the lack of facial features.

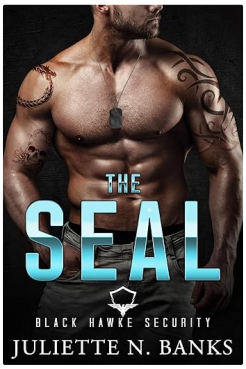
The Divorcees: The subject isn't right for my novel but the overall feel of the painting is.

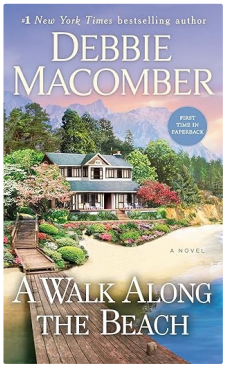
Summer Sisters: The colors and **loose** style of this painting are also working for me

Pete and Alice in Maine: Again, another example where the style of painting and the colors are perfect. Also the setting here hits the nail on the head - I knew it as Maine without reading the title.

Wrong Direction Covers







Icebreaker: Too cutesy. This looks like a middle grade or younger book, but is for a college audience. I do like the title font.

The Seal: No bare chested photos

A Walk Along the Beach: looks too old fashioned

General Likes & Overall Vision

I want the cover to evoke summer on a lake.

I'm open to a warm, painterly image.

I'm open to two directions: using a pre-existing painting, like the painted examples above, or a custom digital illustration, like the ones in *Happy Place* or *The Catch.*

Love the colors of Maine lake (blues, greens and purply pink sunsets). A lot of scenes take pace during sunset. I have a Google gallery of the place that inspired the setting, which I can send to my chosen designer!

This is a second chance, adversaries-to-lovers. A sweet romance develops over the book, so the expressions between them should ideally hint at a and adversarial stance with eye contact that hints at attraction OR a mutual pining, with eyes catching or a body part touching. I have a scene that comes to mind, and can send that before the design process starts.

I would prefer the text not to obscure the important part of the image

Background items that could be included: loons, a white golden retriever, a red lake house, pine and birch trees

Words to describe the ideal cover:

- warm hues (purply pink sunsets)
- OR colors of Maine lakes (blues and greens)
- painterly
- illustrative
- sweet
- playful
- lush
- affectionate (but not cutesy!)
- flirty
- summer camp
- carefree

Dislikes & Things to Avoid

No pure red, unless it's in a sunset.

No bare chests.

For romance, I don't like when the title dominates the page (such as the *Seven Year Slip* cover)
I like low clutter.

Budget

Stock Imagery Budget

$100 - $250

Total Design Budget

$800 - $1,800

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