

# Beach House Summer

by Sarah Morgan

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## About the Book

***USA Today* bestselling author Sarah Morgan returns with the ultimate beach read, as one woman forges the most unlikely friendship of all and embarks on a summer of confronting her past in order to build the future she wants.**

When Joanna Whitman's famous ex-husband dies in a car accident, she doesn't know what to feel. Their dysfunctional marriage held more painful secrets than she cares to remember. But when she discovers that the young woman with him in the crash is pregnant, Joanna feels compelled to act, knowing exactly how brutal the media spotlight will be on celebrity chef Cliff Whitman's ex-wife and his mysterious female friend.

Ashley Blake can't believe it when Joanna shows up in her hospital room and suggests they hide away at her beach house on a sleepy stretch of California coast. Joanna should be hating her, not helping her. But alone and pregnant, Ashley can't turn down Joanna's offer. Yet she knows that if Joanna ever found out the real reason Ashley was in that car, their tentative bond would shatter instantly.

Joanna's only goal for the summer is privacy, but her return causes major waves in the local community, especially for the man she left behind years ago. All Ashley wants is space to plan for her and her baby's future, and to avoid causing any trouble for Joanna. But as secrets spill out under the hot summer sun, this unlikely friendship is about to be put to the test.

## Discussion Guide

1. For the person who chose this book: What made you want to read *BEACH HOUSE SUMMER*? What made you suggest it to the group for discussion? Did it live up to your expectations? Why or why not?
2. Did you think the characters and their relationships were believable or realistic? Which character could you relate to

best, and why?

3. Talk about the secondary characters. Were they important to the story? Did any of them stand out for you?

4. How do you think the story would have been different if it was told from another character's perspective? What would have changed?

5. What were some of the major themes of the book? Did Sarah Morgan effectively develop these themes? If so, how? If not, why not?

6. Compare this book to others your group has read. What stands out most about BEACH HOUSE SUMMER vs. previous books you have read?

7. What did you think about the ending? Were you satisfied or disappointed with it?

8. Finally, what did you like or dislike about BEACH HOUSE SUMMER that we haven't discussed already? Would you recommend it to a friend?

## Author Bio

Sarah Morgan is a *Sunday Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author of contemporary romance and women's fiction. She has sold over 21 million copies of her books, and her trademark humour and warmth have gained her fans across the globe. Her books have been translated into 28 languages and have earned her starred reviews from *Publishers Weekly*, *Booklist* and *Library Journal*.

Sarah lives near London, and when she isn't reading or writing she loves spending time outdoors, walking or riding her mountain bike. She frequently stops to take photographs, much to the annoyance of her family.

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