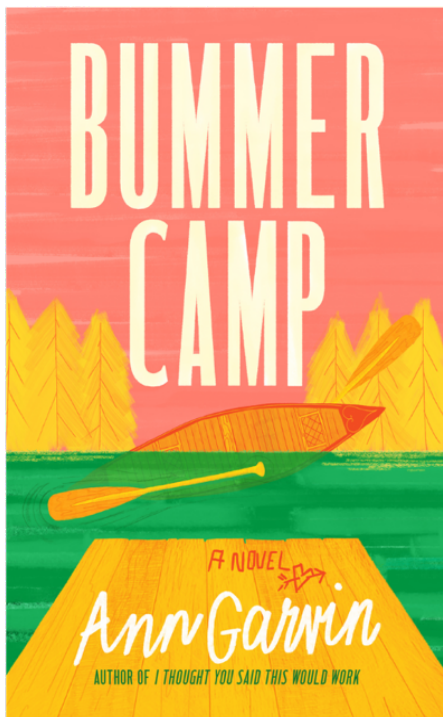


# BUMMER CAMP

by ANN GARVIN

“Two sisters scramble to save their family’s legacy in a funny, huge-hearted novel about grandiose plans and summers to remember by the author of *I Thought You Said This Would Work*, a *Good Morning America* recommended book.



When Ann Garvin writes a new novel, she not only wins devoted readers, but she also earns throngs of new friends. Honest, endearing and unabashedly fun, Garvin has a special gift for writing about women who do too much in a world that asks too much from them, and readers find Garvin’s characters to be genuine and utterly relatable.

*Good Morning America* says it best: “Ann Garvin writes brilliantly about women.” In a [recently viral post, six million](#) readers on X (formerly known as Twitter) agreed that Ann Garvin is the voice of the mid-life single woman protagonist.

*Library Journal* says Garvin is laugh-out-loud funny,” and Bob Eckstein, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Footnotes from the Most Fascinating Museums* said “After finishing *Bummer Camp*, I see why Ann Garvin is so beloved. Ann is a fabulous storyteller, a master writer, and just plain very funny.”

Fans of Nora Ephron, Maria Semple, Dolly Alderton, and Laura Zigman will relish Ann Garvin’s eagerly anticipated new novel,

**BUMMER CAMP** (Lake Union Publishing; September 1, 2024). When a failed motivational coach takes over a camp for anxious and depressed adults and hires earnest anxious and depressed college students to run it, Cat McCarthy has to save her beloved home even if it means losing everything else in the process.

Cat McCarthy has spent years extricating herself from the family business—an increasingly rundown theater camp and all the drama contained within it. At thirty-eight, she’s putting the final touches on a new life as she renovates her dream cottage and awaits her first child. Does it worry her that the McCarthy legacy is in the hands of her disastrously irresponsible sister, Ginger? Sure. But the camp’s not Cat’s problem anymore.

Then a series of frantic text messages pulls Cat back to center stage. Ginger has handed the reins to a crackpot motivational speaker, Bob Durand, and his scheming wife, Elaine. The couple’s plan to rebrand the camp as a “rehab” for anxious adults has nearly bankrupted the McCarthys. And now the Durands have skipped town days before investors arrive for a fundraising gala that could determine the camp’s future.

As Cat and Ginger wrangle a cast of lovable misfits and underdogs to save the camp, the sisters rediscover the importance of family, belonging, and holding fast to sweet summer memories.



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