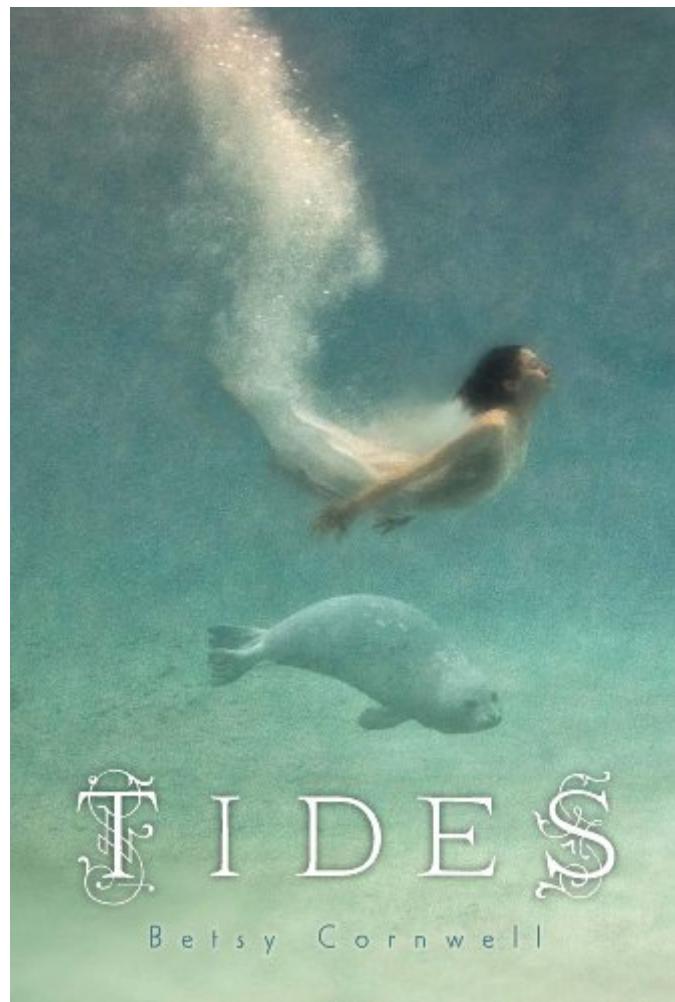


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# Tides



## Synopsis

When high school senior Noah Gallagher and his adopted teenage sister, Lo, go to live with their grandmother in her island cottage for the summer, they don't expect much in the way of adventure. Noah has landed a marine biology internship, and Lo wants to draw and paint, perhaps even to vanquish her struggles with bulimia. But then things take a dramatic turn for them both when Noah mistakenly tries to save a mysterious girl from drowning. This dreamlike, suspenseful story, deftly told from multiple points of view, dives deeply into selkie folklore while examining the fluid nature of love and family.

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## Customer Reviews

Tides is an excellent debut novel with interesting characters and a unique take on the selkie myths. I would highly recommend it to almost anyone who enjoys YA fantasy books.

A great young adult novel that isn't afraid to actually talk about what teenagers are dealing with and figuring out in their lives. Even if you don't care much for the supernatural or mythological aspects of

the book, the depth and humanity of the characters really drives the story forward.

I enjoyed this book, and it made a good discussion for our book club. Since it was written for younger readers, some book club members found it predictable and simplistic. I found it light hearted and fun, as well as charming. I love the legend of the selkies.

I'm an adult who enjoys some young adult fiction, assuming of course that it is well written and have characters who's personalities are realistic. I loved the story arc, and the characters, as well as the obstacles they needed to overcome. I'm terrible at writing reviews, but I recommend this book to everyone, because it is awesome. Can not wait for the sequel!!!

I knew very little about Selkies before I read this book. Now they fascinate me. Lots of great vivid details that paint a beautiful haunting picture of forbidden love and folklore. My favorite read this year!!!!

TidesI am a 50 year old YA fan and regularly read YA new releases as well as having enjoyed many of the classic YA authors when I fit into the young adult category. This is a lovely tale set in the Isles of Shoals off the coast of ME and NH. The lyrical prose highlights the author's love of the ocean and compassion for all creatures. I first read this on my Kindle but I have also purchased the hardcover book, partly because the cover art by Jolene Monheim is gorgeous and so that I can share this book with others. There are two things that I especially appreciated about TIDES. The first is the idea that families are found in many different ways---we are born into a family but we also find the family we need at various times in our lives. We need to be open to the various ways we learn from and are supported by those around us---even those who seem quite different. The second is the theme of the 'inbetween' that resonates through the book. Noah is in that awkward time of life between adolescence and adulthood, dependence and independence, known and unknown. Mara struggles to define herself while meeting the needs of those she loves. Working on family issues, preparing for a career, forming new relationships and having some dreams shattered are daily fare for teenagers. The story arc builds gracefully to a dramatic confrontation. Secrets are revealed that bring the characters closer. Each member of the TIDES family learns the important lesson that, in the end,'love is love'. This book left me content but wanting to know what happens next.

The storytelling is compelling, the characters are rich, and the themes are insightful. I also love the

evocative setting.

Wonderful book, I couldn't put it down. If you're interested in a novel that addresses lgbtq individuals, strong women, mystery, fantasy and a dash of young love, this is definitely for you. I can't wait for the next installment.

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