LOON COVE SUMMER

BY DONNA GALANTI

Thirteen-year-old Sarah Richardson is determined that her life will finally get unstuck this summer. She just knows it. Her to-do list? Brave the lake again. Save the loons. Stop missing Mom. Her one bright spot: volunteering at the local wild bird rehabilitation center. The summer looks even brighter when Sarah meets Theo, the boy staying at her family's Maine lakeside campground who cares about protecting the loons just like she does. But when Sarah's family may have to move, she adds a new to-do item: save their home. And when she suspects Dad is dating Theo's aunt, the naturalist helping research environmental dangers to the loons, Sarah is caught in a new world of grief. With the looming reality of losing her dad, her home, *and* the loons, Sarah must make a big statement to take control of her life. Capturing inspiration from her late mother's Appalachian Trail hiking journal, she boldly plans a solo wild adventure. But as her challenges mount, she wonders if her courage will earn her the voice she seeks—or if she's made a reckless choice that just might claim her life.

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PRAISE FOR LOON COVE SUMMER:

"An original and fun read from start to finish … inherently compelling and skillfully crafted. With its unexpected plot twists and deftly crafted characters, unreservedly recommended." – *Midwest Book Review*

"A warm-hearted novel … balances profound loss with humor and hope."
– Kate Allen, author of *The Line Tender*

"A page-turning read set in the wilds of Maine."
– Paul Greci, author of *Surviving Bear Island*

"As sparkling, refreshing, and mysterious as a Maine lake in summertime."
– Cathy Carr, author of *365 Days to Alaska*

"The cast of unforgettable characters and tender relationships stays with you."
– Jessica Rinker, author of *The Dare Sisters*

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- A poignant story steeped in friendship and family alongside hilarity and grief.
- For readers searching for meaning and adventure in their own world of firsts.
- A multi-generational cast of witty, quirky characters full of sweet encounters.
- Richly drawn lakeside, camp setting with a wildlife conservation theme.

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Audience:

- Nature and science lovers
- Outdoor adventure seekers
- Readers of survival stories
- Fans of environmental causes
- Youth in bereavement

BISAC Categories Juvenile Fiction:

- Social Themes /Death, Grief, Bereavement
- Science & Nature/ Environment