

The Juliet Club

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Kate Sanderson is a practical teenage girl whose two friends have very different perspectives on what her summer would be like. Kate, herself, was done with love after a bad break-up, but with plans to go to Italy for a Shakespeare seminar, the plan didn't seem to be working. For six weeks, Kate is joined by two other American teens and three Italian ones in Verona, Italy to study Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. There, the six of them are required to volunteer at the Juliet Club. The Club is an association that replies letters written to Juliet, of Shakespeare's classic tale, for love help. What the teens didn't plan on was that they would be living their own modern-day story of the star-crossed lovers.

The Juliet Club is a clichéd romance novel that many teenage girls and any hopeless romantics would enjoy. This book has an easy-to-follow plot, but there are times where the storyline is too predictable. These points are where the plot drags a little; there is no feeling of anticipation and I sometimes felt like skimming through the next bits. There are also one or two technical errors remaining in the story. Thankfully, these concerns didn't waver my liking for it.

This novel has a simple storyline; a characteristic that not many things have anymore. It's simple and sweet, perfect for quiet days when time drags. Though the concept of *Romeo and Juliet* is at times, overused, I haven't come across many other books with the same concept. *The Juliet Club* was a story that I truly enjoyed reading and would definitely read again.