

Summer at Tiffany

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Marjorie Jacobson and her best friend, Marty Garrett, head to New York City in the summer of 1945 in hopes of finding jobs that will show them the glitz and glamour of the city life. The two girls face rejection when they approach high end department stores, but are suddenly blessed with the chance of a lifetime when Tiffany & Co. offers them jobs as pages. Marjorie and Marty become the first females to work the floor in Tiffany and get swept into the whirlwind of the fabulous New York lifestyle during all the excitement of the end of WWII. Through all these experiences, Marjorie not only makes millions of memories, but also discovers a truth about herself. Though Marjorie enjoys living the glamorous life, she will always return home to her family with whom her heart remains faithful.

Summer at Tiffany is an autobiography documenting a young lady's transition into full independence and adulthood. Though the reading level is fairly easy, I feel like this book is perfect for any high school reader who enjoys coming-of-age novels and a little bit of history. Hart does a fantastic job retelling her magical adventure through a first person perspective; she keeps the storyline fresh and lighthearted and puts her voice into her writing, bringing appropriate humor and sadness into the story. As a student about to go to college in the coming two years, I found *Summer at Tiffany* a very sweet book. Despite the 66 years difference between 1945 and 2011, Hart's experiences are remarkably similar to the present day transition from high school to college. Reading this book not only soothed some of the worries I had about the future, but it also made me very excited for the years to come. *Summer at Tiffany* is a delightful book that I would give as a gift to my friends.