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Ben Walton grew up in Summer Lake, he's always known that he belongs there. His goal in life has always been to grow the resort that his family has owned for generations.

Charlotte DeWinter spent her childhood summers at the lake, staying with her grandparents. From the age of ten, she believed she would marry Ben someday. Ben believed it too.

Everything looked as though it was on track for these two, until it all went wrong the summer they were eighteen.

If you've read the Summer Lake series, you've no doubt wondered about Ben, and why he hasn't had his own book yet. Chasing Tomorrow is Ben's backstory, an insight into his past and what made him who he is.

**WARNING!!!** This is not Ben's happily-ever-after story, but a look into his past. Chasing Tomorrow is a shorter story than the other Summer Lake books. This one is around 40k words whereas the others are mostly 70-80k. It begins immediately after The Wedding Dance ends and looks back at one fateful summer.

This book is intended for adult readers 18+

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Chasing Tomorrow is NOT intended to be read as a stand alone novel. This book is for my lovely readers who have enjoyed Summer Lake books 1-8. It's especially for those who have wondered about Ben and why he hasn't had his own book already. If you haven't yet, you can start the series for FREE with Love Like You've Never Been Hurt

All the other books can be read as stand alones – no cliff hangers here! Each book contains one couple's story. However, they are best read in order to get full enjoyment of the underlying story and friendships.

Book 1: Love Like You've Never Been Hurt Emma and Jack  
Book 2: Work Like You Don't Need the Money - Pete and Holly  
Book 3: Dance Like Nobody's Watching - Missy and Dan  
Book 4: Fly Like You've Never Been Grounded - Smoke and Laura  
Book 5: Laugh Like You've Never Cried - Michael and Megan  
Book 6: Sing Like Nobody's Listening - Kenzie and Chase  
Book 7: Smile Like You Mean It - Gabe and Renée  
Book 8: The Wedding Dance - Missy and Dan's Wedding

## **Chasing Tomorrow Details**

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# From Reader Review Chasing Tomorrow for online ebook

## Brandi Sartin lawrence says

Glad we finally got to hear about Ben! I glad that he will have his own book but then I will be sad because that will mean it will the end of the series

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## Dana says

What can I say, I am a huge fan of SJ's work and as usual, this book was no exception.

Chasing Tomorrow is a bit of a departure from the rest of the series as it picks up where the last book left off and then through the memories of both Ben and Charlotte, we learn how their relationship started and ended so many years ago.

SJ did such an amazing job at giving us a glimpse of this beloved Character. Ben has always kept a wall up between him and the others, not revealing much to the readers. Charlotte on the other hand has always been this woman we didn't know who broke the amazing Ben's heart. Through her POV we get a chance to really get to know her and sympathize with her and the situation she was put in.

Another bonus with this story was getting to see some of our favorite Summer Lake residents back in the day when they were just 18 and striking out on their own!

This book left me wanting more from Ben and Charlotte and I cannot wait for the completion of their story!

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## Jamie Rhodes says

Readers of the Summer Lake series have been waiting on Ben's story for what seems like the entire series. We finally get a snippet of what is to come with Ben and Charlotte. This book provides the background story for Ben and Charlotte who loved once, but we as avid Summer Lake fans know that something happened between them. We just didn't know what. Until now. The book begins in present time, but then we travel back in time to when Ben and Charlotte were getting ready to leave for college. I loved seeing the Summer Lake gang as teens. Their personalities then match their personalities now. I have to admit that I didn't care for young Charlotte. She seemed flighty to me, but then I would remember that she was a mere child at 18. Eighteen year olds think they are so adult, but in reality they have so much to learn. Ben was an old 18 year old who was grounded and not flighty at all. He had responsibilities and was always the guy to make sure everyone and everything ran smoothly. They had different outlooks of how their life would go, but sometimes those differences just make a couple stronger. If SJ hadn't given us dual points of view, I definitely wouldn't have liked Charlotte. However, knowing her side of the story made me champion her as well. But, I still liked Ben better. This isn't a very long book. The writing style is beautiful. SJ does a wonderful job of spinning this story. We are left hanging as Ben awaits the next step. SJ will tell you that Ben is so remarkable that he deserves two books. I definitely would suggest that you read the entire series before you dive into Ben's story. However, if you want to dive in blind then that's ok too because you will be hooked and then you will go back and start at the beginning.

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## **DJ Sakata says**

My Rating:

4.5

Favorite Quotes:

“Life’s too short to waste it. Tomorrow isn’t promised to anyone. You two need to kiss and make up and get on with living today.”

“She was always chasing tomorrow... she was more concerned with chasing dreams and ideals than getting the most out of the day we were in.”

“He’d only managed to survive all these years because he kept the past, all his memories and feelings for Charlotte, closed up in a box. They came out sometimes, but he managed to put them away as quickly as he could.”

My Review:

I adore S.J. McCoy’s work – whether it is the Summer Lake series or the Remington Ranch hunks. Her characters are endearing and indelible, and people I would like to spend time with and know. Chasing Tomorrow is largely Ben’s backstory and small slice of his present day. I have been itching and antsy for this sweet and kind man to find his happy ever after, as he has been helping and watching as his friends have achieved theirs. I had even hoped he had a secret love stashed away whom his friends were unaware. However, once revealed, his history squeezed then broke my heart, although I am optimistic that his future looks brighter. So please hurry Ms. McCoy... I beg that you don’t keep Ben waiting much longer. He’s not getting any younger!

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## **Pat Christie says**

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And now Ben gets a chance to be happy. It's not easy and it's amid weddings and celebrations but Charlotte is home

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## **Mommaleena says**

**A Must Read**

I started reading this series with the Summer Lake box set books 1-3)..... After I finished I kept reading through the series... Each story is its own standalone HEA, but then they ALL blend together and go SO well together. I've read through them all-(not just this series!), you will do the same!! I CANNOT wait

for SJ's next book!!!

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### **Laurelin says**

This book is slightly different to the rest in the Series and I love it all the more for it.

For starters, to understand anything that's going on you have to have read the first 8 books or it just doesn't make sense.

Ben has tinkered along in the previous books and generally has been a bit of a lonesome enigma, resigned to the fact that he lost his one true love, Charlotte.

This is their back story, the build up to their proper book which will hopefully follow in the not too distant future!

I'm so pleased SJ decided to write this book, it gives real insight into why Ben is the way he is, and why there's no one else for him except Charlotte. The depth of the back story means it just would have been touched on briefly if it was part of their main story.

This story isn't quite as light and fluffy as SJ's other books and I love it for that!! Sometimes it's nice to read something that tugs at your heart a little, and reminds you that book characters can have a rough time of it too. I'm hoping SJ uses her newfound confidence to include some more emotional/angsty storylines in her future books because it adds a new depth to her writing.

Looking forward to Ben and Charlottes full story and finding out where they end up.

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### **Michelle Strommen says**

So this book is Ben and Charlotte's back story. Still need to find out their happily ever after. These characters are my friends and I am definitely on vacation with them

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### **Veronica Mostel says**

#### **Loved it**

What a story. To finally finding out what happened. They were both so in love. So happy they finally talked. Bring on the next story. I love these guys

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## **Orla says**

please hurry and write their story!!!

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## **Kristi Cramer says**

I have changed my star rating from four (Which would be more like 4.75) to five to four again, and I may yet change it back before I'm done. The only thing holding me back from the full five is that I had a little trouble (when I stopped to think about it) believing these characters I adore from the other books were eighteen here. That's a \*very\* small quibble.

For the rest of it, I read all but the first couple chapters in one sitting, and was pretty much riveted to the book. Finally learning what happened between Ben and Charlotte was heartbreaking.

The author deals with a tragic and authentic event with just the right amount of weight: not so heavy-handed that the reader breaks, but by no means so lightly that it doesn't have substance. (I don't want to spoil anything, so I'm being incredibly vague, I know.)

As I said, I didn't quite think of the cast as being eighteen, but it was nice to catch glimpses of them all as they prepare to embark on adulthood, personalities we know and love intact.

I did have a moment while "with" Ben when I deflated for his sake, realizing where things were headed, and I was not sure if he would or even should recover. I was never so glad to be wrong, although what did happen was still...heartbreaking. I'm using that word a lot, but that's the tone of the book.

Chasing Tomorrow is a must read if you are a fan of Summer Lake, but it is not a standalone. You don't want to miss the other books, which set up why this book is so important. SJ McCoy just keeps getting better. This book is well written and clean, and while it is short, it is a most excellent way to spend a couple hours.

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## **Tina Jenkins says**

### **Thank you for the back story about Ben**

I have been waiting patiently for Ben's story. Thankful for the back story, sad that Ben and Charlotte lost all those years due to her parents. Also sad they had to go through the loss of their baby. I can't wait for their HEA story

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## **Kristy Hollingsworth says**

### **Loved it**

Another great one. I can't wait to download the next one and read it. This series just keeps getting better.

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**Carol Gil says**

**Good read!**

It was nice to finally get the background of what happened with Charlotte and Ben! I am glad to see it was all out side circumstances and they are going to work on being able to be together.

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**Kim Richards says**

**I loved this story**

Wow what a powerful story, full of emotions, I laughed, I cried and I laughed some more.

I am so pleased we got to read this story, as it has helped me to understand things about Ben a lot better. I can't believe what they went through at such a young age, but I suppose it can happen to any one at any to e. As normal I was pulled into the story, it is full of surprises good and bad, remember to have the Kleenex handy.

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