

***People We Meet on Vacation* by Emily Henry**

Emily Henry is a popular author in the rom-com/romance genre. She is the #1 New York Times and #1 Sunday Times bestselling author of *Happy Place*, *Book Lovers*, *People We Meet on Vacation*, and *Beach Read*. *People We Meet on Vacation* tells the story of Poppy and Alex. They meet in college – complete opposites, but from neighboring towns in Ohio. Sharing rides to and from college, they become friends. Alex wants to become an author and teach back home. Poppy wants to be a travel journalist and loathes her hometown. After college, they end up sharing adventurous summer vacations every year to reconnect as they live their separate lives in different parts of the country. The book is primarily set in the present day – a summer vacation to Palm Springs to attend Alex’s brother’s wedding. This is their first trip after a two-year hiatus during which they barely spoke to each other. Poppy is at a crossroads, and the only thing she knows is she desperately misses her best friend. Intermixed with the current summer vacation are flashbacks to past summer vacations so we see the twists and turns of their friendship and slow-burning, hidden attraction.

Although the book was good, I felt it dragged on a bit too long. This is the first Emily Henry book I’ve read, so I’m not sure if this is true for her other books. All have been best sellers though – so I’ll have to try some of her other books to see.