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Samantha Parkington is a bright Victorian beauty being raised by her wealthy grandmother in 1904. Samantha's stories describe her life during this important period of change. Her own world is filled with frills and finery, parties and play. But Samantha sees that times are not good for everybody. That's why she tries to make a difference in the life of her friend Nellie, a servant girl whose world is nothing like Samantha's. Samantha and her friends set off on a secret summertime exploration that lands them in the middle of a dangerous storm.

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From Reader Review Samantha Saves the Day: A Summer Story for online ebook

Sharon says

Samantha couldn't be happier! She is with Grandmary at their summer home(Piney Point) in the mountains. To add to the excitement, Agnes, Agatha, Uncle Gard and Aunt Cornelia are joining them. And so is Grandmary's special friend and admirer, Admiral Archibald Beemis. Fishing, swimming, and exploring in their canoe occupy their sunny days. And on rainy days, the girls complete jigsaw puzzles, paint pictures, play cards and work on their wildflower scrapbooks. When Samantha finds a sketchbook of her late mother's vacation paintings, she and the twins decide to visit Teardrop Island. Samantha is aware that her parents had a tragic accident there, but what could happen on such a beautiful, peaceful day?

Samantha Saves The Day is the fifth book in the Samantha series. Cleverly illustrated by Dan Andreasen.

The "Looking Back" section of the book explores "America Outdoors in 1904." People in towns and cities wanted to escape to the mountains and seashores in the summer. Wealthy families often spent their entire summer at their vacation homes. They may have felt they were "roughing it", but servants made their lives easier.

John Muir, Sarah and James Philip and Theodore Roosevelt were active in early ecological movements.

Emily Dittmar says

This was a good adventure story - I didn't want to put it down.

april says

It left me cliff hanged because it's too short or maybe it's just me since I read a lot of thicker books with longer storylines.

Kristine Hansen says

Excitement abounds with Samantha and her cousins as they go exploring around a lake over summer vacation.

I think what I love is the absolute freedom the girls have to go out, wander the woods, and play all day with no adult supervision at all. It's a strange thing to me now, because I wouldn't give my own kids that much freedom, though I grew up spending long summer days in the woods with my mom having no idea where I was (or even little caring so long as I showed up in time for dinner.)

Is this just me or have times really changed?

Anyway, all of this unsupervised fun leads to quite the adventure with enough excitement to keep the pages turning. A fun story, and one I enjoyed reading. Go Samantha!

Liz says

Very interesting book

Maria says

I just read all the Samantha books, and I must say that overall, this one was my favorite! It was very exciting! I love Piney Point and I just think this was a perfect book! I also love that I learned more about Samantha's parents, considering that they don't tell you much about them!

Lacey says

I'm not sure who likes these books more, my daughter or me:)

Emily says

Definitely one of my favorite AG books. So much adventure. Samantha's time was so interesting. Modern enough to relate but elegant and different and the outdoor summer stories are always the best!

Elise says

Good story, fun. Always good.

Sarina says

“It was wonderful to have all of her favorite people together at her favorite place in the world.”

...What about Nellie? The same Nellie who has gone unmentioned over the last three books?

Shelli says

Samantha and her family are summering at their families summer camp. (A collection of several log cabins

on the side of the lake that Samantha's wealthy family owned.) Life in their cabin's was not much different then day to day life, except for the break from school and lessons. Ruffing it is not something that happened when you had posh cabins and servants. Samantha and her cousins have freedom to explore the lake and the woods as they wish. Tear Drop Island, a little island that calls to them to explore, is the location where Samantha's parents both drowned in a boating accident when she was only 5 years old. Will visiting this island bring back forgotten memories of treasured time with her parents?

Kaley Catron says

Wow that was an intense one!!

Sarah Crawford says

In this story Samantha and the others go to another home they have for the summer and it's there that Samantha finds out how her parents died, which was in part of the lake that the home is right next to. Samantha also finds a book of sketches that her mother made and she decides that she wants to visit the island where her parents, and apparently her, once had a lot of fun.

Cornelia's two sisters go with here and at first they do have a lot of fun on the island but then the weather turns really bad, their boat floats away, and the Admiral, one of the people staying at the house, is injured trying to rescue the girls.

So now the girls must rescue both themselves and the admiral, meaning they will have to row a boat through a portion of the lake where Samantha's parents had been killed by drowning, going through the same type of storm that ended up killing her parents.

Another good book in the series, including the usual historical section.

Lauren says

Wonderful book for the American Girls series.

Superreader200 says

Samantha goes to Teardrop Island. After she has fun, she founds out her boat is gone! So the three girls sleep on the mountain. When they went down, they heard a sound. They found out that it was the Admiral trying to help them--but now they had to help him! Samantha found his boat. They went in that boat. They paddled through the lake and the storm next to the rocks. Then Samantha said to herself, "This is probably what happened to Mommy and Daddy. I was only five when they died." She made it home safely before the Admiral died. After this, the doctor came, and the Admiral became well again.

