Just for the Summer - Abby Jimenez

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Book Summary

- **Key Plot Points:**
  - Justin proposes a summer-long fake relationship with Emma.
  - They agree to the arrangement to appease their families and avoid pity.
  - Both have past experiences that make them wary of real relationships.
  - Their fake relationship starts to feel increasingly real.
  - They navigate personal insecurities and family expectations.
  - Unexpected feelings develop, leading to potential complications.
  - The "summer" deadline looms, forcing them to confront their true feelings.
  - Resolution of their individual issues and the fate of their relationship.
- **Themes:**
  - Fake dating trope
  - Overcoming past trauma and insecurities
  - The complexities of family relationships
  - Finding love unexpectedly
  - The blurred lines between pretense and reality
  - Self-discovery and growth

Book Basic Information

- **Title:** Just for the Summer
- **Author:** Abby Jimenez
- **Published Year:** 2024
- **Genre:** Contemporary Romance
- **Word Count:** ~90,000 (estimated)
- **Goodreads Score:** ~4.3 (as of May 2025 - check current)
- **Similar Books:**
  - *The Love Hypothesis* by Ali Hazelwood
  - *Book Lovers* by Emily Henry
  - Other contemporary romances with witty banter and emotional depth

Author Intro

- **Abby Jimenez:**
  - Food Network winner
  - #1 New York Times Bestselling Author (*Just for the Summer*)
  - 2022 Minnesota Book Award recipient (*Life's Too Short*)
  - Dolly Award winner for Book of the Year (*Yours Truly*)
  - Founder of Nadia Cakes (award-winning bakery)
  - Known for witty writing and emotional depth

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Main Characters

- **Emma Graham:**
  - Social media influencer
  - Dealing with online negativity and public perception
  - Independent and determined
  - Has been through a difficult public breakup
  - Initially hesitant about the fake relationship
- **Justin Campbell:**
  - Firefighter
  - Caring and protective
  - Dealing with family pressure and expectations
  - Wary of commitment due to past experiences
  - Initiates the fake relationship

Tone & Style

- **Tone:**
  - Humorous and witty
  - Lighthearted and engaging
  - Emotional and heartfelt
  - Slightly angsty at times
- **Style:**
  - First-person perspective (alternating between Emma and Justin)
  - Fast-paced dialogue
  - Descriptive and immersive
  - Focus on internal thoughts and feelings
  - Blend of humor and emotional depth

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