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Debut Novel Gives Lesbian Teens a Love Story of Their Own

Roma, Queensland, 1st June 2015: Australian author Selena Silcox, writing as SR Silcox, has released *Crush*, the first in a series of sweet romance novels written especially for lesbian teens. *Crush* takes place on a sugar cane farm in the fictional small town of Chesterfield, where Tess Copeland is fighting to save her family's beloved Crush Festival. Maddie Lambert's arrival in town proves a welcome distraction for Tess, but city-girl Maddie has a secret of her own which could change everything.

The idea for the story arose from the desire to give lesbian teens some sweet romance books with main characters just like them. "I think it's important that teens see themselves reflected in fiction," Selena says. "Seeing characters whose experiences reflect their own shows lesbian teens that their stories are valid."

Heavily influenced by the sweet romances she read as a teenager herself in the 1980s and 1990s (such as *Dolly Fiction* and *Silhouette First Love*), the *Girls of Summer* series will be a collection of stand-alone novels, all taking place in summer. Why summer? "Summer is a time of freedom for teens. No school. Trips to the beach. Lots of time spent with friends and holiday romances. What's not to love about summer? Summer is still my favourite time of year," Selena says.

She also drew inspiration for *Crush* from her childhood summers spent on her grandparents' farm in Queensland. "I had some great adventures on the farm when I was growing up and I've given a few little nods to some special places and farm items in the book that people familiar with the area might recognise. Though I never had a summer romance like Tess and Maddie do," Selena muses.

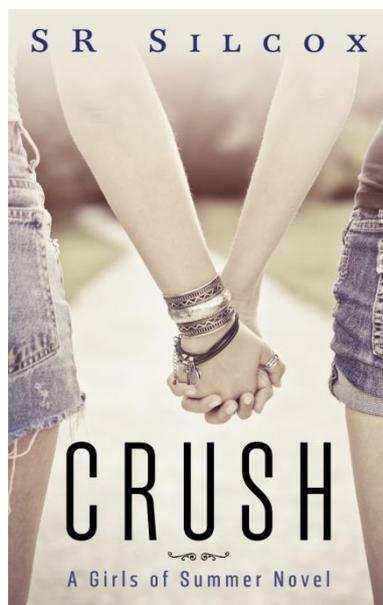
Crush is available from all good ebook retailers including Amazon and Kobo.

The print-on-demand paperback option is available from Amazon and the author's website, and will be available in other online stores from July

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For more information about *Crush* and the *Girls of Summer* series, please visit www.srsilcox.com or email selena@srsilcox.com.

Blurb



Crush by SR Silcox

Tess Copeland's beloved family tradition, the Crush Festival, is under threat from poor attendance and funding cuts and she needs to come up with a way to stop it from falling into the hands of an opportunistic councillor.

Maddie Lambert wants a break from her hectic Sydney life. She's hoping that spending some time in small-town Chesterfield will help her regroup and refocus.

Tess and Maddie's budding relationship gives them both a welcome distraction from their problems. But when disaster strikes and the Crush Festival seems doomed, and Maddie's secret is exposed, they both need to decide what's important in order to save the festival and Maddie's career.

About the Author

SR Silcox grew up in small-town Australia. A child of the 80s and a teen of the 90s, it was a multi-coloured, fun-filled time of hypercolour T-shirts, Slip'n'Slides, outrageously teased fringes, MC Hammer and Dunlop Volleys. She played cricket in the summer and soccer in the winter, all while wearing shorts and T-shirts with a cap glued firmly to her head.

She loves team sports, barracks for the underdog, and believes that everyone makes the right choices given the right set of circumstances. Most of all she believes that re-making movies from the 1980s should be made illegal.

A lesbian herself, she's passionate about the importance of diversity in fiction and the media, especially for LGBT+ teens.

A voracious and eclectic reader, among her favourite authors are JK Rowling, John Green, Hugh Howey, and Malinda Lo.

A former accountant, SR Silcox left her job in 2012 to write full time. She lives in the 'out west' of Queensland with her partner and two dogs, and writes young adult fiction with lesbian main characters.

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