

The Myth of Perpetual Summer By Susan Crandall **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** English The drama of a dysfunctional Southern family plays out on the pages of THE MYTH OF PERPETUAL SUMMER.

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Alas the rumor is true Susan was a dental hygienist in her previous career. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Although her older brother and her grandmother were her steadfast support she had a very unstable and tumultuous childhood as her parent's relationship was volatile and her father suffered from mental illness. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** My favorite part of the story was when she takes her grandmother's boat downriver river to gather mayhaws to make jelly for a mother's day gift but gets in over her head when a storm approaches. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** THE MYTH OF PERPETUAL SUMMER addresses a wide array of additional topics including murder suicide cults and bullying There is a diverse cast of interesting characters but my favorite was the blue-eyed Ross who is from New Orleans and is a modern day knight in shining armor for the James family. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** I thought the pacing was slow especially in the years after Tallulah left Mississippi though I see how that time was used for her to discover who she was and if her parents' issues affected her. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** There is just something in southern novels that I am drawn to family secrets keeping up appearances concern for ones reputation and the art of keeping on no matter what happens are a few. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** As memories from the past collide with the present the family is finally forced to face the buried truths that have burdened them for far too long paving the way for long overdue understanding forgiveness redemption and healing. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** It's been a cold dreary week (proving there is no perpetual summer in Texas either contrary to popular belief) and this book pulled me away from my present time and place sucking me into a good old- fashioned southern family drama. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Dark buried secrets is the foundation upon which lies and scandals and whispers are built around the family and Tallulah bears the brunt of something she doesn't fully understand as a teenage girl. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** If you enjoy family sagas historical fiction or coming of age stories- this book is one you might want to consider! 4 stars English 5 southern family secret stars to The Myth of Perpetual Summer my first favorite read of summer! ☐☐☐☐☐Set in Mississippi in the 1960s and 70s Tallulah James' story is memorable and haunting. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Her parents have a tumultuous relationship sparked by a self-absorbed yet bleeding-heart when it comes to social causes outside her own home mother and a father with an at times debilitating mental illness. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Explosive events cause Tallulah to leave her family behind and the story actually opens with her return to Mississippi years later once again trying to shoulder the responsibility of repairing and bolstering her family. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** The Myth of Perpetual Summer is then told through past and present chapters allowing the reader to get to know the James family good bad and in between loving and full of life. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** In return she is loved back by the likes of her older brother Griff who could not have been more nurturing and caring her younger brother Walden innocent and yearning for his place as well as Dharma her younger sister a bit dramatic and self-absorbed like their mother. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Set on a backdrop of the major events of the time the civil rights movement and the Vietnam war The Myth of Perpetual Summer is a huggable book one where a family's secrets may be larger than life but the thread of love that unites them may be enough to absolve their tragic past. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** The Myth of Perpetual Summer is that book! Susan Crandall

author of the best-selling novel *Whistling Past the Graveyard* captures the very essence of southern literature in her new tale *The Myth of Perpetual Summer*. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Raised primarily by her grandmother her parents a very dysfunctional pair who couldn't be bothered with their kids Tallulah attempts to shield her siblings and the town from the very worst of the secrets being kept inside her family's home. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** When she has had enough and is at her breaking point Tallulah flees her small Mississippi town going as far west as she is able - California -where she desperately tries to re-create herself and bury her past. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Crandall's writing examines the question that far too many families must ask themselves - are the secrets and lies more important than being healthy and whole? This is a beautifully written woeful tale that will break your heart and leave you shattered but it also is a book about hope families and the bonds that tie them together. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** English From the national bestselling author of *Whistling Past the Graveyard* comes a moving coming-of-age tale set in the tumultuous sixties that harkens to both *Ordinary Grace* and *The Secret Life of Bees*. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Tallulah James's parents' volatile relationship erratic behavior and hands-off approach to child rearing set tongues to wagging in their staid Mississippi town complicating her already uncertain life, The most interesting aspect of this story is the flawless and brilliant way Crandall writes the different reactions of all the siblings to their erratic childhoods, **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** All of the characters were written with amazing depth and the story's setting is vivid and descriptive. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** THE MYTH OF PERPETUAL SUMMER is essentially a coming-of-age story about a woman who was not able to deal with her adverse childhood in a family she cares for and loves, **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** English The Myth of Perpetual Summer Susan Crandall Great writing and interesting characters combine for a complex and moving coming-of-age story. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** SUMMARY Tullulah James would be lost if it were not for her old older brother.

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I'm going to sit this one aside for now and maybe try again at another time. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** I don't read a lot of historical fiction and when I do they are usually in the gothic haunted mansion variety. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** The pacing of this one is much slower than what I'm used to and I keep finding myself distracted every time I pick this up: **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** It's no wonder that Susan Crandall has achieved the success that she has: **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** I need to rate this for BookishFirst even though I normally would never rate a DNF. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** As with all my DNF books it will not be included in my book challenge total: **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** However she retired from that profession many years ago and has been a full time author ever since thanks to all of you fabulous readers, **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Susan grew up in a small Indiana town married a guy from that town and then moved to Chicago for a while, **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** She is pleased to say that she has been back in her hometown for many years and plans to stay. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** She's received a RITA two National Readers Choice Awards and a SIBA Award for Fiction. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Her books include an Indie Next Pick Okra Picks a Target Book Club pick and are popular with book clubs: **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** {site_link} Alas the rumor is true Susan was a dental hygienist in her previous career, **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** However she retired from that profession many years ago and has been a full time author ever since

thanks to all of you fabulous readers, **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Susan grew up in a small Indiana town married a guy from that town and then moved to Chicago for a while: **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** She is pleased to say that she has been back in her hometown for many years and plans to stay. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** She's received a RITA two National Reader's Choice Awards and a SIBA Award for Fiction. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Her books include an Indie Next Pick Okra Picks a Target Book Club pick and are popular with book clubs: **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** [{site_link}](#) [{site_link}](#) "I stare at the house for a few minutes even now surprised I'm standing here a place I thought I'd never see again: **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** It causes a strange sense of vertigo this collision of long-ago and now of childhood pain and adult understanding of the unchangeable past and the possibilities of the future, **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** " My favorite quote in The Myth of Perpetual Summer This story tugged at my heart, **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Tallulah James a precocious and thoughtful 13-year old girl grew up way too fast due to her selfish and largely absent parents' behavior, **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** The repercussions of her traumatic childhood bleed into later years when we meet Tallulah now living in California and estranged from her family, **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** When she learns of a brother's incarceration she reluctantly heads back to her old home in Mississippi and old feelings of a dysfunctional past bubble to the surface. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Will she ever find peace? I loved the story being told from Tallulah's viewpoint: **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** She was a complex and wonderfully human character who tries to accept her weaknesses and reconcile with her past. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** I did get a bit frustrated at times regarding her constant second-guessing though, **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Ross Ross Ross - I loved you I wanted you for my own: **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** There wasn't a more perfect caring boy who would grow into a perfectly well-baked caring man: **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** English Thank you so much Gallery Books for providing my free copy of THE MYTH OF PERPETUAL SUMMER by Susan Crandall - all opinions are my own: **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** This is such a lovely book and Susan Crandall is a master storyteller, **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Set in the backdrop of Mississippi during the 1960s civil rights movement the story centers around Tallulah James and her dysfunctional family: **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Tallulah returns home after seven years because her younger brother is accused of murder, **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** So Tallulah left all those years ago to escape her past and reinvent herself in California. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** The story is a very realistic emotional and accurate portrayal of a family going through extreme turmoil with an exquisitely written protagonist. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** The story is told from Tallulah's perspective alternating seamlessly between her childhood and the present day: **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** I adored Tallulah's character as I found her to be complex emotive Griff and her Southern grandmother. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Her parents are volatile and erratic and are rarely even home: **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Tallulah has taken personal responsibility for shielding the family's reputation and for raising her younger twin siblings. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Following a family death and abandonment Tullulah sets out alone for a new life in California, **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** But her dysfunctional childhood makes it difficult for her to develop close relationships, **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** When disaster strikes her family once again she must return home to pick up the pieces and is finally able to uncover long held family secrets, **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** REVIEW This is Tullulah's coming of age story and is set in Mississippi in the tumultuous 1960s. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Tullulah narrates the complicated story and her character is both brave and vulnerable. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** She tries so hard to make the family right and

you so want her to succeed: **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** I'm not really sure what the "myth of perpetual summer" is but the book is a satisfying read despite a slow start, **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** It's a emotional story of a once prominent family that is burdened with the blood of mental illness and its' declining reputation in the community: **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Susan Crandall is a critically acclaimed author of women's fiction romance suspense. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** She has written several award winning novels including Back Roads (2003) and Whistling Past the Graveyard (2014), **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Thanks to Netgalley for an advance reading copy of The Myth of Perpetual Summer in exchange for an honest review. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Publisher Gallery BooksPublication June 19 2018 English Love love LOVE this book! Susan Crandall is a master at delving into family dysfunction and the human psyche. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Thank you! Sadly and woven in between is the tumultuous coming-of-age story of Tallulah James. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** On the one hand the writing in this book is quite beautiful: **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** I was wrapped up in the sense of place and time the author conveyed of Tallulah's small Mississippi hometown in the late 50s and early 60s, **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** There are many facets to this story and really I wasn't sure what one was supposed to be the main focus, **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** The book begins in 1972 when Tallulah returns to Lamoyne MS after a long absence. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Her younger brother has been arrested for murder and her grandmother needs her help. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** The timeline alternates between 1972 and the 1950s/1960s showing the James family's dysfunction in full swing: **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Her parents have a troubled often violent relationship and neither parent is all that interested in their four children, **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Her older brother is accused of a terrible crime and her grandmother is harboring a terrible family secret from long ago: **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Even with the many aspects in this book everything fit together to make the James' story complete though I was hoping for a bit more resolution with certain elements: **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Disclosure: I received a copy of the book from the publisher through Edelweiss in exchange for an honest review. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** 5 Tallulah James adore the name and adore the feisty young lady to which it belongs in this quiesentially southern novel: **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Mississippi the sixties Lulie as she is called and her brother Griff are close doing the best they can to take care of their two younger siblings: **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** They do have parents but the mother Margo is more interested in various causes than she is in the children she bore. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Their father well let's just say he is present when he can be but sometimes he is brought low and sometimes he is too shiny: **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Their grandmother in self denial does what she can to hold things together until something happens that changes everything. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** A coming of age tale a broken family set against the Civil Rights movement and the Vietnam War. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Going away coming home for a heartbreaking reason yet now being older better able to see the good with the bad. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Starting over finding happiness in places one thought they had left. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Putting pieces back together bringing the secrets out in the open so one can heal, **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** I enjoyed this book the characters the setting the plot all inviting. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** A heroine one wants to succeed no matter where she goes or what she does. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Now there's a genteel Southern understatement for life being ripped apart by a cataclysmic shit storm, **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** English The Myth of Perpetual Summer by Susan Crandall is a 2018 Gallery Books publication. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Heart wrenching southern style coming of age tale bracketed into a

touching story of eventual hope! Mississippi during the 60s and 70s is boiling pot of tension and scrutiny. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** It's the perfect backdrop for this coming of age story centered around Tallulah James and her dysfunctional southern family: **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Tallulah copes as best she can in a house full of secrets and miseries. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Her father exhibits the hallmark symptoms of mental illness in a time when it was something people didn't understand or discuss: **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Her mother has little regard for parenthood which leaves Tallulah her brother Griff and younger twin siblings under their grandmother's supervision most of the time: **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Her grandmother's overwhelming emphasis on propriety is overbearing and her parent's constant arguments and failings leaves Tallulah desperate to escape Mississippi: **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Eventually circumstances force her hand propelling her to leave home and start a new life for herself: **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** But several years later a horrendous family situation sends Tallulah racing back home back into her grandmother's life where she also reconnects with her old friend Ross, **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** I have been trying to work this book into my reading schedule for over a year and a half. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** It was supposed to be a summertime beach read for me but I'm glad I ended up reading the book now instead, **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** My heart ached for these children who longed for paternal love and guidance but all too often had to be the adults in the family. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** While the simmering Mississippi climate creates a haunting and taut atmosphere the emotions run long and deep building and cloying desperate for a release. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** The dam will finally burst and the relief is palpable and immediate, **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** While the aftermath still leaves some uncertainty to contend with overall the predominant feeling is one of hope and new beginnings. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** This is a terrific drama which addresses a host of family issues but with an emphasis on mental illness: **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** The time frame reveals how once taboo topics are finally becoming less stigmatized and better understood. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** I would be remiss if I didn't mention that Ross is THE show stealer! He is the most satisfying character in the book all the way around. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** His unconditional love patience kindness and loyalty are a much-needed balm: **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** However I also thought his own bit of family rebelliousness which resulted in a most fitting career choice was wonderfully ironic. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Although this book was marketed as a summer beach read the weightiness is balanced enough to make it a great year-round choice, **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** The town is always talking about the high profile Jameses including lurid family secrets past and present, **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Tallulah though not the oldest child takes the helm of the ship when it comes to protecting her fragile family. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Her right hand is her steadfast brother Griff and her left hand is her quintessentially southern paternal grandmother. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Tallulah is head strong and morally convicted and she has the most genuine love for each of her family members: **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** I also cannot forget Ross Griff's best friend and Tallulah's friend too, **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** What a love Ross is and a true faithful friend to this family, **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** The family is dysfunctional yes but there is so much love and sacrifice for one another. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Thank you Susan Crandall a most gifted storyteller Gallery Books and Netgalley for the complimentary copy: **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** The Myth of Perpetual Summer will be published on June 19 2018: **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** com English There are times when a book reaches out grabs your heart and doesn't let it go. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Tallulah James - how typically southern is that name - was the glue that

held her crumbling and decaying family together. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Her youngest brother has been charged with murder and Tallulah knows that she has to return "home" to help him. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Although Crandall has lived her entire life in Indiana she very clearly has a feel for the southern way of life. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** The heartache and heartbreak that covers the south like a dusty ever present film is vividly portrayed in *The Myth of Perpetual Summer*: **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Having grown up in a small town in Arkansas every word on these pages felt like home to me: **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** These were people that I knew these were my neighbors my own family my friends, **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** The south particularly the "deep south" has a way of keeping secrets burying them deep only to bring them to light when you least expect or want to see them: **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Crandall understands this and gives words to the feelings of being trapped judged and lonely in a room full of people or in small town where all eyes are on you. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** The story covers a broad range of topics: the 60s war religion cults and ultimately family secrets, **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** The lengths that families will go to in order to protect their "name" their reputation is the at the very core of this novel, **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** Thank you to Goodreads Giveaway and @SusanCrandall for my copy of this fascinating book: **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** A fun note - Susan Crandall lives in the next town over from mine here in Indiana and I am huge of this fellow Hoosier's work, **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** She takes the responsibility of shielding her family's reputation and raising her younger twin siblings onto her youthful shoulders, **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** If not for the emotional constants of her older brother Griff and her old guard Southern grandmother she would be lost. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** When betrayal and death arrive hand in hand she takes to the road headed to what turns out to be the not-so-promised land of Southern California. **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** The dysfunction of her childhood still echoes throughout her scattered family sending her brother on a disastrous path and drawing her home again, **The myth of perpetual summer susan crandall** There she uncovers the secrets and lies that set her family on the road to destruction[1]

And real. I cannot recommend this book enough. I will say the writing itself is exceptional. I'm going with 3 stars because of the wonderful writing. *THE MYTH OF PERPETUAL SUMMER* will be released June 19 2018. Join her newsletter for new release announcements. *THE MYTH OF PERPETUAL SUMMER* will be released June 19 2018. Join her newsletter for new release announcements. She could be her own worst enemy. A character that really stood out for me was Ross. Great story by Susan Crandall. I loved every single thing about this book. Highly recommend. English I won this book through a BookishFirst giveaway. There's something wrong with her father. English 3. All found in this book. Well it was an unpleasant time. ARC by Edelweiss. This story is absorbing and so heartbreakingly sad. My reviews can also be found on my blog: www.jennifertarheelreader.com. But the past won't let her go. It is those secrets that have torn this family apart. *The Myth of Perpetual Summer*

