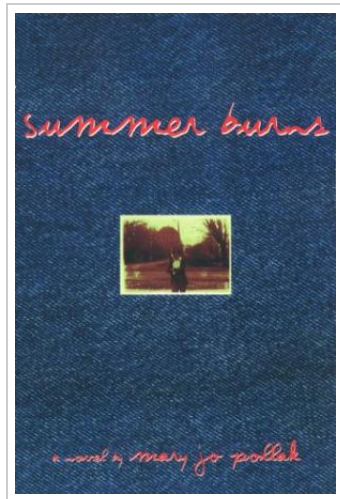




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Summer Burns

By Mary Jo Pollak

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