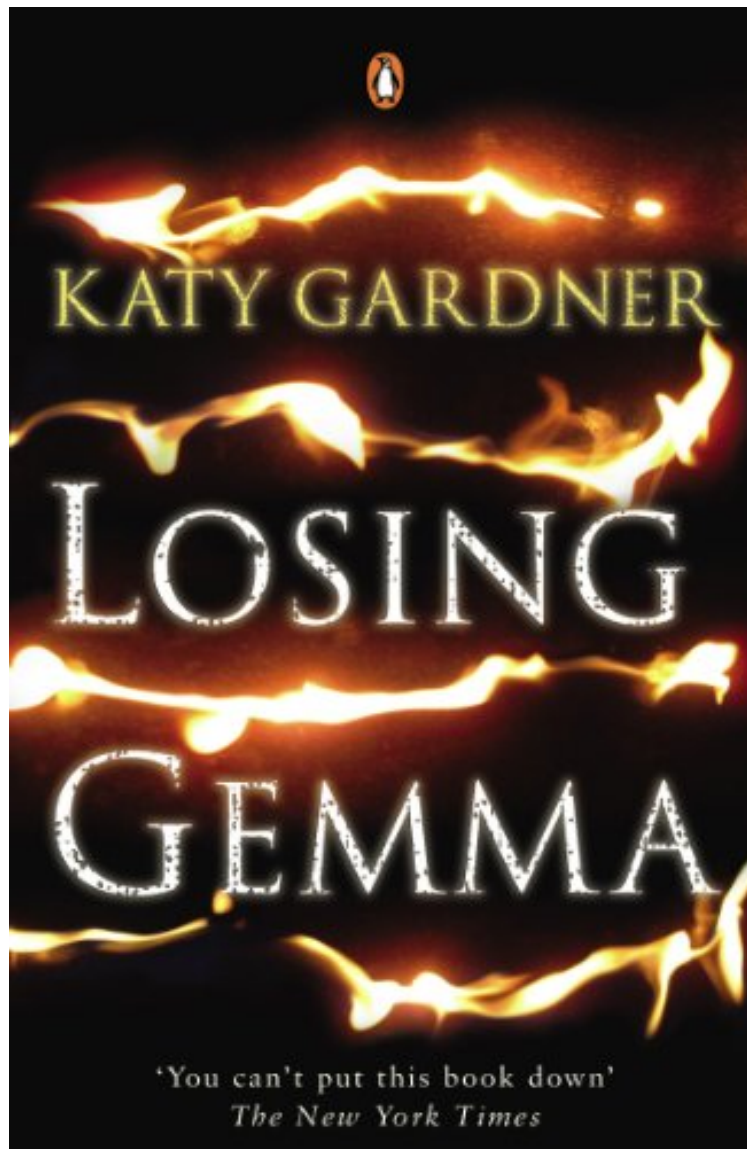


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Kurzbeschreibung Two girls went travelling in search of adventure, in search of 'real life'. Only one came back ... A chilling, gripping novel about the backpacking holiday of a lifetime with utterly devastating and unexpected consequences, this is a dazzling and assured first novel destined to become an instant classic. From Publishers Weekly Fictional best friends are typically total opposites one beautiful and confident, the other plain and insecure and England-born-and-bred Esther Waring and Gemma Harding are no exception. Inseparable as youngsters, in their teens they grew apart. Esther played femme fatale and got all the guys; Gemma played underdog and got stuck in the role of wallflower. What's worse, Esther went on to university, whereas Gemma deliberately failed her exams, missing an opportunity to show off her biggest asset, her brains. So there is plenty of emotional baggage to check when Esther and Gemma, now in their early 20s, travel to India for what is supposed to be an extraordinary adventure that will renew their somewhat tattered bond. The awkwardness between the two women grows when a mysterious Australian backpacker, Coral, invites herself along for the journey and deliberately attempts to woo Gemma away from Esther. Before long, Esther finds herself the odd woman out, which prompts her to reflect on her relationship with Gemma and how she most recently betrayed it. For the first time in her life, she is not in control, and she is not among friends. Gardner's stark setting not the exotic tourists' India but its dank, grimy backwaters heightens the characters' senses and builds uneasy suspense page by page until the surprise conclusion starkly underscoring the theme of betrayal. If the denouement is somewhat slick, Esther's delayed coming-of-age has emotional clout. Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc. From Booklist Newly graduated from the University of Sussex, Esther prepares for her long-planned backpacking trip to India. At the last minute, she invites her childhood best friend, the underachieving Gemma. Esther insists they pick their itinerary by tossing a guidebook in the air and going to the sites on whatever page falls open. Despite Gemma's misgivings, they head off to a remote village containing a religious shrine. En route, a strange Australian hippie named Coral joins them; Esther becomes jealous of the bond Coral and Gemma form and increasingly worried about Coral's strange behavior. As pilgrims arrive for an annual festival honoring a Sufi mystic who burned to death at the shrine, Gemma gets sick, and Coral starts talking about "transformation," "the fire," and "the true answer." After a blow-up with Gemma, Esther leaves--but later returns, hoping to find Gemma before anything happens to her. This well-plotted first novel moves quickly and maintains suspense. The characters are rich and well developed, revealing secrets that betray the reader's initial impressions. A promising debut. Beth Warrell Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved