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Did Mark ever really care for her? Is Jennie losing her love and her chance at her Olympic dream?

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Tisha says

One of my favorite books as a teen...it still has a big place in my heart

Tori says

I loved this book! It's so cute! What I love about the Sweet Dream Romances is that they're really clean, and adorable, and perfect! I liked this one a lot!

Jessica says

Les classiques coeur grenadine. Je pense que tout est dit, des histoires jeunesses sans prise de tête que je lisais avec grand plaisir !

Angie says

Again, one of my teen reading favorites! I read it numerous times, and would love to read again!

The novel features a sixteen-year-old swimmer with Olympic aspirations. When Jenny's coach moves to Texas, the teen's family follows so that she can continue training. However, Texas is a far cry from Jenny's former home state, and she is now viewed as strange due to her devotion to her sport. Fortunately, Jenny finds a new friend in injured football player Mark, who helps her train for her dream: a spot on the Olympic team

Read more: <http://biography.jrank.org/pages/1955...>

Sarai says

Synopsis (taken from <http://sweetdreamsseries.com>):

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Janet Quin Harkin also writes murder mysteries under the name Rhys Bowen.

Elizabeth Mckernan says

Good BOk

Andrea says

I remember really liking this book because I could relate to the fact that the main character was living in Texas which is where I was living for most of my life. All of these books are really good and each one is unique. This one made me wish I had pursued swimming while in junior high and high school.

Dianlisa Ekaputri says

a common teenagers story

Sabahat says

My favourite Sweet Dreams. It had something more than the average book in this series. Janet Quin Harkin was certainly their best writer.
