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## **That summer...**

*The first love is always the last.*

Tahar Ben Jelloun

### **San Francisco, California Summer of 1995**

#### **Gabrielle is 21.**

She's American, a senior at Berkeley.

That summer, she often wears faded jeans, a white shirt and a close-fitting leather jacket. Her long, silky hair and green eyes flecked with gold make her look like the photos of Françoise Hardy taken by Jean-Marie Périer in the Sixties.

That summer, she is going to experience her first great love.

#### **Martin is 20.**

He is French and has just received his law degree from the Sorbonne.

That summer, he has set off to the United States on his own to perfect his English and discover the country from the inside. As he has no money, he has been working a non-stop series of part-time jobs, putting in more than seventy hours a week: waiter, ice cream vendor, gardener...

That summer, he is going to live his last great love.