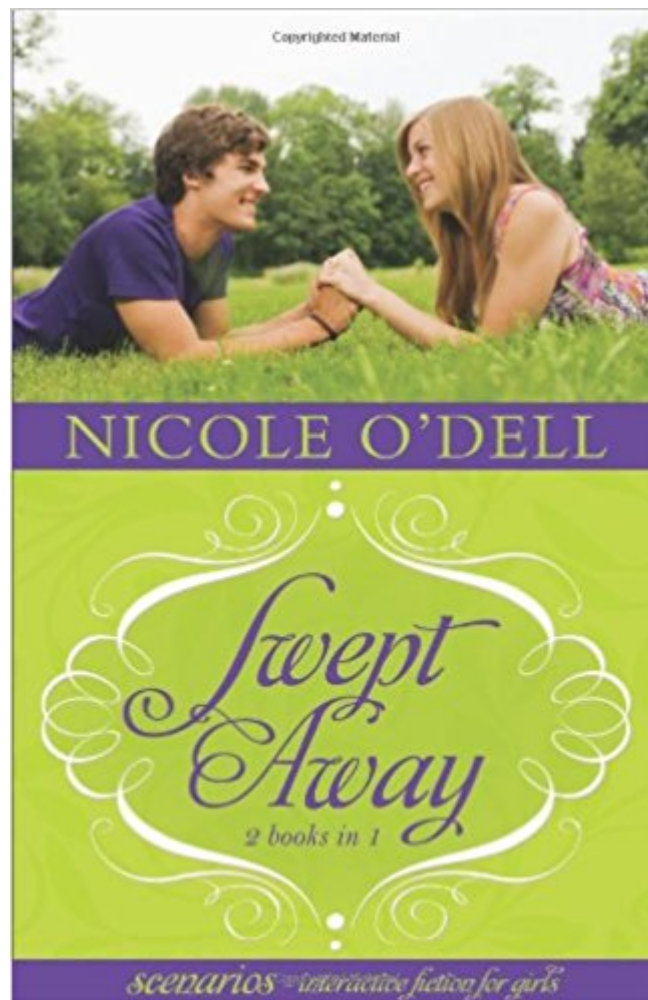




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SCENARIOS 5 & 6--Swept Away: 2 Interactive Stories In 1 (Scenarios For Girls)



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Decisions, decisions! How is a girl supposed to choose? Lessons of right and wrong are put to the test in the Scenarios series, where you can test your decision-making abilities in an eye-opening, but safe, way. Each book follows a character up to the point where she has to make an important, life-changing decision—then it's your turn to choose. Will your choices lead to a happy ending?

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Customer Reviews

...a fast-paced series inviting readers to actually make tough choices that affect every teen. What an impact to see where your choices lead! --Jenny B. Jones, Award-winning author of the A Charmed life series and the Katie Parker Production series... a rare author with a tender heart for teenage girls, O'Dell has poured that care into her stories that will lead many readers to make wise choices. ---Robin Jones Gunn best-selling author of the Christy Miller Series and the Katie Weldon Series...both novels in Nicole O'Dell's Swept Away series confront the reader with very real situations through very lovable characters. I would recommend this series for middle and high-school-aged girls, especially as a wonderful teaching and character building tool. (Lyndsey Gammage Christian Book Previews 2011-05-20) I really enjoy the Scenarios series.

They're not quite as complex as the Choose Your Own Adventure books from my childhood, but they still have that same feel. The author sets up the story and readers choose between two paths. Of course, I always read both paths and figure most readers would. It's a great way for teens to see how their choices do play out. (Tracy Farnsworth Roundtable Reviews for Kids 2011-05-31)

In *High Stakes*, seniors and best friends, Amber and Brittany, are neck and neck in a good-natured competition for a car being given away by a local business.. In *Essence of Lilly*, A sophomore Lilly Armstrong is always looking for ways to escape the confines of her unhappy home. She invents youth group activities just so she can hang out with her boyfriend, Jason the only one in Lilly's life who makes her feel special. What happens when Amber and Lilly are faced with making difficult choices? Will they allow themselves to be swept away? Readers help Amber and Lilly make the difficult decisions and see how their choices create consequences with life-altering results.

A great series for tween girls! I wasn't sure if my daughter would be into them and she thankfully really was! High moral value and good story lines

This book combines the last two books in Nicole O'Dell's *Scenarios* series where readers choose which path the heroine will end up taking. In the first story, "High Stakes" the focus is on Amber who is a senior in high school. She's focusing on finishing up her last year in school so she can go off to college, hopefully with her best friend (and academic rival Brittany). Amber also struggles with the fact that her family is not well off and compared to her rich friend, she feels very inferior. The story deals with the struggles that teens face to maintain high standards both in life and in school. One thing I was very pleased to see is that Brittany and her family are Asian American, yet O'Dell does not show her family in a stereotypical way at all. Yes it's mentioned that Brittany is small or her parents have a slight accent but that's just observances, not stereotyping. The second story deals with the consequences of teenage sex. Lilly is going through a rough time with her family and turns to her boyfriend for comfort. She has to make the decision if she's going to let things go further than what she's ready for. I found her attitude to be perfectly balanced between worried about her parents and then finding rescue with her boyfriend. If there's anything at all that bugged me, it was the sudden change of the male figures in this story. Stan does a complete 180 from mean guy to nice guy and around the same time, Jason goes from nice guy to sex crazed hormones. It just seemed a bit extreme at the change for me, especially with Jason. He showed no hints at all before

and then all of a sudden he doesn't want to go to church, lies and tries to get Lilly to do things that she's not comfortable with. I also wouldn't trust Stan and it sadden me a bit that the youth group leader doesn't ask Lilly about her relationship with her parents. This books are aimed at a Christian audience as evident by the language and actions done by the characters. I feel like this book is probably best for the 14-15 year age group. While there are situations involving older teens, I don't think they would be interested in it as the younger age group would be. I, myself, still enjoyed reading the stories and seeing the different scenarios (though I felt that it would have been more fun if things didn't eventually resolve) play out. For the most part, I feel that O'Dell has represented this girls realistically and I think that the age group intended for will enjoy reading them and making the right decision.

My almost 11 y.o. LOVES the Scenario books. Yes, I capitalized on purpose because that almost captures her enthusiasm for this series. When this book arrived, she literally peeled it from my hands and ran upstairs to start reading. Why does she love these books? Because she loves being the character and choosing the outcome. She'll select the wrong choice, and then go back and make the right choice. It leads to great conversations as we talk about what makes one choice better than the other. For this 2-in-1, the girls face tough choices about sex and cheating for what looks like a good reason. I wasn't 100% sure my daughter was ready for the sex story, but I was wrong. This truly gave us good opportunities to have some needed girl talk. And Nicole handles the issue in a sensitive yet real way. The consequences are real and laid out for readers to weigh. How much better to consider what she would do now rather than in a few years when the pressure is on. Please get these books for the tween girls in your life. They are wonderful stories with a purpose.

When I first heard about Nicole O'Dell's Scenarios for Girls book series, I immediately thought of an old childhood favorite: the Choose Your Own Adventure books. While these Scenarios aren't quite like those books, tween and teen girls get to choose how each story will end (and then, if they're like me, immediately read the second ending as well). I thought it would be cool to have a few more places to interact with the storyline along the way, in "helping" the girls in the story make their choices. As it stands, the alternate endings in these scenarios make for a quick, fun way for readers to play out different choices with issues they currently deal with or might face in the years ahead. There are three books out in the series, each with two different stories. I've read the newest release, Swept Away, which contains books five and six. In High Stakes, best friends Amber and Brittany become caught up in a sponsored contest that can put the perfect cap on their senior year-one of

them will win a brand-new car. Because of her home situation, Amber believes she's more deserving to win. When the competition heats up, she makes a choice that puts not only her school plans in limbo, but also her relationships with family and friends. It's up to the reader to decide how Amber chooses to proceed afterward. Book six, *Essence of Lilly*, features the first love of high schoolers and longtime friends Lilly and Jason. With the fighting between her mom and stepdad intensifying more and more, Lilly often feels invisible to her family and hides her situation from her friends. But whenever she's with Jason, she blooms under his attention. Her home life seems to be improving, however, after the family begins attending counseling sessions, and Lilly is thrilled to be allowed more freedom-and that includes time with her boyfriend. Will Lilly allow herself to be swept away by the love she feels for Jason, or will she stand firm in her beliefs to remain pure in heart, soul and body? The choice-and the consequences-are yours. Although the protagonists are older high school girls, the books seem well suited for tween girls and can help them determine the choices they should make before they encounter them. I also think this series of books would make good conversation starters for moms and daughters. As they discuss the fictional characters and choices, it can lead to natural interaction about their own experiences.*Note: I was provided this book free of charge by the publisher in return for my honest review. No other compensation has been given and all opinions are expressly mine.

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