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Those who've read John Foster's **All For Love** (Topliner) and his other Pyramid, **First Love** should devour **Remember Last Summer** without a hiccup. There's variety and some vaguely new angles but no real quality in these seven pieces; they're just easy reading on a winning theme and you can't have too much of that. (David Rees's story of a gay sixth-former is probably the one you'd least expect to find.) Useful for weaning kids on to hardbacks, if that's necessary in your school. A pity Pyramids' jackets ain't what they used to be.

The Evans set demands attention. You ought to read Jan Mark's **Feet**, Westall's **The Night Out** (about bikers) and Marion Stewart's **A Mother's Fondness**, the only previously published story. The other seven, like the Foster collection, range from poor to interesting (Sam McBratney on being ashamed of parents, Joan Salveson on an Indian girl's arranged marriage) with Kenneth Wood deserving 'Quite good' for his one about a practical joke on an ineffectual teacher. Really pushed to choose, I'd go for **Love You, Hate You**; it's enticingly packaged, has more stories, better writing overall and is only marginally more difficult. But, if at all possible, get both.

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