



TEEN SERVICES COMMUNITY SERVICE TEEN BOOK REVIEW

Jacob & Lily By Shannon Layne Reviewed by Abigail Wilson

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Grade: 11

Book Title: Jacob & Lily

Author: Shannon Layne

Number of Pages: 206

Rating (on a scale of 1-5): 4/5

Character List:

- **Jacob:** Jacob is a quiet, shy, and slightly nerdy boy. He first sees Lily at school, where they held eye contact from across school grounds. He didn't think much of it, until years later, when they begin talking online.
- **Lily:** With only a few of her father's dark features, Lily is a spitting image of her mother, with her long legs and slim hips. She holds a burning passion and drive inside of her, making her a natural ballet dancer. She is extremely popular in school, and has the perfect life.
- **Lily's Mom:** Lily's mom is an ex-dancer, who strained her body for years in ballet. She was light footed and graceful and beautiful, until she became pregnant with Lily, who she blames for the end of her dream life.
- **Jacob's Dad:** Beginning when Jacob was young, his father took him on various camping and hiking trips. He grew up in a small town, east of Omak, Washington. He met Jacob's mother in college and they moved to Seattle, where they had Jacob.

Review:

Lily and Jacob's chances of becoming each other's love interests are slim, but somehow they overcame these unfavorable odds. Lily is a young, popular girl in high school, and is stunningly beautiful. She has her father's dark features, and her mother's slim hips and long legs. Jacob is a quiet, shy, and nerdy boy. He creates an online chatroom, where he and "Diamondlily34" strike up a friendship. They run into each other a few times in school, both not realizing who the other is. Eventually they both make plans to meet up at a comic convention, a shared interest of theirs, where they both have a good time getting to know each other. As time goes on, they both reveal some of their most intimate secrets to the other, giving them the choice of taking their relationship to the next step or leaving things the way they are.

Jacob & Lily is a romance novel, meant for a mature, young adult audience. Some themes in the book include forbidden love, as well as breaking the barrier between different social barriers. In my personal opinion, the only major plot flaw is Lily's unfaithfulness to her boyfriend. It degrades the sincerity of her relationship with Jacob, as if she is not fully committed to him. The author develops the themes of this novel in a captivating fashion, making it hard for the reader to put the book down. I would recommend this book to young adults with high maturity and an interest in romance.