



TEEN SERVICES COMMUNITY SERVICE TEEN BOOK REVIEW

Wesley James Ruined My Life By Jennifer Honeybourn Reviewed by Abigail Wilson

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Grade: 11

Book Title: Wesley James Ruined My Life

Author: Jennifer Honeybourn

Number of Pages: 230

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

Character List:

- **Quinn-** The main character, Quinn was best friends with Wesley as kids, until he spilled a secret that tore her family apart. When he moves back to Seattle, he becomes integrated in everything going on in her life, and she tries to get him out in any way she can.
- **Wesley James-** When Wesley moves back to Seattle, he tries becoming close with Quinn again, and realizes that she is still angry with him for a mistake he made years ago.
- **Caleb-** Caleb is a boy who likes Quinn. She leads him on to make Wesley jealous, after kissing him while drunk at a party.
- **Quinn's Dad-** Quinn's dad is highly addicted to gambling, and ends up wasting the money Quinn gives him to use to pay off his bills. Quinn is the only person in her family who isn't mean to her dad, and actually feels bad, until he wastes money she planned on using for a trip to London on a "sure thing."

Review:

Quinn works in a popular restaurant called Tudor Tymes, a Medieval England-themed eatery, when the new employee is introduced to her, who happens to be Wesley James. Wesley is her ex-childhood best friend, who moved away right after telling Quinn's mother that her father had lost his job, which led to a down spiral in their relationship and an eventual divorce. Quinn hated Wesley for this, and when he comes back into her life, she tries to ruin him and make him leave again. What she is doing is working, until she begins to fall in love with him. Meanwhile, Quinn lent her dad, who happens to be extremely addicted to gambling, \$1,500 to pay off any debt he is in, and she becomes upset with him when she finds out he bet it all on a horse. Then, to make everything worse, she realizes that Wesley has a long distance girlfriend, so she tries to make him jealous by leading on a boy named Caleb, who is head over heels for her. She eventually breaks his heart and dumps him when she realizes it's not working out for her. When her mom tells her that it wasn't Wesley's fault that she found out her dad had lost his job, Quinn decides to forgive him and try to become friends.

I enjoyed the authors writing style and her point of view. She did a very good job in character development, which adds to the flow of the plot. I just wish that the book was a little bit longer, and showed what happened next. Overall the book had a good plot and well developed characters.

I believe that this book is suitable for teen novelists interested in romance. This book had a lot of twists and turns, and kept me on the edge of my seat the whole time.