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Izzy Wallace says

I loved this book because they had really good pictures and they explained it well.

Kerli says

I have never read any Jacqueline Wilson books before, I knew (I thought I knew) what kind of books she writes, you know, Tracy Beaker is on all the time on CBBC etc. I didn't think badly of her books, but I wasn't really interested in them, I thought I'd read it all before.

When I noticed this book in the library, it was the title that caught me - Cookie. I love to eat sweet things! And when I read the description, well, it kind of resonated with me, my mother was a total control freak, and Beauty felt like, well, me. Although I wasn't bullied in school. And my dad didn't rake it in, quite the opposite. (And I never had a page cut, I loved my long hair!)

Anyway. I couldn't put it down! I read as I was cooking, and my daughter ended up going to bed an hour late because I just had to finish the book! What a great story - I mean, I knew it all already - the horrible bullying schoolmates, not a happy home, but then escape and new friends and everything ends well. And yet... and yet... it's the characters that make the story, isn't it? Beauty with her gentle nature, and her mother - essentially that stupid "babe" that people laugh at usually - but a wonderful warm mother, her father, another deliciously evil villain character complicated by the fact that he is her father, and he does love her, albeit in his twisted way. And the others - snotty rich kids, Mike the painter and the kids in the new school. And Sam and Lily.

It is a bit simple, and fairytale-ish, but we all love a happy ending, isn't it?

I will most likely read a few more Wilson books.

Speakercoret says

nunggu kiriman.. hadiah kuis di vhr radio #joget2

tadinya ga mo dibaca dulu, tapi pas buka plastiknya baca dikit eh keterusan :p

menyediakan adalah ketika seorang ayah menganggap putrinya sendiri buruk rupa..

menyediakan adalah ketika kau merasa pendapat ayahmu adalah benar..

menyediakan adalah ketika kelebihanmu tidak dianggap sedikitpun oleh ayahmu sendiri..

menyediakan adalah ketika apapun perbuatan ibumu tidak ada artinya dimata ayahmu...

menyediakan adalah ketika kehadiran seorang ayah membuatmu ketakutan alih2 rasa aman...

baca buku ini bikin sedih.. bukan sedih yang bikin nangis bercucuran airmata, bukan.. sedih ini di dalam...

Natalie says

I decided to read this book as it has been on my shelf for a long time I don't really know what to make of it it was okay the story starts with beauty Watching Sam and Lily a TV show seeing as a baby show Beauty loves rabbits a friend of hers got her a rabbit for her birthday who didn't like pets in the house or pets at all for that matter so he leaves the cage openon purpose to get rid of the rabbit they find the rabbit die so blue is mum decides enough is enough and they leave him and go to the seaside where a nice man lets them stay in his cottage Beauty's mum starts making cookies what is a big hit and people can't get enough of them so I give this bk 3 stars it wasn't the best book I've ever read but it was okay

Lydia says

Beauty Cookson is plain and timid, and all the super-confident and snooty girlz at school think her name is rediculous and tease her horribly.Worse than the taunting in the playground,though,is her father's constant, hurtful critisism.Beauty and her mum live in fear of Dad's fierce rages-sparked off when they break one of his fussy house rules or suggest something 'silly' like getting a pet.But Beauty's mum adores her, and does her best to keep Beauty happy despite all the tension and shouting.

After Beauty's disastrous birthday party,Dad's temper seems to be out of control.Are Mum and Beauty brave enough to leave and start a sweeter life?

A charming, page-turning story of family life, friendship and cookies.

Amanda O'Donnell says

Beauty Cookson is no beauty. She's a plain, timid girl surrounded by super-confident, snooty girls at school. Worse than the teasing in the playground, though, is the unpredictable criticism from her father. Frequently berated for breaking any of Dad's hyper-fussy house rules, as well as for her lack of looks, confidence and friends, Beauty lives in uneasy fear whenever Dad's at home. Her pretty, sweet mum is equally subject to Dad's tirades. Eventually, after an unbearable birthday party and a very real fear that Dad's temper is out of control, Mum and Beauty run away.

Very soon Mum and Beauty find themselves in an idyllic seaside resort where their new-found freedom and a moment of culinary inspiration give them a hobby, an income and even a new nickname for Beauty. Soon all Beauty's dreams come true – and she deserves it!

Oumiie says

This is an excellent book! I was so upset about the way Beauty's dad talks to her mum - no respect! Also that they can't even enjoy living in a beautiful house because of Beauty's dads stupid house rules. I was shocked that he slapped her!! I was really sorry for Beauty, and the way she had to lie about what was actually going

on in her house. There were some fun and exciting parts in the story when, Dad is went away and they spend their time watching Rabbit Hutch and eating sticky pink iced buns. I loved the way they had a passion for making cookies!! Overall this is one of the best books I've ever read. Beauty/ Cookie has no beauty; but she's kind, different, intelligent and caring.

P.S I recommend this book to teen girls, and girls who think their names or weird! They can make a nick name , by the talent they have! hahahaha lol

Emy says

Beauty Cookson is a smart young girl who is bullied, both at home and at school. Her peers nickname her Ugly, and her father berates her about her lack of looks, confidence and friends. He does not treat her mother that much better. After a particularly disastrous birthday, Beauty and her mother escape to the seaside to start a new life.

Considering the last book I read by Jacqueline Wilson (*Lily Alone*) was merely lukewarm, I was pleasantly surprised by how much I enjoyed this particular offering. Despite the dark themes of bullying and spousal/child abuse (Beauty's father is both emotionally and psychologically abusive), this story is full of warm fuzzies. And I'm not just talking about the rabbits.

Beauty was an interesting, three-dimensional character; a smart, quiet girl who enjoys art and a children's show called 'The Rabbit Hutch'. I liked that the show proved to be so important to the plot, as I thought at first it was just an odd little quirk of Beauty's.

I also feel that the character of Beauty's father was particularly well portrayed. He obviously felt a certain amount of love and affection for his daughter and wife, and wasn't *only* a villain. However, he was capable of some truly awful things. It was nice to see a character in a younger child's book rendered in many different shades of grey.

I am glad that the ending was more satisfying this time, though it was still open-ended (in a good way).

The best thing about this book is that it is not just Beauty that grows as a character - her mother grows too. I feel that this is something of a rarity in children's literature and, as such, it was one of my favourite parts of the novel.

Overall, I'd recommend anyone who is or who used to be a Jacqueline Wilson fan to pick this book up and read it. It held a sprinkle of the old magic that used to make me reread her again and again. :)

Terrie says

Beauty is a smart young girl who is not beautiful. She is very self-conscious about her looks and is teased at school for her name and has several nicknames, but the most cruel one is "Ugly." At school she must deal with these bullies, and a girl who wants to be her BFF but is afraid to. At home Beauty has additional problems. Her mother is gorgeous and supportive of Beauty but the father is extremely verbally abusive, and often physically abusive as well. The book talks about Beauty's ways of coping with her pressures, her dad's

plans of an embarrassing birthday celebration, and her mom's idea of changing Beauty's nickname from "Ugly" to "Cookie." This was a difficult book for me to read because it hit home in many ways for me and I felt it was very accurate in describing Beauty's feelings. I wasn't sure if it would appeal to elementary girls, but I did a book talk on it and every girl in the class wanted to read it. This isn't a story about a girl who is abused. It is a story about a girl and her mother who learn to stand up for themselves. It is told with sensitivity and has several humorous moments as well.

Alexandra says

I remembered reading this book for one whole day. I was hooked, only stopping to eat for breakfast and lunch. Beauty is an ironic name for the protagonist, who is often called 'ugly' and other names. I loathe her father a lot. I think he should be proud that his daughter is smart and kind than be a disrespectful daughter. He should be proud of his daughter for the person she is. I am angry at the way he treated his wife too. He thinks she's an ornament. You can show her off if you like and drop it if you don't care anymore.

All in all, I really enjoyed the book. There is no need for a sequel because everything is resolved in the end. There is a happy ending.

Imas says

Beauty harus menanggung ejekan dari teman-teman nya disekolah karena namanya...bahkan mereka memanggilnya Ugly yang menurut mereka lebih pantas untuknya. Dengan pipi gembil, rambut lurus dan sikap tidak percaya diri, makin menambah penderitaan Beauty.

Tapi tidak semua temannya bersikap jahat padanya, salah seorang teman tampaknya cukup tulus untuk menerima Beauty sebagai teman. Beauty gadis cilik dengan ibu penyayang namun tak berdaya bersama-sama harus menghadapi seorang ayah yang otoriter, moody dan sulit.... kok bisa ya jadi ayah...

Keberanian akhirnya bisa dimiliki oleh mama Beauty untuk menjauh dari kesulitan yang ditimbulkan ayahnya bahkan menjauh dari Happy Home mereka.

Jaqueline Wilson selalu membuat cerita sederhana tetapi menyentuh, walaupun ini bercerita dari sisi pandang seorang anak tetapi kisahnya sendiri lebih sebagai bahan pelajaran bagi orang tua untuk memahami dunia anak.

Love this book...love Jacqueline Wilson, semua buku Jacky yg sy baca sy suka. Beauty, gadis kecil dalam buku ini,saya paham sekali dengan apa yg dia harus hadapi setiap hari.Banyak sebenarnya kejadian yg persis sama seperti yg dialaminya.Jadi istimewa nya cerita2 yg di tulis oleh JW adalah kejadian sehari-hari yg mungkin banyak dialami orang tetapi tetap menyentuh,mengharukan atau membahagiakan.Masih ada satu buku JW yg menanti utk dibaca..tak sabar rasanya..:)

Bee (Heart Full of Books) says

This has to be my favourite JW of all time. It's so utterly tragic in the beginning, but Beauty's story still managed to be relatable because everyone's felt belittled even if it's just to a small degree. Of course, Dilly is my favourite mum character too. I feel like so often in JW the mum is the problem parents so to see a mother so dedicated to her daughter's happiness made me tear up so many times.

I might just have to re-read this annually.

Tessa Joy says

Beauty Cooksen seems to have a lot to make her happy: a pricey private school, a large house, beautiful toys, and expensive clothes. Instead she hates her school, she can't have a pet inside her home, she can't play with her toys, and she doesn't fit into her clothes. Her classmates call her "Ugly" because they feel she doesn't live up to her name. Her mother, Dilys, wants to persuade her classmates to call her "Cookie" by learning to bake different cookies. Her father, Gerry, isn't happy that his wife is baking and calls her useless. Gerry verbally abuses Beauty and Dilys when he thinks they aren't looking or doing their best. After lavishly celebrating Beauty's birthday, Gerry kills Beauty's new rabbit and tells Beauty how ugly and terrible she is. Dilys has finally had enough of his abuse and takes Beauty away to a new home in Rabbit Cove. After their move, Dilys starts to become famous for her cookies to the point that Beauty is asked to show off her mother's cookies on a national television show.

The book cover of Cookie seems to suggest a more humorous, fun story. But don't judge this book by its colorful cover. Wilson's story is about how abusive relationships eat away someone's confidence. Along with this, Wilson showcases the benefits of leaving those relationships to gain self-confidence and courage to face life. Wilson's story is a revealing, endearing, and heart-wrenching narrative with great character development and a strong voice.

(Found on the Children's Book and Play Review)

Meghan says

This is a fantastic book!!

It is Dame Jacqueline Wilson's new book. (Jacqie has been made a dame)! She totally deserves it.

Anyway this is about a girl called Beauty who's bullied at school for the way she looks, her personality and the way she dresses. The main bully is Skie. Luckily Skie's best friend Rhona loves Beauty and wants to be her BFF.

At home Beauty's life is as far from normal. Her mum loves her to bits and has never got cross with her but with her dad it's another story. Beauty and her mum live in fear of what's going to happen and if he gets cross you want to be as far away as possible.

It comes to a blow on Beauty's birthday. Her dad has booked her a caterer, a limo and theatre tickets. When Rhona buys her a rabbit and her dad kills it it's the final straw.

Beauty and her mum move away to the seaside. Her mum has never been good at anything but when her cookies start selling things look up.

When Beauty ends up on her favourite television show things couldn't have been better. But what will her dad make of it all?

I loved this book and I would reccomend it to anyone!

Definately 5*!!

Maddie (Heart Full Of Books) says

One of the most tragic and touching of JW's books, I had so many emotions while reading this. Usually, I don't think mothers are portrayed very sympathetically in her books. They're always the ones to nag and ruin the fun. Dilly is the kindest mum on the planet, and how much she cares for Beauty gets me every time. Domestic abuse is hard to read about, but it's so worth it by the end and it's definitely one of the happiest ever afters JW's written!

Rahmadiyanti says

Sepertinya sudah lama sejak terakhir membaca karya Tante Jacqueline. Kangen juga dengan buku-bukunya yang banyak mengangkat anak broken home, perceraian, atau bahkan kekerasan dalam rumah tangga, meski kadang secara pribadi agak jengah gitu karena kebanyakan pembacanya kan anak-anak (bukan saya maksudnyahh... :D).

Cookie bertutur tentang Beauty Cookson, gadis cilik yang merasa rendah diri dan tak menjadi dirinya sendiri, karena sang ayah yang abusive, temperamental, dan terlalu membentuk Beauty--dan ibunya--sesuai apa yang ayahnya inginkan (yang sebenarnya sangat Beauty benci). Puncaknya saat ulang tahun Beauty, sang ayah makin tak terkendali. Beauty dan sang ibu pun memutuskan tinggat dari rumah mewah mereka.

Baca buku ini jadi terngiang-ngiang kembali syair Dorothy Law Nolte, Children Learn What They Live. Mau kau bentuk seperti apa anakmu? Sikap rendah diri dan tertekan Beauty adalah hasil salah didik sang ayah. Ada begitu banyak anak yang mendapatkan kekerasan verbal dari orangtua mereka, yang efeknya pada kehidupan mereka tak kalah dengan kekerasan fisik. Novel ini mengingatkan kita tentang hal tersebut, serta tentang belajar mencintai diri sendiri, berani keluar dari situasi tertekan, dan bagi seorang istri untuk tak selalu bergantung secara ekonomi pada suami.

Nikki May says

Jacqueline Wilson was my favourite childhood author and this hasn't changed re reading her books still fills

me with that comfort and warmth and well laughs that only she can provide.

This story is about a young girl named Beauty who was absolutely in love and obsessed by rabbits but due to living with her dad, who majorly disapproves of any kind of animal. Cookie's dad is a nasty man who spends most of his time telling cookie how ugly she is how much of a disappointment she is. He also spent a lot of time telling his wife she was only good for looking pretty and that's the only reason he was with her. Not only did she have to deal with that at home she goes to school and has to endure being on the brunt end of a group of girls who bully her continually also using her fathers pet name of ugly for her. She only really has one real friend who tries to stand up for her Rhona, Rhona has a birthday party and Cookie buys her friend a t shirt and Rhona is ever so grateful therefore when it's finally Cookie's birthday she invites her friends to celebrate with her and Rhona turns up with a present Cookie has wanted forever, a rabbit, she quickly names the rabbit "birthday" and quickly goes to the limo with her friends celebrating but then when she comes home she goes to the hutch to check on her rabbit and finds the hutch door open and her rabbit gone, her mum immediately knows her dad let it out and just storms out with their things, leaving him.

They eventually find a place to move to and explore the beach promptly finding a place to stay and a place where her mum can work and a school for cookie and they live happily ever after.....

I often enjoy Jacqueline Wilson books because of the writing and the style, but I didn't enjoy this one, don't get me wrong it's an easy read which is good but the plot is soo simple it doesn't grab me I guess it's written for the young audience and it doesn't allow much other to read it without being a bit bored. This doesn't put me off Jacqueline Wilson as a writer just merely this book.

Jonathan Peto says

This is the third Jacqueline Wilson book I've read aloud to my daughter. Though I enjoyed the other two more (The Butterfly Club and Little Stars), this one had the same superb writing. Something about Wilson's style makes reading aloud her prose very easy. I guess it's voice. Her smooth sentences create clear images that convey simply her characters' view. Those views are often poignant and fun.

Cookie's real name is Beauty. Her Dad is successful, but he's quite a jerk. It is painful to witness, but not dark. Her mother, Dilly, is a young trophy wife, Dad's third marriage. People often think Dilly and Beauty are sisters. All that, the first half of the book, culminates in a striking, 5-star chapter that takes place on Beauty's birthday. The second half of the book changes tone - you'll be happy for Beauty and her mother. In fact, Dilly grows as a person during the course of the story, which was an interesting bonus. Their mother/daughter relationship is fascinating, actually, because Beauty is brainier than her mother.

One last thing. Don't assume Beauty is a beauty. She's not. She deals with that here and there.

My daughter and I are going to take a break from Jacqueline Wilson, but not for long. I insisted we read something else next. After that, we'll read Wilson's Hetty Feather, because my daughter insists. That's a recommendation right there.

Bella says

I really loved Cookie. It was definitely one of my favourite Jacqueline Wilson books. I think that anyone who is struggling with a parents divorce or parents fighting all the time would find comfort in this book.

Emma says

This book makes me so happy. I love Jacqueline Wilson.
