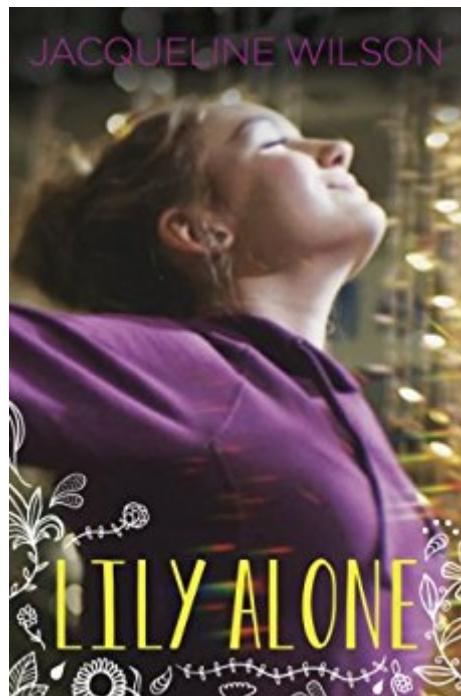


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# Lily Alone



## **Synopsis**

Lily isn't home ALONE - but she sort of wishes she was; looking after her three younger siblings is a lot of responsibility. When Mum goes off on holiday with her new boyfriend and her stepdad fails to show up, Lily is determined to keep the family together and show they can cope without any grown-ups. But taking care of 6-year-old twins, her 3-year-old sister and the family's flat feels overwhelming and Lily is worried that school or social services might discover their situation and break up the family. What could be better than to take all the little ones for a camping adventure in the park? Plenty of space to run about, no carpet to vacuum, and surely no chance anyone will guess they're there . . .

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## **Customer Reviews**

I think lily alone is a fantastic book. Lily is a very helpful and imaginative girl. She tries really hard to do what is best for her family. I highly recommend this book.

I would feel even happier if the book had an ending or a part two rather than a cliffhanger but I still enjoyed it

I gave it four stars because I wished it was longer. My favourite character is Bliss. I think was one of the most enjoyable Jacqueline Wilson books.

## GOOD AND NICE

My 10 year old daughter loved this book-she could not put it down. Story caught her imagination and has become a firm Jacqueline Wilson fan!

I love lily she is sweet, and sort of brave. I just wish she would think of consequences more. She's very impulsive character

Reading this book from an adult's perspective, I had to smile at the examples of how children and adults view things differently. Near the start of the book, when Lily's mum comes out dressed up for a night out, the description of her outfit made me raise my eyebrows. But to Lily, her mum is her mum and she's beautiful. It's nice to see this unconditional love between parents and kids celebrated in fiction. Lily's love for her mother and her siblings is really the heart and soul of this story. Her love never wanes (though it is tested), even when her mother essentially abandons her and her siblings. Lily's mum was believable as an adult whose sense of self-worth depends entirely on her relationship with a man. She made me sad, frustrated and angry at times, and I'm sure some readers will be tempted to throw the book against the wall at some of the things she does. The middle of the book is a survival story, and there is lots of drama as the kids deal with finding food, and keeping their situation secret from well-meaning adults. There is one part that reminds me of some of Enid Blyton's adventure stories where kids survive alone in the great outdoors, but the kids in this book face the more realistic outcome of trying to live outside. This ending of this book has a note of hope, but is among the saddest of Jacqueline Wilson's novels that I've read. As with most of Jacqueline Wilson's books, if you have concerns about any of the content, I think the best thing to do is read them yourself first before sharing them with younger kids. They can be great springboards for discussing the sometimes intense subjects they address.

charge of her younger siblings. They are forced to fend for themselves and make everyone believe their Mother is at home with them. Lilly's Mom leaves them without money and very little food and when people start come looking around they are forced to hide out in a park. But when one of Lily's sisters get hurt they are forced to get help and the truth will come out...I would recommend this book because it is a well written book with characters that are relatable.

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