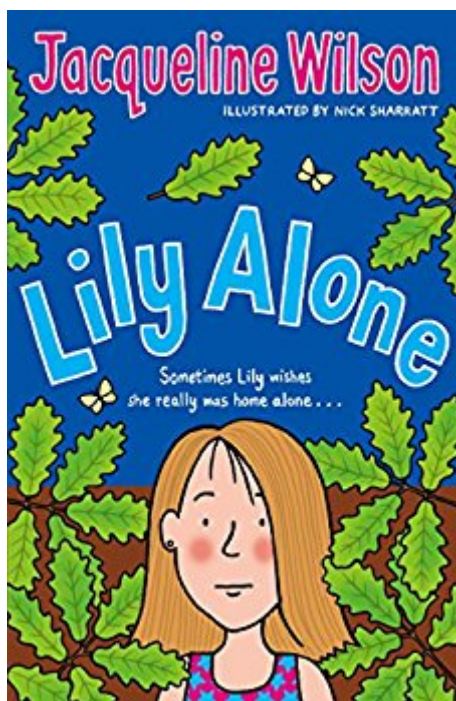


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# Lily Alone



## 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

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.

I really enjoyed reading this book and was not able to put it down. I admired Lily because she was able to cope with her three siblings. My favourite part was when they went into the stranger's house while the stranger was having a bath and they stole all the food. Lily was hurt but that was nothing compared to what happened to Bliss. I won't spoil it for you. I feel really bad for Lily because she blamed it on herself for what happened. This is definitely one of my favourite books ever.

Lily is home alone! Well, not alone--she has her 3 yr. old little sister Pixie and her 6-year old twin brother and sister, Baxter and Bliss. This book tells the story of Lily and her siblings trying to survive on no money and little food, when her Mum goes on holiday with her new boyfriend. Sometimes, Lily wishes that she were just 'Lily Alone' when her siblings become a handful, but she loves them and does a very good and creative job of taking care of them all, even during trying times. It was fun following their adventures, especially the ones in the park--I would love to have a park like this one near my home when I was young--places to hide, and places to dream. When Lily's favorite teacher stops by their flat, to check up on Lily after she misses several days of school, Lily gets worried and decides they need to hide until Mum gets back. She decides their best option would be to go 'camp-out' in the park--a very brave thing for an 11 yr. old to do, with Baxter, Bliss and Pixie! All four characters were delightful!! I enjoyed reading this book and I have a 12-year old granddaughter that I think would also enjoy this book. I almost did not give it a 5 star rating, because of the ending, but

after thinking more about it, I think she ended it in a realistic way--not every story has a satisfying ending. Disclosure: I received this e-book for free from NetGalley in exchange for my honest review.

Lily Alone Jacquelyn Wilson Copyright February 2011 When Lily's Mother leaves she leaves her in charge of her younger siblings. They are forced to fend for themselves and make everyone believe their Mother is at home with them. Lily'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.

This book was a very sad and touching story. It made me cry but kept me guessing till the very end. I liked this book because there was a lot of tension in it and the characters were cool. I rated this a 3star because the characters didn't feel real. It wasn't very realistic but overall an amazing book!

it is a real page turner! i read it in one night and have read it multiple times since. i think its very cleverly written and is a great example of real life. its a great book for ages although i reccomend ages 9-12.

this is one of the BEST books that i have ever read! it is impossible to put this book down! readers will find themselves reading and rereading this book MANY MANY times! LOVLEY!!!!!!!

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.

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