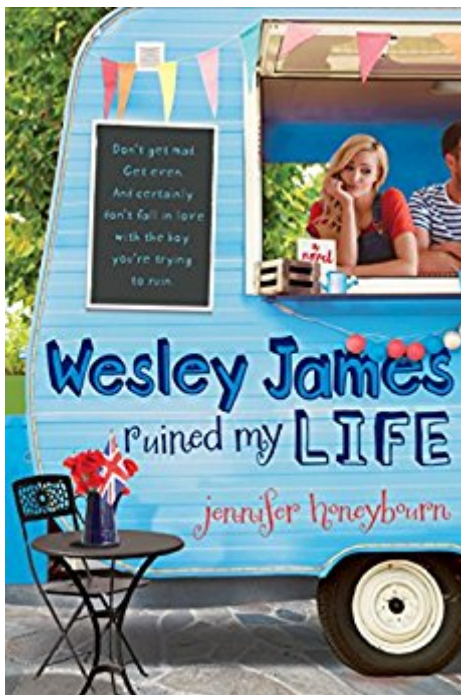


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# Wesley James Ruined My Life



## Synopsis

Coworker, childhood friend, and worst enemy: the changing dynamics of friendship (and maybe...relationship?) are front and center in this charming debut novel with equal amounts of wit and heart. Quinn is having a rough summer. Her beloved grandmother has been put into a nursing home, her dad's gambling addiction has flared back up, and now her worst enemy is back in town: Wesley James, former childhood friend and life ruiner. So when Wesley is hired to work with her at Tudor Tymes, a medieval England-themed restaurant, the last thing Quinn's going to do is forgive and forget. She's determined to remove him from her life and even the score for once and for all •by getting him fired. But getting rid of Wesley isn't as easy as she'd hoped. When Quinn finds herself falling for him, she has to decide what she wants more: to get even, or to get the boy.

**Wesley James Ruined My Life** is an engaging romp through rivalry and restaurants from debut author Jennifer Honeybourn and chosen by readers like you for Macmillan's young adult imprint Swoon Reads. Praise for *Wesley James Ruined My Life*:

- "Quinn and Wesley are fun, well-developed protagonists, and there is a full cast of interesting secondary characters, too. The book's even pacing will entice teens from the start and keep them reading |this [is a] pitch-perfect quirky summer romance."
- School Library Journal
- "The writing is excellent, pacing spot-on, and main character's voice is sweet and funny."
- Lisa Buscemi Reiss, reader on SwoonReads.com
- "Immensely readable, utterly charming and absolutely un-put-downable. The duality of Quinn longing to forget Wesley while hurting over being forgotten by her Gran was just beautiful. I got a little weepy. I'm not going to lie."
- Jennifer McKenzie
- "Sweet, well written and utterly relatable."
- Inna Hardison, reader on SwoonReads.com
- "I liked the main character, Quinn •she was interesting, loyal and passionate. I was rooting for her the whole time and had to know how her story turned out. She was why I kept reading!"
- GoodGothGirlReads, reader on SwoonReads.com

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## Customer Reviews

This debut was everything I was hoping for in a summer read: voice-y, witty, and swoony, but with depth I always appreciate. Quinn's summer is becoming quite a mess: her grandmother is suffering from Alzheimer's, her father has gambling addiction that's costing him a lot more than money, she's lost her shot at a band trip to England, and her friend-turned-nemesis, Wesley James, is back in Seattle after years spent in Portland. Quinn makes it her mission to punish Wesley for a mistake he made years before, but along the way, she starts to realize that maybe she doesn't hate him quite as much as she'd like. Quinn and Welsey have fantastic banter and flirty chemistry, but their relationship is deeper than that, too, and I loved watching it rekindle, and then develop into more. I also loved this story's setting: Seattle and, more specifically, Quinn and Wesley's workplace, Tudor Tymes, which is full of charm and ridiculousness. Pick this one up in a few weeks if you're looking for a fun, smart, romantic poolside read.

I finished the book in two dates, it was fantastic. A cute love story where everything leads to forgive and move on. While in the middle, we enjoy the misadventures and mischievous plots of a not so classic heroine

\*\*\*Review posted on The Eater of Books! blog\*\*\* Wesley James Ruined My Life by Jennifer

Honeybourn Publisher: Swoon Reads Publication Date: July 18, 2017 Rating: 4 stars Source: ARC

sent by the publisherSummary (from Goodreads):Sixteen-year-old Quinn

Hardwick is having a rough summer. Her beloved grandmother has been put into a home, her dad's gambling addiction has flared back up and now her worst enemy is back in town: Wesley James, former childhood friend until he ruined her life, that is. So when Wesley is hired to work with her at Tudor Tymes, a medieval England themed restaurant, the last thing Quinn is going to do is forgive and forget.

She is determined to remove him from her life and even the score all at once by getting him fired. But getting rid of Wesley isn't as easy as she had hoped. When Quinn finds herself falling for him, she has to decide what she wants more: to get even, or to just get over it. What I Liked: This book was adorable! Light, cute, and a quick read - exactly what I needed at this present time. I had a good feeling about this book and I'm glad it went my way. I'm not a huge YA contemporary fan, so I try to be as selective as possible when I read them. This book was worth it! Quinn life is not so great at the moment. The one bright spot is that she's going to London with her high school's band over the summer, which is going to be awesome, since Quinn has been dreaming of going to London for years. She has to work often at Tudor Tymes restaurant to come up with the money for costs, but it's worth it. With everything else going on, she needs this. Her grandmother was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and the family had to put her in a home. Quinn's parents have been divorced for several years, and her father has not been able to get back on his feet since the divorce. He has no job and is constantly gambling. And then there is the source of all of Quinn's problems - Wesley James, who recently moved back to Seattle, after living elsewhere for five years. Quinn wants to exact her revenge on Wesley, but the more she schemes, the more she falls in love with him. Would it be so bad to fall for the guy whose life you're trying to ruin? I'm not really big on second-chance romances so I was a tiny bit apprehensive about this one, at first. But it's not a second-chance romance at all. Quinn and Wesley were childhood friends for years, until they were eleven years old, when Quinn and his family moved to Portland. The going-away party was the night that everything changed - in which Quinn and Wesley fought, and then Wesley did the thing that Quinn thinks ruined her life forever. Five years later, Wesley is back, and Quinn still hasn't let go of that grudge. Quinn is hilarious, even if her rationale was a little misguided. She likes doing things by the rules, which Wesley thinks makes her uptight, and she doesn't really play around. She is stubborn and really good at holding a grudge, which I found more impressive than anything else. I liked Quinn a lot, more than I thought I would. I could relate to her on some level, whether it was her annoyance with the customers in the restaurant, working at the restaurant in general, dealing with a boy she didn't want to see ever

again, etc. Wesley is a charming sweetheart. Everyone likes him, and it's no surprising, since he is charismatic and fun. He tries very hard to have conversations with Quinn and get along, but she is never having it. Wesley is just as stubborn as Quinn, though in his case, it's persistence. He's a good guy, not a sleazy or douche-y character. I would have loved to meet and fall for a guy like him in high school (or college!). The romance is kind of there, though there is only one kiss between these two (and it's at the end!). I loved seeing them reconnect in their own way (Wesley trying to make nice, Quinn stubbornly having none of it, circumstances forcing them together, etc.). They have a subtle chemistry that was fun to watch unfold. I wanted more actual swoon, but the romance was cute nonetheless. The story doesn't just deal with Quinn trying to ruin Wesley's life and her falling for him instead. I like how the focus is also around Quinn's dad (who is broke and jobless and has a gambling problem), Quinn's grandmother (who both Quinn and Wesley loved), and really, Quinn's family in general. Family is an important part of this book, in a subtle way. And Quinn's friendship with her bestie Erin - I loved their relationship! Such a lovely friendship. I liked the light, humorous tone of this book. So many funny times in Tudor Tymes, or with the band, or in a truck. Lots of serious times too, or moments filled with some yummy tension. But the overall tone of this book is humorous, and I liked that. This book ended really well, exactly how I was hoping it would end. It's a great ending, one that Quinn deserved. I really enjoyed reading this book and would probably reread it in the future!

**What I Did Not Like:** The thing I've noticed about Swoon Reads books is the lack of actual swoon. Where are the scorching kisses? Warm, tight hugs? Almost kisses? KISSES? There was only one kiss between Wesley and Quinn, and it was at the end, and it was very short. More swoon is needed, especially for a cute and chemistry-laden romance like this one!

**Would I Recommend It:** I do recommend this book, despite the lack of kisses. If you're a YA contemporary fan, this is a good one to check out. I mean, even if you're not a YA contemporary fan, it's a good one to check out. I like that it was so dense for such a light and compact read. I breezed through it though - it's a very engaging and enjoyable read. So cute!

**Rating:** 4 stars. I will definitely be keeping an eye out for more books by Honeybourn in the future. Hopefully more Swoon Reads books, with more swoons. More kissing is always good!

Wesley James Ruined My Life by Jennifer Honeybourn is a young adult standalone contemporary romance. I loved this book. This is going to be a unique review because there were a few issues I had with the main character, but they really didn't detract from my enjoyment one bit because while reading Wesley James Ruined My Life, I had a major case of perma-smile. I really really enjoyed myself while I was reading this story. It just had this adorable quality to it that I

can't pinpoint. Jennifer Honeybourn did a great job with the writing, because this book won me over big time. Wesley James Ruined My Life is the story of Quinn and her ex best friend turned bitter enemy Wesley. Wesley and Quinn used to be super close, then they had a huge falling out when they were younger and Wesley and his family moved away for five years. Quinn basically blames Wesley for every bad thing that is going on in her life. Now that Wesley is back in town, Quinn has plans to get revenge on him. Quinn was totally obsessed with getting back at Wesley for what he did. It was a bit much. Normally, it would have been more off putting to me, but as I said before, it really didn't bother me. I still liked Quinn, I loved Wesley and I found their time together to be super cute. Don't get me wrong, Quinn certainly goes a little over board with her hatred for Wesley. Everyone around her tells her she is being unreasonable, but she has total blinders on. But I couldn't help but love Quinn. I loved that she worked at Tudor Times. I love her fascination with history and England. I just loved it all. I loved Wesley most of all. He is such a great guy. I liked him so much that I wanted to see more of him and Quinn together, once she finally got her head out of her butt. I just wanted more of this story because I was enjoying it so much. Bottom line: Wesley James Ruined My Life is an adorably cute read that put a smile on my face that I couldn't wipe away even after I was done reading it. I loved this story. Even though I thought Quinn was a little bit crazy at times, it didn't dampen my enjoyment of this book one bit. Wesley James Ruined My Life had an it factor for me. I can't pinpoint what it was, but it worked and I really, really enjoyed this novel. I can't wait to read more from Jennifer

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