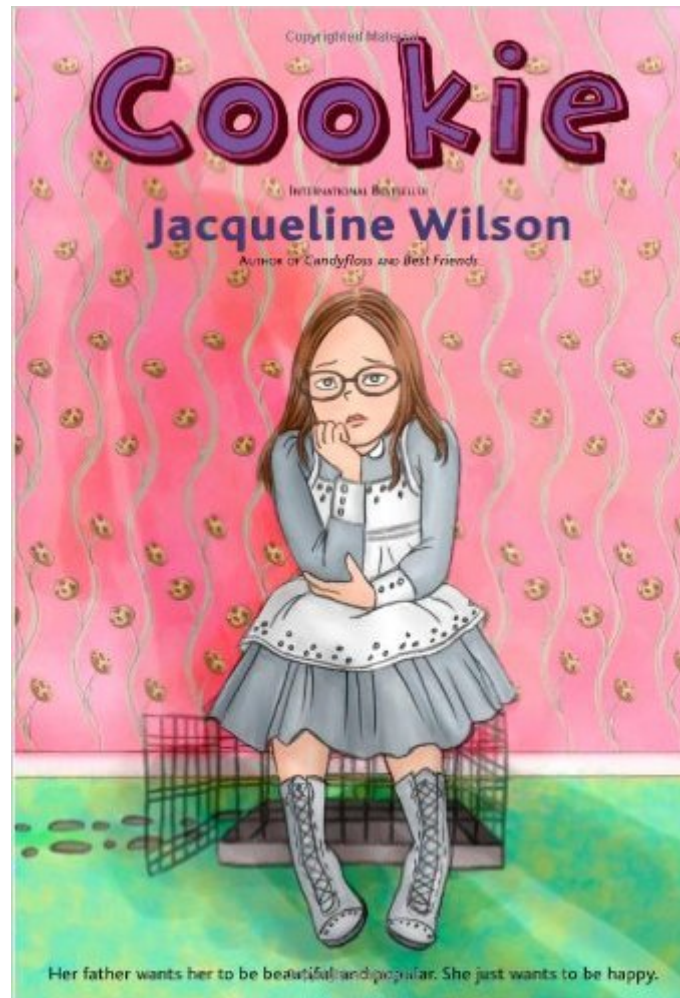


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# Cookie



## Synopsis

Cookie is plain and shy, not the confident, popular girl her father wanted when he named her Beauty Cookson. Her mother helps her cook up a clever scheme to change her image--but, as usual, Dad doesn't approve, and this time his anger reaches frightening new heights. Will Cookie find the strength to stand up for herself? Honest and emotionally resonant, COOKIE faces tough issues with the unflinching directness and unflagging tenderness that make Jacqueline Wilson one of today's most admired-and popular-authors for young people.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 9 - 12 years

Grade Level: 4 - 7

## Customer Reviews

As an only child attending an elite private school and living in an ultra-deluxe home with her own en-suite bathroom, Beauty Cookson seemed to have it all. However, these financial luxuries masked a deeply troubling home life and profound unhappiness at school. Beauty's father, an angry man with a violent temper and unpredictable mood-swings, abused Beauty and her mother verbally, emotionally, and sometimes even physically. Particularly grating were his constant reminders that Beauty's mother had no real abilities except to look good, and his incessant demands that Beauty fit into his idealized image of a rich princess. At school, Beauty was ostracized and teased mercilessly

for her plain looks, unfashionable clothes, and lackluster personality. Beauty felt completely powerless to do anything to change her predicament; her only source of solace and escape came from a juvenile TV cartoon. It took an extravagant birthday party planned by her father to unleash a host of unexpected events and pent-up feelings that quickly and brutally signaled the need for change. Acclaimed British author Jacqueline Wilson is known for tackling difficult social issues in her works of children's fiction. *Cookie* represents another such piece of work, this time in the context of the manipulation and pain exercised by an abusive man, and the powerlessness and fear experienced by his wife and child. This book is a tough read, with a drawn-out focus on the abuse and no mention of sources of assistance and legal redress for victims of domestic violence.

Being rich doesn't always make you merry. Jacqueline Wilson reveals this by writing "*Cookie*". The story displays the life of a girl named Beauty. Beauty lives in a very wealthy family and luxurious house. On her unusual birthday though her parents unexpectedly divorce. The youthful girl stays with her poor but kind-hearted mother. They take a small car and some luggage. They find this beautiful beach which is called Rabbit Cove. There they start their new life. This is a very attractive "adventure" as a mother and daughter become famous because of the delicious cookies they start to bake. From this book I learned that having everything is not what we really want. We want to have friends and family. I enjoyed this book because I could step into the main characters shoes. With all my heart I recommend this book!

My daughter enjoyed this book, She is 8, she likes the challenging story lines. I sometimes wonder if she is a bit young for some of Jacqueline Wilson themes, but she seems to be able to process and understand..

Another good read from Jacqueline Wilson. *Cookie* contains many of the themes found in previous books - the abusive father, mean girls at school, and cooking, lots of cooking. Ms Wilson clearly has a fondness for food (I mean writing wise, as she has a beautiful figure :)) The father here is emotionally abusive. His language is a constant stream of criticisms designed to erode the confidence of Beauty and her mother. The father is very materialistic, constantly concerned with 'keeping up with the Joneses'. He regards Beauty and her mother much like possessions, concerned with how their physical beauty reflects on his own image. There are a couple of incidents of physical abuse as Beauty's mother reaches breaking point. There are lots of good opportunities for discussion with girls who read this book about emotional abuse and learning to identify it.

Another discussion point is why Beauty's father is the way he is. He clearly feels extremely inadequate himself, constantly striving to make more money and have a 'happy home' with a beautiful wife and daughter. Why does materialism breed such misery? Another theme is the issue of body image, a timely subject in this age of size zero. My favourite part of the book was when Beauty and her mother arrive at the seaside town. Mike was a real sweetie. My least favourite part was the discovery of the mutilated rabbit corpse ... who knew Jackie had such a gruesome streak? Perhaps there was some metaphor in the fact that the rabbit's head was missing that I didn't catch on to. Perhaps it represented what would become of Beauty and Dilys self-esteem if they remained with Beauty's father?

Title - Cookie Authur - Jacqueline Wilson  
About the book - Cookie is about a girl called Beauty. Beauty is actually really ugly! She gets picked on at school and gets a mean nick name 'Ugly'. Her mean father, who has ex-wives tries to cheer Beauty up but makes it worse and ends up making Beauty and her pretty mum run away. If you like Cookie you should read... - Clean Break My Sister Jodie and Double Act all by Jacqueline Wilson

I would recommend this book for people that like books that are long but not too long. Beauty is a young girl with no friends all her class call her ugly the total opposite of her real name. Her dad runs a business called happy homes but her home is not a happy one, if you want to find out more about this book READ IT!!!!!!!

This is a very good book, it introduces children to family trouble but is also written in a light hearted fashion. I would also recommend 'Tracy beaker' another Jacqueline Wilson.

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