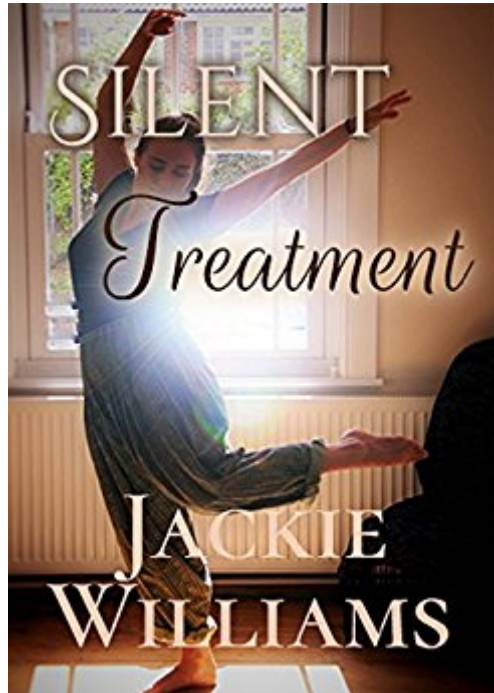




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Silent Treatment



Synopsis

Being asked to wait for three years by the love of your life should be easy, but if you haven't been asked then what do you do? Even while still at high school Carrie has begun a brilliant and exciting dancing career, but along with petty bullying and outright abuse from jealous friends, as well as another two years of college studies, her bright future means an impossibly long separation from the only man she will ever love. Eighteen year old Daniel has walked to school with Carrie for as long as he can remember, but now he is living the dream after winning a sports scholarship in America. He will be gone for three long years. With his home life in tatters he assumed leaving everything behind would be easy but he suddenly realizes that it's going to be far more difficult than he thought. With Carrie dancing her way around Europe for a leading pop star and Daniel taking the American football league by storm, their lives appear so far apart that ever being together again seems unlikely. Add in the objections and prejudices of Carrie's over protective father, the outright flirting of a variety of fabulously attractive models and Daniel giving Carrie the silent treatment, their relationship has ground to a halt before it even had time to begin. Will Carrie wait the three years for Daniel to come home, even though he has given no indication that they will ever be more than friends, or will the attractions of bright lights, money and fame be too hard for both of them to resist? Perhaps it would have helped their relationship if they had plucked up the courage to tell one another how they felt in the first place. This is a light romance and an easy read suitable for teenagers and all of us who are still young at heart.

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Customer Reviews

Although teenage girls are the most obvious audience for this book, the author has written so skillfully that I believe any reader who values quality literature will appreciate it. This novel isn't just your typical teenage love story, though teenage girls will certainly enjoy it. What makes it different is the nature of one of the most significant obstacles keeping Carrie and Daniel apart. Carrie spends the better part of the book trying to figure out the situation herself; it is inevitable that a reader will feel the suspense too--a nice surprise, since suspense is hardly an ingredient in most teenage love stories. The strength of the character development is another reason to love this book. I thought at first that Daniel was a little too perfect, but he also turns to be flawed, just as we all are. Carrie, despite being in some very unusual situations, comes across like a real person too. At the same time, the author manages to make her a potentially inspiring character for teenage readers, yet her evolution from mooning over her crush to really taking control of her life seems realistic. Carrie gains strength a little at a time, and doesn't always succeed, but she always keeps trying. If she has a dream, whether it is dancing or being with Daniel, she fights to make that dream a reality. However, when the dream evolves in a different direction than she expects, as with her dancing, she manages to summon the courage to change course. As a teacher I appreciate not only the realistically created character but also her potential to serve as an inspiration. Nor is Carrie's character all that might inspire teenagers. The story includes a well-crafted anti-bullying message, and though it isn't the most major element in the story, the author manages to weave it throughout the novel. In addition, the author manages to present positive messages about sexual conduct, taking responsibility for one's actions, and not being devoured by the pursuit of fame and fortune--and all of that happens without the novel ever sounding preachy. Carrie's adventures with dance and Daniel's with sports (both rugby and American football) let teenagers get involved in the action while these messages do their subtle work in the background. I am nowhere near being part of the target audience for this book, but I enjoyed it immensely, and I am sure that you will as well!

My husband is a high school English teacher, and Jackie Williams captured the high school

experience accurately and beautifully. Daniel and Carrie (the hero and heroine) made a great couple. And although it took three years of silence to get to the end game, it was well worth the wait. This book had a large cast of colorful, entertaining characters. I had fun despising Jennifer's jealous best friend. Carrie's father, Jim, was a riot. There was one scene in particular where he misunderstood a delicate situation that had me rolling on the floor with laughter. I highly recommend Silent Treatment for young adults and adults alike. The story was a wonderful roller coaster ride of emotional ups and downs with a fantastic happily-ever-after ending.

Solid read, but I didn't find it to be anything special. Regular high school romance, with the hot bad boy and shy good girl (although Thank god she wasn't a Virgin)

I was attracted to this book because it's about a dancer and the cover picture is so gorgeous. Although this could be seen as a teenage romance, I think it is a must read for any true romantic at heart. The characters are warm and engaging, from Carrie's parents, to her friends and of course the romance between her and Daniel. The story was an unexpected delight. Carrie is sixteen at the beginning of the book. She has known Daniel since they were children. She knows she is in love with him, but isn't sure how he feels about her. He is two years older and obtains a scholarship to the States. Carrie is devastated when he leaves. For three years she hears nothing from him, but she can't let go of the love she has for him, until she knows for sure there is no hope. I am only scratching the surface of this story because I don't want to spoil it for readers. It is such a treasure of a book, you just have to read it and enjoy every page. I loved Carrie and I especially loved Daniel. What a hero! The kind of guy every girl would want to meet and fall in love with her. Sigh! This book made me smile, gave me a tear, and made my heart soar. It was such a happy, uplifting but touching story. The ending was perfect. I loved every word and was sorry when it finished. I could have continued reading Carrie and Daniel's story a great deal longer. This author writes an engaging and wonderful story. I will certainly be downloading another book from her. I spent several happy hours reading this and highly recommend it to lovers of romance of all ages.

A story of how a lifelong friendship changes after a piece of good luck leads to jealousy, betrayal and bullying. This is how a young teenager copes with the emotions of an intense, newly realised love and the rollercoaster ride to success on the stage. The trials and tribulations of transforming from schoolgirl to womanhood are shared through this enchanting narrative, expertly penned by

Jackie Williams in her third novel. The tension of the mood carries you through life at the top and down to the depths of despair. Ms Williams stunning hero who leaves love and England behind to seek education in the US and becomes a star in his own right for his footballing prowess will have you fainting with delight, and the humour will have you giggling into your tea. So many skillful observations on life you just won't be able to put this novel down. Mustn't reveal too much or I'll ruin the surprises and boy do they just keep on coming right to the very end. It was such a pleasure to find that 'A Perfect Summer' and 'Running Scarred' would be just the start of something very special from this wordsmith in a million! This book has been voted Best New Book in our Book Club! Congratulations on keeping up the good work Jackie and the cover is fantastic yet again Ms Williams.

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