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At twenty years old, Lainey Wilson has made enough mistakes for a lifetime. She's gotten herself knocked up by a cruel, uncaring man, lost her home, and found herself outside of a ramshackle bar with a crying baby and a broken purse.

When Nick Jackson, the Mustangs' new rookie quarterback, swoops in like her savior, all she wants to do is fall into his arms. There's just one problem... she's sworn off football players and men for good.

He's charming, eager, and sexy as hell, but Nick's not the man for her. No matter what her body says.

Besides, she's got bigger problems to fix such as how she's going to feed her child, where she's going to lay her head, and how to stay hidden from her ex. There's no room for flirtation, a hand on the small of her back, or even the way he makes her daughter smile.

Nick Jackson isn't in her plan now or ever.

Right?

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From Reader Review Be Mine for online ebook

Cocktails and Books says

It pains me to say I didn't like this book as much as I have other Jen Frederick books. Full review to come.

Nadine Bookaholic says

This story takes place along side The Charlotte Chronicles and I really enjoyed getting both sides to certain situations.

Full review to follow

MELISSA *Mel Reader* says

4.5 Stars!

Lainey Valdez has made enough bad choices to last a lifetime. She's now twenty, and a single mom trying to survive in a small town in Texas. With little education or skills, she didn't have many opportunities for a good life for her daughter. Then she gets a chance to move to Dallas, and she takes it. While looking for a job and a place to live she meets a man named Nick Jackson that shows her kindness in her time of need.

Nick Jackson is the new backup rookie quarterback for the Mustangs NFL team in Dallas. He meets Lainey, and is completely captivated by her beauty and how genuine she is. He wants to get to know her better, and relentlessly pursues her with no success.

Lainey is extremely attracted to Nick, but she has no room in her life for a man or romance, no matter how wonderful he is. She also doesn't date pro football players. She does however accept his friendship. Over time they continue to grow closer, and he continues to show her how much he cares for her, and her daughter. Will Lainey finally open her heart and take a chance on love?

-When I'm next to Nick, I believe that everything can all be right.

This was my first solo book by Jen Frederick, and it was addictive! I couldn't put it down, and finished it in a day. Lol, like I didn't want to go anywhere or do anything that would separate me from my kindle. The reason is Nick Jackson. I fell hard for this swoony, beautiful man, and just kept wanting more!?

Patty Belongs To Kellan~Jesse~Lautner~Miller~Jack~Racer~Rafe~Liam~Prince Nicholas~Hayes~Simon~Gianluca & Archer says

{ARC Generously Provided by Author}

BE MINE is the second book in the *Jackson Boys* series. While I haven't read "*The Charlotte Chronicles*" yet, it wasn't hard at all to follow the storyline since Charlotte and Nate are secondary characters in this story. Sports Romances are one of my top favorite romance genres but I love it when there's also a heavy dose of comedy thrown in. That wasn't the case with this one. The plot is at times, gritty and dark. I wasn't really all that surprised as I have come to expect a bit of the gritty side when reading a Jen Frederick book. She delivered a nail-biting plot that had me on the edge of my seat.

Nick Jackson is a rookie NFL Quarterback for the Dallas Mustangs who falls instantly in love with Lainey Valdez and her precocious little daughter, Cassy. Lainey is a young single mother who made some bad choices in her youth and was seduced by another football quarterback who played upon her naivety and insecurities. Although she regrets the mistakes she's made, she wouldn't change a thing since it resulted in the birth of her daughter. Lainey is wary of men, especially football players. While she is attracted to Nick, she has no intention of getting romantically involved with him. Her main priority is providing a safe and nurturing home for her daughter. What she doesn't realize is that Nick is one of the good guys.

There is undeniable chemistry between the two and I was instantly falling for Nick. He seemed almost too perfect, but that's ok in the world of romance novels. We get a ton of angst and even some thrilling suspenseful moments as the story progresses.

Here are my overall ratings:

Hero: **4.5** Heroine: **4** Plot: **4** Angst: **4** Steam: **4.5**

Chemistry Between Hero & Heroine: 4

BE MINE is currently available and Nick Jackson is a book boyfriend that romance readers will be
swooning hard for!
Amazon: https://amzn.to/2vSIK8l

Kassiah says

So apparently Jen Frederick is releasing this as a weekly serial on her site and wattpad. I think I'll wait til it's all complete. I hope it will be released as a book after it's all done, too!

Talia (Red Hot Ink) says

Sooo... funny story. I have no idea how this landed on my Kindle, whether I accidentally bought it, whether someone sent it to me, I don't know. I just turned my kindle on one day and there this book was. So thank you, my lucky star.

I looooved this book. At first I believed it would just be the usual sportsromance and single mother trope, but with its longish time span covered and the characters meeting again it became something more.

The characters were great too. Nick was simply... swoon. Like, literally, where can I buy one? I need it in my life. And Laney, she was a realist. I liked how she put her kid in front of her own, even when it meant having to say no to happiness.

Together, they had the kind of chemistry I always look for in this type or romance, but also with the extra sprinkle of sweetness added by Cassidy, Laney's daughter, and her relationship with Nick.

I would absolutely recommend this book and would just like to add that the pace of the story was different from the usual. Most of the angst is concentrated on the first part of the book, while the second half I would say is more soothing and calm, which I highly enjoyed. I'm sick of the 3/4 climax issue --> break up --> gesture --> happy ending.

Hms says

I love Jen Frederick but this could have been SO much better.

Please for all that is holy EDIT and when you are unsure, EDIT it again!!!! I've highlighted some of my favorites, so no excruciating details here. If you want to be bored, check out my highlights and notes.

I like heroines who show a backbone and Lainey was a freaking jelly fish. Ummm, anyone can do math, so shove Chip's face in that. Regardless of how you ended up at the party and what transpired, you were underage girl. So my conclusion is that Lainey just needs a man to run her life. Nick was nice, nothing earth shattering, just nice.

Cristina | CristiinaReads says

⇒I didn't realize this book was considered part of a series that Jen had written already and I don't mind it because I loved everything about Nick and Lainey...

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Ivy Deluca says

Sigh. I have loved several of Ms. Frederick's books, so it saddens me to say this is not one of them. Lainey and Nick have potential, but the story is sketched out and really needs some editing. It began as a little extra content for newsletter readers, and it shows. It really needs editing. Usually I can ignore small typos, punctuation issues but this is very noticeable. Names are switched at point between Lainey and her daughter Cassidy, the timeline is a bit off and the characters could have benefitted from some development.

Beyond that, the villain is a mustache twirler for evil's sake, and the Firsts weren't the best. Lainey's Latina (based on her last name) but it doesn't really make a difference. It's a story that has great potential, and I did like the way the ending wrapped things up (even if it was rushed), but the devil is in the details, and this one doesn't stack up.

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Claypot_Reads - Michelle says

Lainey and Nick are everything I love about sports romance. He is just sweet, hot perfection and Lainey is such a great character. Strong, funny and determined to give her daughter a better life. I have a soft spot for a single mum finding a great guy. Really loved this one

Carmen Rae says

I am actually a little disappointed. To be completely fair if I wasn't in a book slump the things that I am hung up on in this book are things I probably would have glossed over and ignored. But since I am in that mood where all I want to do is read but I don't know what I want to read except that it's not the thousand plus books on my kindle.

So what was my issue here? Nothing and everything. I liked the characters I just didn't love them. There were a few contradictions through the book that bugged me but they were minimal.

I am such a huge Jen Frederick fan that I want to love it and I feel guilty that I just don't. But maybe I will read it again later and it will work for me.

London says

60% into the book and there's still nothing going on with the H/h. They haven't kissed, there's no slow burn, or any kind of relationship development. More than half the book is about the creep of a dead beat dad, football, and the heroine taking care of her daughter. There's nothing happening with their relationship and it's as if they're just friends hanging out. I'm totally lost as to how this is romance when most of the book doesn't even involve the two main characters in a romantic way. Plus, the hero claims he was falling in love with the heroine (have no idea how since the author never wrote about them interacting much before she left) before she leaves Dallas only to give other women during the 2 years she was gone. I hate when authors do that!!!!

GimmeAllTheWerdssss says

Update 10-10

Nothing will move a book to my "Never gonna read" shelf quicker than learning that the Hero -

"Buried himself in a pit of women"

While the heroine was being blackmailed to move away and he had feelings for her...

Also...their first time together was outside a bar against a brick wall. Shows little to no respect for the

heroine who he "loves"

JF has been on her way to my "author I don't read" list for a while and now she's officially there...

Hmmmm....this synopsis is completely different than the story published on the website. As there appears to be major changes Charlottes book would then be affected as Lanie was an established character and Nicks attraction was extremely clear.

I'm not a fan when an author makes these kind of monumental changes....

I'll be waiting for reviews...

Aly says

Nick and Lainey's story

I'm so happy we got to read Nick and Lainey's story. They're so cute together and after seeing them in the Charlotte Chronicles, I really wanted to see them end up together. I read this all in one sitting because it was so good and sucked me in. Chip was a huge douche and I'm so happy Nick was there to love Lainey and take care of her. Loved this book and all Jen's books.

Harim (The Reader Blog) says

I am angry. Beyond anything I am angry. How could u write such an amazing blurb and then the book is beyond fkd up and not even proof read.

I can't believe this is the same author that wrote Want You.

Honestly it has the potential to be amazing and so good but it badly badly BADLY needs editing. Cassidy is often Charlie and Lainey. Sometimes Lainey is written as Cass. No. And the fact that the whole baby thing was done so weirdly.. Babies like really two year old okay she described her as a baby and the kid would talk like a frigging adult. Not the best way to have the reader imagine all the adorablity I couldn't even get into it and the baby is the entire reason I got this book.

I just wished she had made Cass into a baby. Crawling kind. That didn't speak because God knows I was so excited to get this book and the blurb is so good it's just a frigging disaster.

I regret coming across this truly just wasted my time.