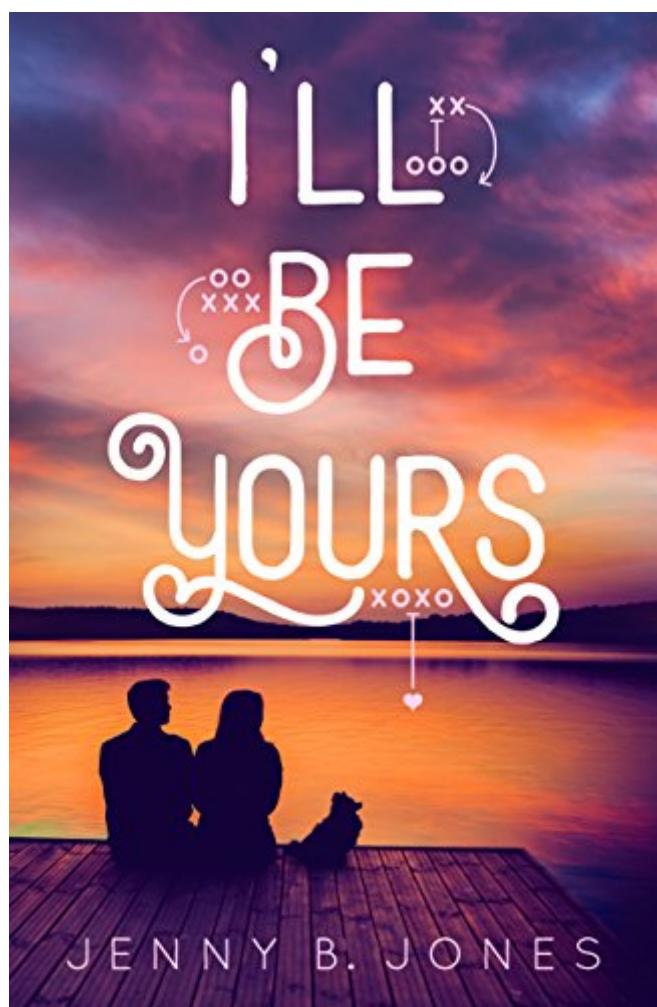


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Synopsis

Sheâ™s the coachâ™s brilliant daughter, clueless about love. Heâ™s the dethroned football star, ready to teach Romance 101. When dark secrets and sparks collide, thereâ™s no playbook for what happens next. The day Andrew Levin arrives at Washington High, Harper Oâ™Malley knows heâ™ll make the perfect starter boyfriend. The schoolâ™s newest band geek is totally in Harperâ™s league, yet completely out of this late-bloomerâ™s reach. Between fitting in with a new family, scoring the first chair in band, and rescuing dogs for the local animal shelter, Harperâ™s never had the opportunity to hone her dating skills. But even though Harperâ™s love life is far from perfect, sheâ™s got the perfect plan. Harper knows sheâ™s insane to agree to tutor Ridley Estes, a notorious heartbreaker and the star of her high schoolâ™s football teamâ™but in exchange, heâ™s offered to school her in the game of love. Just when she sees promise with her crush, a football scandal rocks her family, her town, and Ridleyâ™s entire future. Harper suddenly has everything to loseâ™her family, friends, and even her heart. When the dust of the scandal settles, nothing will be the same. Including the girl who asked the most popular jock to teach her about love. Award-winning author Jenny B. Jones returns to YA with a sweet, funny novel about first love and the power of letting go. "I'll Be Yours is a perfect YA literary concoction of angst, attraction, heartbreak, romance, authenticity, and humor. Captivating and real, I'll Be Yours is both swoon-worthy and heartrending, begging for a re-read as soon as the last page ends." Rel Mollet, RelzReviewz.com "Jones's sassy style is merely one of this romance novelist's many endearing talents." Publisher's Weekly "Jenny B. Jones is my go-to author for a hysterical beach read!" Best-selling author Kristin Billerbeck "Funny, insightful, sheer joy--that's what you always get with a Jenny Jones story." --Award-winning author Sibella Giorello

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Customer Reviews

I'll Be YoursOk, I had to wait to write this review until I stopped sighing and swooning...but I'll probably start all over again now. This book!! You know how sometimes you don't realize how hungry you are until that first smell of pizza? Well that was me reading. This book. As soon as I started it, I DEVoured it. Couldn't stop reading!! I feel like it's been a long time waiting for a new full-length novel from Ms. Jones, and I didn't realize how much I'd missed her writing! She writes hilarious, romantic, real stories that leave my heart pitter-pattering...in this case, over a boy named Ridley. Ridley and Harper's story was perfectly imperfect. I love how their story began with the agreement...Harper will tutor Ridley in one of his college prep courses, in exchange for Ridley helping Harper win the guy she's crushing on. They had great banter and great tension...but they had more. They both come from backgrounds of hurt, distrust, and feelings of unworthiness. Both wanted to hide their secrets from everyone, but both ended up finding the perfect confidante in each other. And on a romantic note...that first kiss--the tutorial?? Ummm, I may have stopped breathing for a second. And I may have re-read it. It was so sweet and so utterly romantically swoon-worthy. But there was so much more to the story than just Ridley and Harper falling for each other...both are dealing with major family issues. Real life issues, real life hurt. My heart broke for Harper along the way as she felt unsure of whether or not she was worthy of love, even from her family. But her therapy session where she has her major breakthrough was so great. And the O'Malley's were a great family. On a side note, I loved the relationship between the college football players and Harper. And Mavis. She was downright sassy side character awesomeness. This book was the YA breath of fresh air I needed. It's heading to the top of my favorites list along with Kasie West. Definitely a re-read for me. Well done, Ms. Jones! Please hurry and write more. Things like your normal, everyday life aren't that important when stories like this need to be told (and read).;) And let's just close with this amazingness: "You can walk away now, and I'll leave."

you alone. But you stay, Harper, and I'm not letting you go. •

With each new novel an author publishes, I'd imagine there are jitters. No matter how practiced one is, losing that agitation over the release of a novel likely stays with you. In the Indie world of publishing, I'd guess such emotions are magnified given that, while there are many people who assist you with the story, you are in control of releasing the book you've poured tears and smiles into. One of my most favorite authors (ever) is Jenny B. Jones. I discovered her particular brand of bookish happiness when she was signed with Thomas Nelson (Harper Collins) and now, after many years away from the author-ing gig, she returns with a select few novels published in the Indie world. *It's Not Me, It's You* is her latest, and by Jove, it's not one to be missed. Harper O'Malley has scars of the physical and emotional variety. Her adoptive family has been her rock — her center, since they brought her home, loved her and accepted her when she was a child of nine. Now, as a teenager, her safe place is about to shatter her into a million pieces. Her father, the man she admired so, becomes the center of a scandal when he's found out to be having an affair. As the football coach for a prestigious college program, Coach O'Malley's social life is cause for immediate dismissal and Harper's withdrawal from her father and the rest of her family which includes, mom Cristy and brothers Michael and Cole. Despite the emotional upheaval, Harper finds herself relying on high school football star Ridley Estes. Perceived as the local *bad boy*, Harper keeps her distance from him, only it turns out in order to obtain the scholarship he needs, Ridley needs a tutor and Harper needs lessons in how to snag her dream boy's attention. Whether she likes it or not, Harper is about to discover so much more about Ridley and in the end, his reputation just might prove her wrong. Ah, contemporary bliss. Let me count the ways I love you, dear Story. There are so many, knowing where to begin isn't so much the challenge as knowing where to end. Typical to a Jenny B. Jones novel, the book is sprinkled liberally with darling bouts of humor that make you laugh-out-loud because the particular brand of happy she consistently spreads is that one bright spot of sunshine a reader chases. Coupled with this is a deep, poignant story I didn't expect because I went into this novel *blind*. I knew it had something to do with football, there'd be romance and its cover bore the name of Jenny B. Jones. That was all I needed. "I think God speaks to us all differently, and I heard him first in the music." - Jenny B. Jones

The heroine Harper (who, by the way has a great name) isn't the average contemporary YA leading lady. No, Harper has a messy past, a past that leaves her guarded and careful. She doesn't welcome forms of physical affection, and is struggling with ways of

connecting with the boy she is crushing on (a boy who needed three names just to contain all the wonder of him). This is where Ridley's particular set of skills come in handily and with it, a series of events are set in motion that will rework Harper's heart. If you're looking for something to compare this to, I was often reminded of the recent film adaptation of The DUFF. Not to slight this novel, while the surface is similar (a boy helping a girl capture the interest of her crush), this is where the similarities stop. I'll Be Yours is about forgiveness... it's about the healing that leads to forgiveness... and it's about a boy and a girl discovering who they are as they step up and into a new phase of this crazy thing called life. Though the final chapter completes this story with grace, I admire that there is also an open-ended quality to it allowing the reader to assume what they will, but enjoy the warmth the conclusion wraps us up in. Sincere thanks to the author Jenny, and Rel for providing a complimentary copy of this book.

This book broke my heart in such a lovely and tender way, it is hands down one of THE best books of 2016 for me and I'm wishing SOOOOOO MUCH that I could give it TEN stars! Harper is such a great character with an immense heart and witty sense of humor, I couldn't put this book down once I started reading her story and loved how Jones put it together :) This book made me cry, made me laugh, then made me cry some more. This is a YA book, but the story is so much deeper than any typical book of this genre. It's beautiful, it's sweet, it's sassy, it has flawed heroes, it's tender and it has a nice happy ending (would've loved more story at the end beyond what there is but only because I truly got to love these characters and wanted to read more about their lives after some much needed revelation came through). It also gets an award for THE MOST BEAUTIFUL FIRST KISS OF ALL TIME.....tender, sweet and electrifying. It was so touching it blew me away. Most adults never experience such a precious kiss, but after reading this book your standards will go up to a new level, it's just that good. Highly recommend this book and so grateful for authors like Jones who have the heart and courage to write it! Not everyone will love this book as I have, but I still think everyone should read it, the love and healing in its pages are one of a kind.

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