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A tender and gentle story that will captivate readers of 8+ from bestselling author Jacqueline Wilson. Ella's mum's in a deep coma having just had a new baby. That means Ella has to live with Jack, her hopeless stepfather and cope with her tiny newborn brother, as well as worrying about Mum. The only thing that's going right is her school project. It's all about whales and how they sing out to each other to attract a mate - sometimes for hours. Maybe a whale song could reach Mum, wherever she is, and bring her back to Ella and baby Samson. Surely it's worth a try?

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Brianna says

My 10 year old self: This is a great book! It's about a normal, young girls life, but when her mother comes down with a sickness, things are everything but normal. Through the journey, friends are lost and made, bullies make everything bad, a baby brother is delivered into the world, after school club takes place, and a whale project is made.

Ella says

I am currently reading it and think it is amazing! I love how Jacqueline has set it out, I think its perfect and would reccomend it to anyone!!

Elena says

Weird book. It actually talks about whales for a total of not even 2 pages. The rest of the story is something completely different, and the role of the whales in it could have been taken by cats, dogs, dolphins, or any other mammal who has a voice and makes sounds.

If the purpose was to get kids interested in whales I think the book does a very poor job because the whales are absolutely marginal to the story line, which involves a girl whose mom is in the hospital, and so all the emotions tied to the situation overshadow 100 % the whale topic.

Actually whales don't even show up in the story until after you are half way through the book.

The story line, for what it is, is not bad, it goes fast and it's entertaining, just very sad for a kid's book.

Maybe with a different title it would have made a lot more sense, but like this, whoever buys it thinking it's a story about whales will be for sure disappointed.

Rachel says

This was one of the best books I have read. This book describes the challenges of life and really entertains the reader. Once you start reading this, you can never stop. Throughout the story You'll be like, What's going to happen next?

Rebecca Stonehill says

If I could do halves, I would give this book 4 and a half stars. The book is about a girl whose mum is having a baby and the labour doesn't work out that well so she has to go to hospital and ends up staying there for ages. The girl keeps sending her letters and once, she sends a letter all about whales and she wrote 'Did you know mum that the longest song ever sung (by a whale) went up to twenty-three hours!'

(Review by Maya, age 8, Rebecca's daughter)

Eunag says

I really like this book and think that it has a very nice storyline to it. It is about a girl named Ella who's mum just had a baby boy but she is now in a coma. Ella has to cope with her step dad Jack and her baby half-brother Samson. She really likes whales and is doing a project about them. Things happen at school like her best friend going of with someone else. In the end the mum finally wakes up and they are all happy again.

My favorite character is Ella because she copes with everything going on and is the main character.

My least favorite characters are Jack and Samson, because I don't like the idea of Jack coming along and Samson make the mother in a coma.

My favorite part was when the mom wakes up and they all cry of happiness.

My least favorite part was when Ella's real dad comes and then Ella keeps thinking she is disappointing him.

I recommend this book to kids ages 10-13

Hamid e Naser says

Lauren Lockyer says

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Jacqueline Wilson writes books about different things that could happen in a child's life. Her books are amazing, and what she writes about can happen to any child, so her books are so helpful in this way.

The longest whale song is about a girl named Ella, whose mother is in hospital pregnant, but later falls into a coma.

Ella writes letters to her every week, and visits her in hospital almost every day.

However, since her mum is in hospital, Ella has to live with Jack. Her stepdad, which Ella never gets on with.

I like how Jacqueline Wilson comes up with all sorts of ideas for her books

And yet they are all different. I like the way that when she writes, she can find solutions for problems.

That may occur in a persons childhood that they can connect to.

The longest whale song is one of the best Jacqueline Wilson books I have read. I recommend it to anyone who has read, and enjoyed Jacqueline Wilson!

Narges Marashi says

Emme says

It was amazing

Ann Marron says

This is a brilliant book. Narrated in the first person by Ella, it is the story of a snapshot of her life and how she struggles to cope when her mum falls ill. Ella is left with her stepdad, Jack, who she does not like and refuses to get on with. The issues of family life and bullying are dealt with in a simple yet very efficient manner by Wilson. The one fault I found is that I felt it ended too abruptly, which results in the reader feeling that the story is unfinished. It would have been nice to find out what happened to Ella and her family in the end. I would certainly recommend this book to 9-11 year olds.

Batul says

Hannah ? says

Still remember a chubbier version of myself crying my heart out reading this book.

Elaheh says

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Maddie says

This story was a delight. I don't think there was ever any doubt, considering I've read nearly every single thing Jacqueline Wilson has written. I don't think I'll ever stop.