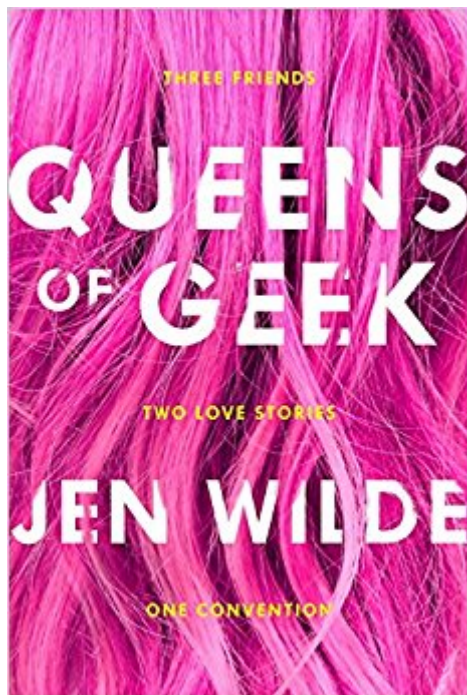


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Jen Wilde is a writer, geek, and fangirl with a penchant for coffee, books, and pugs. She writes YA stories about zombies (As They Rise), witches (Echo of the Witch), and fangirls (Queens of Geek). Her debut series, The Eva Series, reached over three million reads online. When she's not writing, Jen loves binge watching her favorite shows on Netflix, eating pizza, traveling to faraway places, and going to conventions in Marty McFly cosplay. Jen lives in a sunny beachside town in Australia with her husband and their cheeky pug, Heisenberg.

If you are in the mood for a super mushy YA contemporary then this would be the absolute perfect pick for you. The story is about 3 best friends Charlie, Taylor and Jamie who are going to their first ever "SupaCon" or comic convention, they are all living in Australia so this is a really big move for them. Taylor and Charlie are the MC's of the story and there is also some cute budding romances in there. Taylor is on the autism spectrum and she has severe social anxiety. Reading through her struggles and how she overcomes them was a really interesting perspective to take for a cute romance and I enjoyed her story line. Everybody gets scared it is how we react to the fear that makes us stronger. She met new people and made friends and I enjoyed seeing that perspective play out. Which I struggle with that, I don't even go into fast food restaurants because that would mean talking to the cashiers face to face. I understood the pain and she even helped on girl through a panic attack and I believe it was unbelievably kind of her. Her love interest is Jamie and reading their adorableness play out was really sweet. I believe Jamie is Latino but it never says his nationality other than he was actually an American living in Australia, but he uses the Spanish word for grandmother, I could be wrong though. Then there is Charlie, she is YouTube famous and she has just come from a small movie that turned really big. She is scared of the limelight basically because she was in a very public relationship and it ended horribly. Then she meets Alyssa and an adorable f/f relationship ensues. This is a really dorky coming of age novel with a lot of movie references, and it is meant for people with a love of fandoms. The only problem I had with it really was there was so much inner dialogue and drama, nobody tells themselves that many times in one day that they should just be themselves. I mean even at 16 and 17 I don't think. It was a good message but it was hammered in to the point that I was skipping passages that said the same thing that had been said 2 pages before. It was cute though, and for a contemporary I really enjoyed it.

So to sum this book up its about three best friends name Jamie,Charlie and Taylor finding different real scary reasons not to take a chance but they do any way. They end up having the time of their lives at a comic con of sorts. They all end up finding new meanings to new relationships. But the

best part of all is that they learn no matter what your real friends always have your back in the end. They also learn that real love means you love someone no matter their messes. There is some romance involve between two of the friends while the third finds romance with another famous female in the book. This story is beautifully written to define friendship, love, and risk taking. As for this book, I rated it five out of five stars because it was so well written. The messages about friendship and real love was so clear and defined. The only thing is that even though all three friends are in the book, its only totally from the views of Charlie and Taylor which is cool but I wish we had a view from Jamie too. But I did love how Jen wrote about Taylor Anxiety, it was related able and real. It felt and explain how anxiety looks from a person stand point that deals with anxiety. I just love the writing through out the whole book, so much that I could not put it down. I had to force myself to put this book down to either rest my eyes or do something else. I cried though some of this book while reading it. I can't tell you enough that you really need to read this book. You especially need to read this book, if you suffer from anxiety or knows someone who does, because this will give you look into their world. I also have to add that I was totally geeking out over all of the different nerdy references. References towards the made up fandoms that were like the real fandoms, for example Harry Potter but it was renamed Firestone for the book and change a little too. I just really loved this book, and the romance didn't hurt either. The romance was super sweet and very realistic between the two couples in the book. I suggest you all go buy this book right now and read it.

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