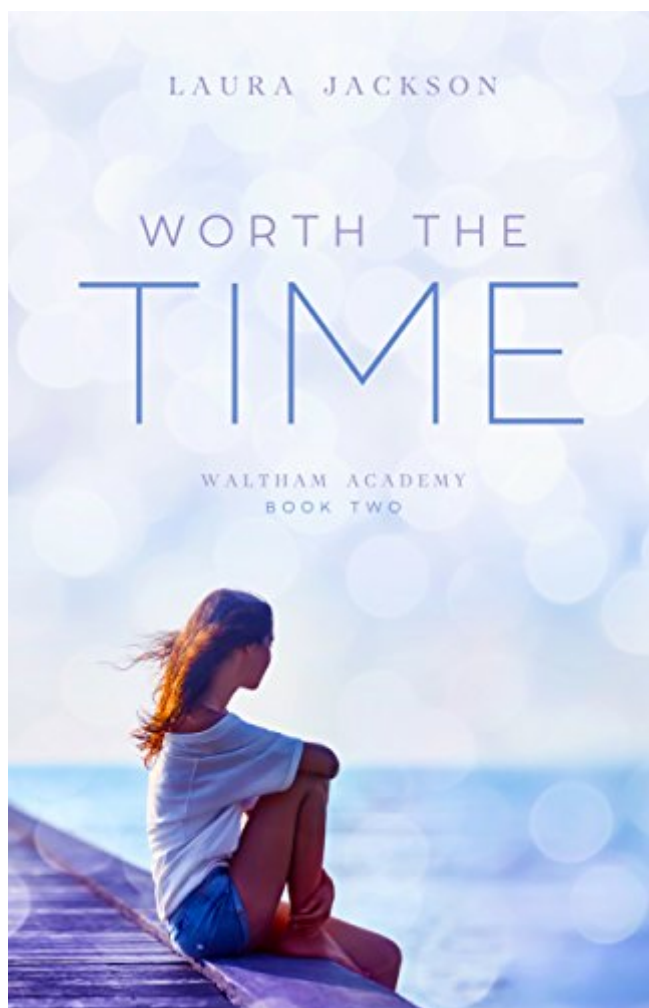


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Worth The Time (Waltham Academy Book 2)



Synopsis

Doesn't anyone feel she's worth their time? Routinely ignored by her single mother, high school senior Lindsey Hamilton hides her loneliness behind a mask of flirtatious self-confidence that has many boys wrapped around her finger. However, during community service required for graduation, she meets a shy guy with a haunted past who barely gives her the time of day. Why doesn't he like her? Then the father she thought had abandoned her before birth wants to meet, and she discovers everything she believed about him is a lie. How will Lindsey learn to trust so she can realize that she has been loved all along?

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Customer Reviews

Typical Lindsey: "I'll figure a way out; I always do." Required volunteering is one of the last things Lindsey wants to do. But then a certain guy catches her eye. A certain guy who won't even look at her. This is new. And that's not the only new thing because now, at almost eighteen, Lindsey gets to meet her dad for the very first time. What is he doesn't like her? And, really, is being vulnerable, honest, real, and without the mask worth it? Worth the Time tells the tale of a typical "mean girl" changing. We get to see Lindsey's backstory, her hurt, and her fear of being rejected.

Slowly, she opens up to others and to God. The book has two main settings in it, which gives it new layers and is nice. I'd have really liked it, though, if her newfound dad wasn't so "perfect." However, Laura Jackson did a great job at having faith integrated in the story. This is the second in the Waltham Academy series. The first is *Worth the Wait*.

Lindsay Hamilton, Waltham Academy's most notorious flirt and sometimes bad girl needs community service hours to graduate. She expects 90 hours of torture at the local community center, but instead she meets the unconquerable Sutton, the boy with serious green eyes who rejects Lindsay's every flirtatious advance. Lindsay's got a past that she can't share with no one, and suddenly a future with her previously unknown biological father, who demands a DNA test and a possible meeting. There's enough drama here for an entire cheerleading squad. Will Lindsay reach forward toward a new future, or retreat into the dark world of past fears and failures? In *Worth the Time*, Laura Marshall tells the story of Lindsay Hamilton, the manipulative conniver of Book One. With many interesting plot turns the author chronicles one girl's journey from innocent bookworm to selfish socialite who further evolves into someone new. This is a beautiful story of redemption, romance and second chances.

Excellent book that got my attention immediately! Jackson brilliantly takes a character not liked from the first book and shows us why Lindsey is the way she is. My heart totally went out for her and loved her story. My heart broke a few times in the story, but it was beautiful. Anything Jackson writes, I'm interested in reading :)

The only thing that I dislike about this book is that it ends. I wanted the story to just keep going and going! Another excellent work, Ms. Jackson!!

"*Worth the Time* is the second book in the Waltham Academy series. In this book, we learn more about Lindsey Hamilton, who we were introduced to in the first book of the series, *Worth the Wait*. To the outside world, it may seem like Lindsey has it all. She is popular, beautiful, and never without a boyfriend. But, things are never as they seem. Lindsey's life is actually quite lonely. Her single mom regularly ignores her, and despite her popularity, Lindsey only has one true friend. One day, Lindsey learns that her mom has been keeping an important secret from her. Lindsey's father, the man she thought abandoned them long ago, wants to meet her. In fact, he

didn't even know of Lindsey's existence until recently. Lindsey is excited and nervous about finally meeting her father, and he turns out to be a wonderful person and a strong Christian. He is determined to be a part of her life, and they start to build a relationship. However, his sudden appearance in her life strains the already tense relationship she has with her mother. Can Lindsey look towards the future and forgive the pain and the lies of the past? Along with her family drama, Lindsey struggles to complete volunteer hours so she can graduate. When her school counselor sends her to Covington House, Lindsey is immediately drawn to Sutton, another volunteer. When he first meets her, all Sutton can see is Lindsey's snobby, popular girl exterior. Lindsey is baffled by the one guy in the world who seems immune to her charms. He is unlike any other guy Lindsey has ever met. He loves God, is dedicated to mentoring the kids he works with at the community center, and he works hard at school and taking care of his family. Will Lindsey and Sutton be able to trust that perhaps God brought them together for a reason? As Lindsey balances volunteering, school, and her family life, she begins to question the person she has allowed herself to become. But after so many people have hurt her, will she be able to finally trust that God loves her, completely and without strings? I really loved this book! I read the first book in the series, and I enjoyed it, as well. In the first book, Lindsey is not likable at all. She is mean to the other characters, and it's really a struggle to relate to her. When I found out that "Worth the Time" would be about Lindsey, I wasn't sure how I felt about that. However, Mrs. Jackson did an excellent job at showing us the "real" Lindsey. It was a good lesson to remember that everyone struggles with something, and we should give people a chance and not judge. I loved watching the transformation that Lindsey went through during the course of the book. Her emotions were so genuine. I really felt like I was struggling along with her as she grappled with her feelings of loneliness, belonging, and figuring out who she was in Christ. The other characters were amazing, as well. Sutton was an awesome hero- handsome, sweet, and Godly. I also really liked Lindsey's father. He was so kind, and he really stepped up and became the father Lindsey needed when he found out about her. I can't think of anything about this book I didn't like, and I highly recommend it! I received the Kindle version of this book for free from the publisher for the purpose of reviewing. My thoughts and opinions are my own.

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