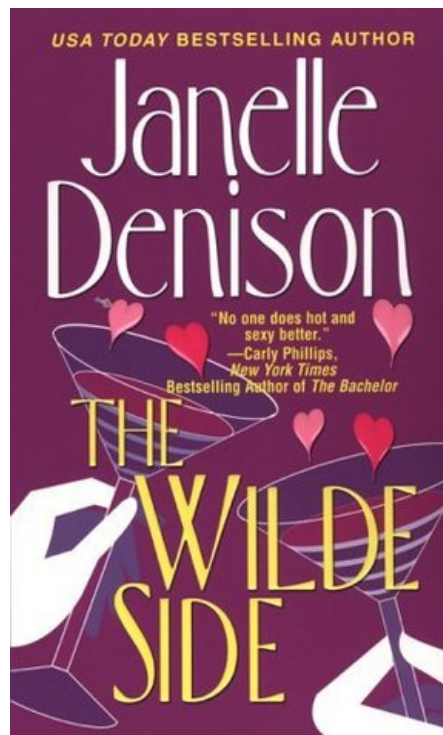




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In her novel *Wilde Thing* and novella "The Wilde One" from *Bad Boys To Go*, *USA Today* bestselling author Janelle Denison introduced two of the Wilde brothers--men who live up to their names in every respect. Now, get to know the tempting Scott Wilde. . .and discover why being bad can feel so very good. . .

She's Tired Of Being Good. . .

The last thing hotel heiress Ashley St. Claire wants for her thirtieth birthday is another boring set-up with a stuffed shirt with dollar signs in his eyes. Before settling down, Ashley wants one hot, erotic night with a man who'll let her be as shameless as she dares. A man like the one giving her body a long, slow appraisal at the bar and making no attempt to hide the fact that he likes what he sees. . .

He Excels At Being Bad. . .

It's bad manners to refuse a lady. And construction company owner Scott Wilde fully intends to oblige the stunning creature who has just asked him to be her birthday present. But he's unprepared for the way that raw passion leads to something much deeper. Ashley may be running scared, but Scott's got stamina. . .and he's determined to show Ashley just how delicious a lifetime of passion can be if she's willing to take a walk on the Wilde side with him. . .

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Cat says

I really liked *The Wilde Side*, it's filled with drama, romance, self-growth and lots of other stuff. I found *The Wilde Side* to be the kind of book that just lures you in and you can't stop reading until the book is done. I hope to read *Wilde Thing*, the prequel to this book as well as the other books in this Wilde series, I also hope it's just as good as this one was.

Julianna says

Reviewed for THC Reviews

The Wilde Side is the fifth story and the second full-length novel in Janelle Denison's *Wilde* series that follows two sets of siblings in the Wilde family who are also cousins. The three brothers on one side of the family have already found their HEAs in the previous stories, so this book is the first to feature the other group of Wilde siblings, three brothers and a younger sister. We begin with Scott, who I believe is the oldest, paired with hotel heiress, Ashley St. Claire who was briefly introduced in the novella, *All She Wants for Christmas*. Things get started between them with a steamy one-night stand, but Scott quickly realizes he wants much more from Ashley who is a bit gun-shy after a relationship gone bad. He then spends the rest of the book trying to convince her they're perfect for each other. Overall, it was a fun, sexy romp that I enjoyed reading.

Scott and his brother, Alex, took over their father's construction business when he retired, but Scott appears to be the one who does most of the executive type work. He's not afraid to get out there and work with his crew, though, when they need an extra pair of hands. He pushes himself hard, trying to make up for a huge mistake in the past that nearly left the company bankrupt, so he's excited to get a contract to do restoration work for the St. Claire hotel chain. Scott meets a mysterious woman at his favorite bar who tempts him beyond belief, and not knowing that she's a St. Claire, he agrees to a one-night stand with her. Almost immediately he recognizes that she's someone he could see himself with long-term, but she didn't even give him her last name, so he has no way to contact her again. One thing leads to another, and they do end up crossing paths a few more times, but Scott really has his work cut out for him convincing her they belong together. I had liked what I saw of Scott when he was a secondary character in the previous stories, and he didn't disappoint here. He's an alpha to be sure, but more the kind of alpha who is confident and oozes sex appeal without being aggressive like some of his cousins are. I liked that he's more into relationships and isn't really a one-night stand kind of guy. He only makes an exception for Ashley because she's totally irresistible to him. When she keeps being mysterious and giving him the brush-off, though, he can't help wondering if he's fallen into the same trap as he did with his last girlfriend, who turned out to be a married woman. This leads him to perform a background check on her with his cousin's help, which I had mixed feelings about, but since he might not have seen her again otherwise, drew the line at digging too deep into her personal life, and it had a favorable outcome, I was able to let it slide. What I really liked about Scott is that he's more than ready for marriage and kids, providing he can find the right woman, and once he's convinced that's Ashley, he takes a step back from all the hot sex and pulls out all the stops to woo her. He's also a very generous and swoon-worthy lover.

Ashley has made mistakes of her own she's running from. Two years earlier, she got involved with the wrong man, someone who only wanted her for her money and ended up blackmailing her and her family with lewd photos. Since then she hasn't had any truly serious relationships and doesn't really trust her own judgment when it comes to men. She's tired of being the good girl and trying to live up to her family's social

standing. For once in her life, she just wants to let herself go and be a little bit bad. After a long sexual drought, Ashley decides to give herself a birthday present – a one-night stand with a sexy stranger with no expectations attached, and where she can be as naughty as she wants to be without any consequences. She finds all that and more with Scott but didn't expect to develop feelings for him. She can't resist going back to him two more times, but when Scott makes it clear that he wants something deeper with her or he'll no longer be her booty call, she gets scared. Ashley has her life all mapped out and it includes a move to San Francisco to start over away from the influence of her family. Scott shouldn't factor into it, but she can't get him off her mind. I liked that Ashley was a confident woman who wasn't afraid to go after what she wanted, and although she was resisting the idea of commitment, like all of Janelle Denison's other heroines I've read to date, she wasn't being too hard-core about it. She gradually warms up to Scott's seduction, and I enjoyed watching her grow and learn and figure things out so that she could embrace their relationship in the end.

Overall, *The Wilde Side* was an enjoyable read. I liked Scott and Ashley really well, and their story was well-written. Even though one-night stands aren't usually my favorite way to begin a romance, I can buy into it if the author does a good job of developing the relationship, and in this case, she did. I especially liked how she took a break from the sex and allowed them to build a friendship before hitting the sheets again. The love scene are super steamy and just this side of erotic, which was a plus. I also liked the supporting cast. We get to see past heroes and heroine have a wedding and grow their families, plus future heroes and heroines as well. There's a good look at Scott's sister, Mia, and her love interest, Cameron, who will appear in the next full-length novel, *Too Wilde to Tame*. Mia is quite the handful, so I'm not sure how I feel about her yet. Then there's Scott's brother, Alex, and his girlfriend, Dana, who are seen a couple of times. They'll be featured in the next novella, *One Wilde Weekend*. The only reason I marked the book down to four stars is that, for some reason, I just never quite got super-excited about it. The only possible flaw I saw was that it tends to be a bit narrative heavy, when I wanted a little more action and dialogue, but otherwise, I don't really have any complaints. It was a fun, steamy read, so I'll definitely continue with the series.

Note: While perhaps not quite what I would term erotic, this book contains some very steamy content including phone sex, light bondage, and the creative use of a bottle of champagne. IMHO, everything was tastefully done, but it could make some readers uncomfortable.

Meryan says

Another good one about the Wilde men. This one is about Scott Wilde and Ashley St. Claire. Ashley decides for her 30th birthday she wants to have a wild fling with a man she doesn't know, who doesn't know she is the heiress to the St Claire hotel fortune. She goes to a bar that is not her normal style and picks up Scott Wilde, they have their wild night, but then she finds out that his firm has been hired to do construction work on her hotels. She tries to stay away from him but the spark has already been lit.

Writerlibrarian says

Not the best of the series. The heroine was shallow and didn't have any layers. She was this paper thin caricature of a female lead. Denison has written better and much more interesting heroine in earlier books. The male lead was okay and more developed in comparison but not by much.

Denison is closing up the original Wilde family stories: Steve and Liz from *The Wilde Thing* are having a baby; Eric and Jill are also having a baby there is a bet going on as to who will be a father first; Adrian and Chayse get married in this book and we find out that Faith and Matthew eloped. Mia and Cameron are still

prowling around each other. That's probably the next book. All of this doesn't really leave a lot of space for the main couple : Ashley and Scott to grow on the reader and develop a storyline that is interesting and fun. It feels more like they fill the space in between tying up loose plots from the previous books.

Katie says

So I had only read a little story of her's in one of those anthology books. I liked the way she wrote so I saw this book and grabbed it. I loved this book! This lady knows how to write! Recommend...off to find some more books by Janelle!

Bette Stanek says

The first in this series, Wilde Thing, was OK. Wilde Side received higher ratings than Wilde Thing, so I decided to give the series another shot. So far, it looks like the plot takes second place to the bedroom scenes.

OK, there was a little more here besides the bedroom scenes, but that still seems to take precedence over the storyline.

Melanie♥ says

This book got off to such a good start and then stalled out completely.

I had read a couple of the other titles in the series, but not all.

This was like a big drawn out reunion for characters from past books, with not nearly enough time spent on developing the H/h for this entry.

Mid-way through it lost me completely and was almost a dnf. Too bad, it had potential.

Laura says

[Didn't see it coming that James was actually a decent guy just down on his luck, was please with him not being some predictable blackmailer bad guy. Was hoping for the CEO guy who liked Ashley to become a bad sort of guy--could have had a lot of extra drama! (hide spoiler)]

Denise says

Another winner.....

Kimberly says

I would have to agree with many of the previous reviews, this was the most boring story of the Wilde Series. I thought the book was too long and would have worked better as a short story or even novella. The two main characters are Scott Wilde and Ashley St. Claire.

By page 3, I realized Ashley was the woman who helped Matthew pick out items for Faith in the third installment of this series, "All She Wants For Christmas." I was pleasantly surprised that she was the female lead in this book.

I thought the first sex scene was too long. I can hear the gasps now. I felt it caused the book to be unbalanced. There is continuance of the adults playing a child's game theme from books one and two of this series. In this book, it's follow the leader and pool tag. The follow-the-leader was done well.

I thought her hiding her identity was an interesting twist. I thought it worked ok, but went on too long.

By page 84, I got bored with the book. I started skimming. I can honestly state this was the first time in any of the books in this series that I did.

If this would have been a short story, another off shot could have been Ashley's sister Madison and her husband. It would have been great to see have characters who are already married and the struggle they have. I would've liked to have more on Madison's husband and his point of view.

And as previous reviewers have written, it was great to get caught up with the previous characters from other stories and novel. I really enjoyed the contest between Erik and Steve.

My reading partner was so bored with this book, she skipped to the end. She also had a comment on the cover. She wanted a hotter body with some worn work gloves and tigher jeans.

I give the sex scenes 2 chili peppers-a little warm but not buring up with heat.

Julie says

Having read a previous 'Wilde' short story, I had an idea what to expect from this book and it didn't disappoint. Not a book to read if you are looking for high literature, but if you want a fun, frothy (and steamy!) read that passes a few hours, this fits the bill.

Have others from this series on my bookshelf and am looking forward to reading them.

? Sassy ~ Amy ? says

Well, I was surprised that I liked this! It was great!

Although to warn the weak at heart, this book was so full of sex, I'm surprised it had room for the story! AND it was a perfect read!

It is ironic that I hate books with so much added fluff and so many characters, because it gets distracting from the real story. This one however had so much information & background, followed by the reason this character showed up making the fit perfect. So all in all, the pop in and pop out of all of these characters prepared for new books in the series & explained past books. I never once thought "who the hell is that?"

This was a fast paced read, and I will definitely try to track the rest of this story down.

I rated this book according to the style of book & compared it to the comparable books I've read. Although this book is not the epic tale like other books... In the contemporary romance genre style it was a 5 star book.

Cynthia says

A quick light read that delivered exactly what I expected. A contemporary romance where two people have to work through their own insecurities to be able to discover love. Not my usual fare, but I enjoyed it.

This is my first read by Janelle Denison which I happened to pick up at the library book sale. I think I'll look into more of the series.

Sarah Eiseman says

I'm so glad that I found this author because she is fabulous! This story had a little romance and a lot of laughs.

We meet the sexy Scott Wilde when Ashley St. Claire, the prototypical good girl, decides to give herself a birthday present of a one night stand at a dive bar on the other side of town. Scott, normally happy to be a boy toy, instantly is attracted to Ashley in a way he hasn't ever been attracted to a woman before.

One of the things I really liked about this book was that it talked a lot about family expectations and preconceived notions. I like books that tend to push the boundaries on some stereotypes and I thought this was something that Denison did really well. She's definitely an author I'll be checking out in the future. If you haven't read her before, she's similar in style to Victoria Dahl, Rachel Gibson or Lori Foster. She's also a friend of Carly Phillips and very similar in style.

Sue Parker says

Well I couldn't put this one down. Ashley has been hurt before and she just wants a no strings attached fling. But she meets Scott and she is afraid that if he knew she was an heiress that he would be like the other guys she has met and will try to scandalize her and her family. They learn to trust and love each other.
