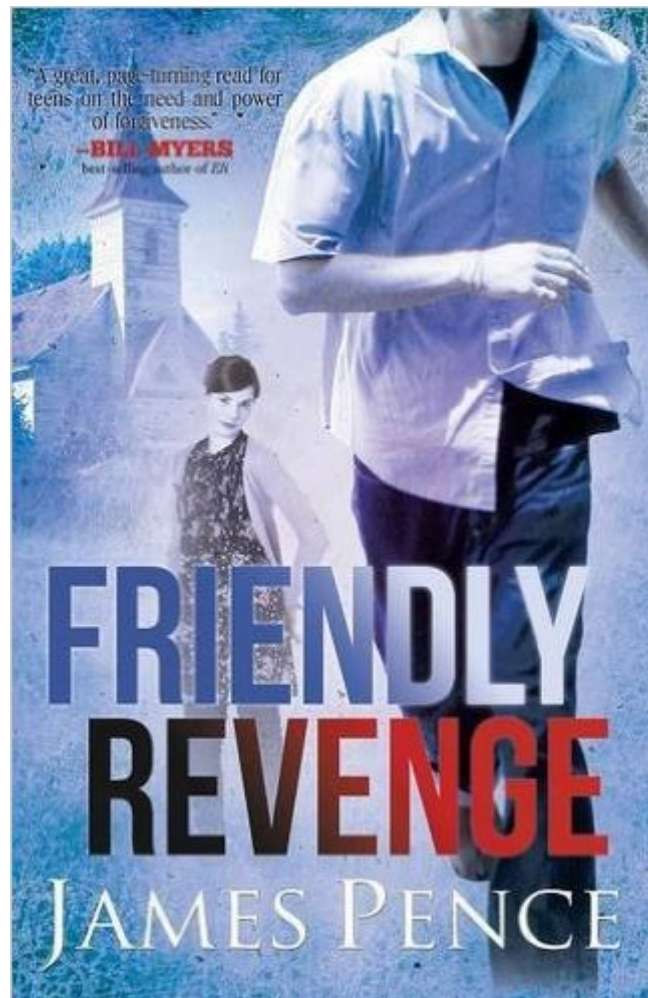


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# Friendly Revenge



## Synopsis

When fourteen-year-old Palmer Keene's parents forced him to move to Grant City he lost his friends, his dog, his whole life. So what if he'd made a stupid mistake and ruined his father's reputation? It wasn't his fault, but his dad didn't believe him. So when rebel Chad Tarpley sticks up for Palmer, the reluctant preacher's kid is more than happy to call Chad a friend. His parents don't approve, but they just don't understand. Besides, Christians are supposed to love everyone, even kids who just got out of juvie and who live on the rough side of town like Chad. But is his new friend really who he seems? When Palmer is accused of a serious crime, he reluctantly turns to Miss Perfection, Cassie Hurst to help clear his name. The stakes are high for both Palmer and his family, and soon innocent lives are on the line. There is only one way Palmer can make things right, and that could cost him everything. A great, page-turning read for teens on the need and power of forgiveness. --BILL MYERS, bestselling author of Eli

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I enjoyed this well-written youth novel. I would expect the story to be fairly riveting to the youth audience it targets. The book starts immediately putting the reader into the mind of the main character, quickly defining his dilemma "a clergyman's son dealing with the loneliness of relocation, feelings of powerlessness, of being a victim of his father's job. Whether he likes this town and the people or not, he is being held to a higher, very public standard, and his father has been hired on somewhat of an approval basis making the pressure to fit in and perform well all the more intense. He's a computer geek, not the popular type and, besides, he doesn't want

new friends in this new town; he wants to go back to his previous home and friends. His resentment and inner turmoil take him into dangerous territory. He will make some big mistakes and learn some big lessons as a result, and it's quite uncertain up to the end how it will turn out. The resolution is satisfying without being naively idyllic. As an adult reader, I appreciated that the themes are clearly stated early; they hold the plot focused from beginning to end. The conflict is well defined in the first few pages. The plot moves at a steady pace from beginning to end. The storytelling is tight, well driven throughout. The dialogue sounds natural to the ear but at certain moments has the sound of an adult writing what he thinks kids would say; however, the characters are otherwise realistic. They face typically believable problems, and the circumstances of the 5 youths playing out the story evoked empathy, and I cared about whether they found resolution and peace, so much so that I read it in a single 3-hour sitting to find out if they did.

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