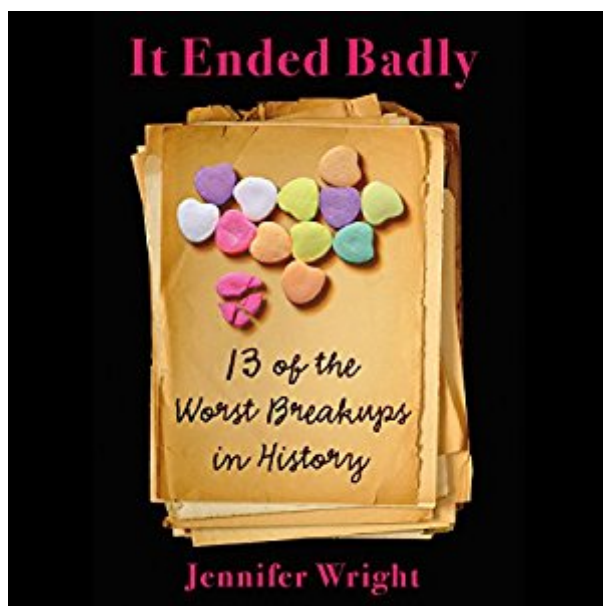


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# It Ended Badly: Thirteen Of The Worst Breakups In History



## Synopsis

It Ended Badly: Thirteen of the Worst Breakups in History is a history of heartbreak - replete with beheadings, uprisings, creepy sex dolls, and celebrity gossip - and its disastrously bad consequences throughout time. Spanning eras and cultures from ancient Rome to medieval England to 1950s Hollywood, Jennifer Wright's It Ended Badly guides you through the worst of the worst in historically bad breakups. In the throes of heartbreak, Emperor Nero had just about everyone he ever loved - from his old tutor to most of his friends - put to death. Oscar Wilde's lover, whom he went to jail for, abandoned him when faced with being cut off financially from his wealthy family and wrote several self-serving books denying the entire affair. And poor volatile Caroline Lamb sent Lord Byron one hell of a torch letter and enclosed a bloody lock of her own pubic hair. Your obsessive social media stalking of your ex isn't looking so bad now, is it? With a wry wit and considerable empathy, Wright digs deep into the archives to bring these 13 terrible breakups to life. She educates, entertains, and really puts your own bad breakup conduct into perspective. It Ended Badly is for anyone who's ever loved and lost and maybe sent one too many ill-considered late-night emails to their ex, reminding us that no matter how badly we've behaved, no one is as bad as Henry VIII.

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## Customer Reviews

Have you ever had your heart broken so badly you couldn't get out of bed for days and days? Have you ever said such horrible things during a break-up that you still feel guilty? Or do you

live a life where you are perfectly in love but secretly find other people's displeasure entertaining? If you answered yes to any or all of these questions, this book is for you! Jennifer Wright combines fascinating stories from over a thousand years of history with witty prose and contemporary references. From Nero and Poppaea to the Debbie Reynolds, Elizabeth Taylor, and Eddie Fisher triangle, I laughed out loud more times than I can remember in my bed, at my desk, and on at least three New York City subway lines. I cannot recommend this book more. If you have only one takeaway at the end of reading, just know that no matter how bad a break may be, always be grateful that you never dated Norman Mailer. And, on a personal note, I am forever grateful to this book for my extraordinary discovery that Alma Mahler is my spirit animal.

Somebody had recommended this book to me but it took me a while to get to it.. I can't believe I let it sit that long.. I think I was under the impression that it would be a "break up" book and the fact that I'm happily married and far beyond those times would make it less interesting to me.. NOT the case.. What an enjoyable book. The author is witty, intelligent, charming and informed. I LOVE those historical tales that aren't necessarily in your average history book and they abound here.. So interesting and soon many Laugh Out Loud moments while reading.. I've recommended this book to all of my friends.

From the very first page, I was in love with this book. Jennifer Wright has put together an eclectic selection of breakups that makes anyone who has ever had their heart broken feel relatively sane despite the insanity that probably went through their heads while trying to pick up the pieces of their lives after the fact. Not only does she delve into the historical end of these legends, but she shows another side of them "their under belly, so to speak" that proves even the greatest of the greats have had their hearts smashed to bits and come out the other side| well, OK, not everyone comes out the other side, but that's just the risk you take when it comes to love. Between her sense of humor, her wit, and her originality in how she tells a story, Jennifer Wright nails it. It's not just a great debut from a unique voice, but pretty much the perfect companion for anyone who knows what it's like to go through a horrible breakup| and that would be all of us. Or at least 98% of us.

I wasn't sure what to expect but this book is great! There were many historical references that I wasn't familiar with and enjoyed looking them up to find out more about them. All in all this was a great book! I was hoping she had another book out there, but I couldn't find any. Additionally, I was

surprised when she was on Andy Cohen's show. I actually knew about and her book!

I enjoyed the "snarky/best friend/gossipy" tone. Not a complicated read but entertaining. It is now cycling through my circle of friends. I am particularly fond of the Russian Czarina who forced her former paramour to sit on a nest and cluck like a chicken whenever anyone walked by. Sure, she was a bit of a nutter, but a bad break up can do that to you!

This is far from the usual book and is hard to pigeonhole into a certain type. It is not fiction, because these 13 breakups actually happened; it is not a self-help book even though the author, in a humorous way, is sympathetic to the ways in which we have or should have handled breakups. The 13 breakups that are described start in Nero's time and end with the Debbie Reynolds/Eddie Fisher/Elizabeth Taylor fiasco. The author brings us plenty of juicy details of these events -- stuff that we never read in school history tomes, or in newspapers or magazines. Anyone who has had a tough breakup or known friends who have had one will enjoy this book. It is great fun and very well written, too.

As I was reading the gory (literally, at times) details of each historical breakup, I kept thinking "You couldn't make this stuff up." Jennifer Wright's wonderful commentary was exactly on point, refreshingly honest, and downright witty. It's well-researched history, but at the same time, very relatable to anyone who has ever been through a nasty breakup. At the end of each narrative, the reader will be rethinking his or her own break-ups, and coming to the happy realization that they really didn't end as badly as they could have.

one of the funniest books about history I have ever read. This is the way they should teach history to students. Already knew many of the subjects stories but I so loved this authors writing that I didn't want it to end. She had all the facts but interjected brief but hilarious asides. These histories are brief and compacted but all you need to know is there. Please write another history book Jennifer

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