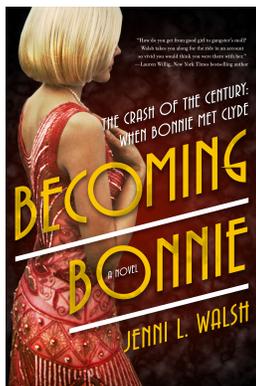


THE UNTOLD STORY OF HOW WHOLESOME BONNELYN PARKER  
BECAME HALF OF THE INFAMOUS BONNIE AND CLYDE DUO

# BECOMING BONNIE

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Travel back to the height of the Roaring Twenties and meet Bonnelyn Parker before she takes to a life of crime in Jenni L. Walsh's debut novel **BECOMING BONNIE** (Forge Hardcover; \$25.99; On-sale: May 9, 2017). Find out how a young woman who was promised the American dream and given the Great Depression fell so hard for a convicted felon – and turned to crime herself.

Bonnie and Clyde are two of the most famous outlaws in American history. They have captured people's imaginations for decades, and now **BECOMING BONNIE** may continue their story on the small screen: it has been optioned for television by Edyson Entertainment, headed by Ed Gernon, a veteran producer whose credits include *Nuremberg*, *Joan of Arc*, and *Confessions of an Ugly Stepsister* among many historical TV specials.

Jenni L. Walsh has spent the past decade enticing readers as an award-winning advertising copywriter. **BECOMING BONNIE** marks her turn to the lives of heroic women: Walsh also has a new middle grade series with Scholastic, *Brave Like Me*, that tells true stories of young women who accomplished great feats of perseverance and bravery.

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