

APPENDICES

Summary of She's Come Undone

Dolores Price is a joyful fragile girl. And as she comes of age, she suffers from almost every abuse and family problems. Her father is violent and abusive, she cannot be dependent on him. Her mother is mentally and emotionally inconsistent. She must also bear the consequences of her parents' divorce and of being raped at the age of 13; thus, she battles her great sorrow with her strength. While most kids of her age are dealing with the latest Beatles singles, and Dolores is dealing with issues such as divorce, rape, her overweight problem and her being sent to a mental institution. She falls deeper into the darker side, keeps us, the readers amused while descending into the depth of her depression. Ironically, she also learns how to cope with life in the outside world and her experiences are what allow her to become a fully-grown and developed person after leaving the institution.

Biography of Wally Lamb

Wally Lamb was born in Connecticut in 1950, the youngest of three children. His neighborhood was ruled mostly by girls and it was in this environment that makes him have power to observe the opposite gender.

As a child, Lamb was not interested in reading or writing until he knew how important writing is. He writes because he wishes to understand the world better along with its pain and promise as to get a more universal truth by bending and stretching the factual truth into something called fiction.

Wally Lamb was graduated from the University of Connecticut's School of Education in 1972 and has been a high school English teacher, a husband, a father and a fiction writer. His teaching and writing are equally important to him. In 1992, his first book She's Come Undone was published; he was chosen as a finalist for the 1992 Los Angeles Times Book Award's Art Seidenbaum Prize for his first fiction. His second book, I Know This Much is True, was released in June 1998.

Lamb himself is the recipient of the 1998 Governor's Art Award, state of Connecticut and a past recipient of the NEA grant for fiction and is a Missouri Review William Peden Fiction Prize Winner. Lamb is currently an Associate Professor of Creative Writing at the University of Connecticut's English Department and lives with his wife and three sons in Connecticut.