

## **PARKER'S PROGRESS**

**A Comedy/Thriller written by Kelly Fanson**

*With her trust fund gone, Hailey Parker is working for a living. Now if only she could work with the “living”.*

Loveable, unassuming and laissez fair, Hailey Parker is 24 years old. She has an ample trust fund, a degree in philosophy, (more like a doctorate in dope smoking) and a remarkable ability to push *fun* too far. She's too smart for her own good and too lazy to do anything about it. After graduation, and much to her family's chagrin, she started parking cars for a living. With an easy job, no commitments and low expectations – she stopped seeking challenges and started making excuses. Now she wastes her time on friends that don't matter and girlfriends that don't mind.

When her latest *fun*-stunt airs on Youtube, involving a firecracker inserted into an unmentionable (anal) orifice, it becomes the legendary meme known as the “Asscracker”. This is the final straw that causes Hailey's blue-blood relatives, the Prescott-Parkers of the largest luxury hotel chain in North America, to stage an intervention. To save her from herself, they mercilessly revoke her trust fund. But there may be more to their punishment than meets the eye.

Her eccentric Uncle Bruce (Big Lebowski type) secretly gives her a chance to redeem herself and makes her an offer she can't refuse. Uncle Bruce has always been the one family member who really “gets her” and who Hailey feels she can trust, which is why she doesn't think twice as she unwittingly signs away her freedom to take on the responsibility of a waterfront resort called Big Dog Lodge. The lodge apparently needs someone to hammer a few nails, brush away some cob-webs and bring the place back to life. At this point, Hailey will do whatever she can to get her trust-fund and lifestyle back. She accepts the offer along with the rhetorical thought: *How hard can it be?*

But something's not right at Big Dog Lodge.

Hailey is expecting a high-end resort in need of a little elbow grease. What she finds is a century old building in serious decay on a creepy lake. The place definitely has a history, along with a bunch of elderly caretakers and a relentless curiosity by the local townies. Bit by bit, a terrifying mystery unfolds and Hailey finds herself trapped in a ghostly web made up of her twisted family's secret. Somehow, in the midst of it all, Hailey falls in love with the girl of her dreams who she doesn't know, doesn't exist.

A coming of age story, *Parker's Progress* is like a post-grad Ferris Bueller just entered *The Shining*. Her family's secret unfolds as does the presence of ghosts and townies alike. Hailey is the quintessential reluctant hero whose humor and ability to fly by the seat of her pants gets her into, and helps her out of all kinds of trouble. Hailey begins to figure things out about the lodge, her family, and ultimately herself, and in doing so, she will change her own life and ultimately, the course of history.