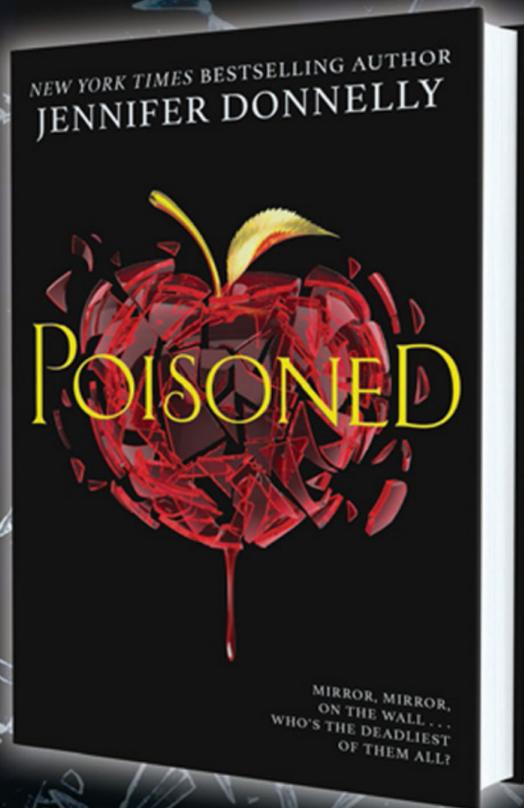
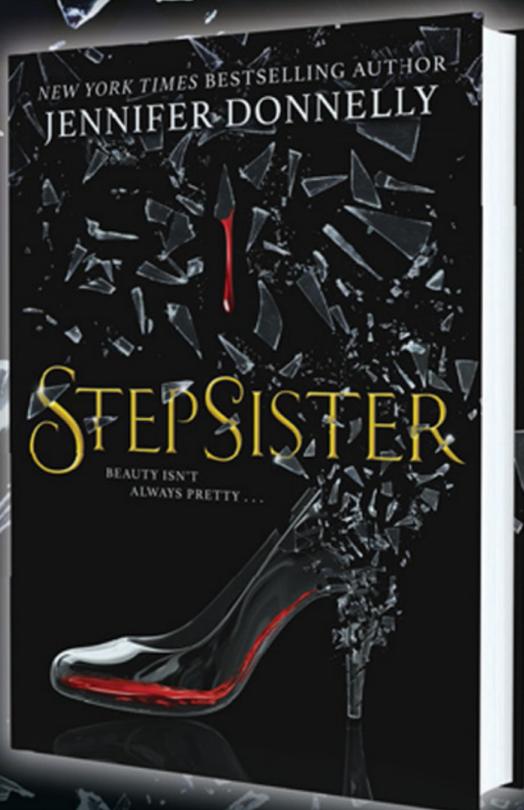


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By Rosy Cordero

THEIR TIMEOUT LASTED ALMOST 30 years, but (most of) the original cast of *Saved by the Bell* are finally back together. Zack Morris (Mark-Paul Gosselaar), Kelly Kapowski (Tiffani Thiessen), A.C. Slater (Mario Lopez), and Jessie Spano (Elizabeth Berkley) are all grown up, of course, but they just can't stay away from Bayside High. That's where they welcome a new and diverse student body on Peacock's revival of the classic teen comedy.

After *Governor Zack Morris'* controversial education cuts close her school, Aisha (Alycia Pascual-Peña) heads to Bayside, where she fits right in, both in class and on the football team led by Coach A.C. Slater.

“I like [the coach's] dynamic with the kids, which is fun because I have three kids of my own now,” says Lopez, who's also a producer here with Berkley. “The show captures really well how we can constantly learn from each other, no matter our age, as long as we [are] open to it.”

Daisy (Haskiri Velazquez), Aisha's BFF, also joins the fold,

finding a mentor in guidance counselor Dr. Spano.

“I want everyone to feel like this is their show,” explains Berkley. “It's an honor to bring this legacy to a whole new generation while also representing the experiences of so many communities. I'm really proud to see how Jessie turned out. She's invested in supporting young women succeeding.”

While Bayside faves Screech (Dustin Diamond) and Lisa (Lark Voorhies) aren't part of this series, showrunner Tracey Wigfield promises we will find out what they have been up to. Meanwhile, we (shockingly?!) discover that Slater has been living the bachelor life all these years. But he has also been a rock for former love Jessie, who is having relationship trouble.

“They're in very different places in their lives,” says Wigfield. “Fans want them to be together, but it's complicated. They [are friends], though, and maybe there's a little more there, too?” As Jessie would say: We're so excited!

↓ Coach A.C. Slater (Mario Lopez) welcomes Aisha (Alycia Pascual-Peña) to Bayside High



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