

# **MAKE LEMONADE**

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**LOGLINE: Casey Alliston had it all, or so she thought. It took being ousted from the company she built and 200 community service hours to reveal what was missing.**

**TAGLINE: When life gives you lemons, it's the best thing to do.**

## **SYNOPSIS:**

Casey Alliston is an attractive, driven, successful owner of an internationally renowned record company, Hit Maker Music. She's obsessed with two things: climbing corporate and social ladders. She prides herself on being self-made.

One night, in route to a \$1,000 a plate gala honoring her, she is pursued for several miles by blue lights flashing, for several serious traffic violations. After smarting off to the officer and pushing him away when he attempts to administer a Breathalyzer test, she is arrested in front of hotel where she is being esteemed. To make matters worse, she also learns that her best friend and attorney, Winnie Jenkins has just started dating, Nick, the arresting officer.

Because Hit Maker sponsors drug and alcohol- free concerts as well as character programs in schools, the negative press coverage is plentiful. Casey is forced to temporarily step down from the company she built for reasons of moral turpitude.

In court several months later, she's fined and sentenced to serve 200 community service hours at a church- affiliated home for orphans, foster children and senior citizens. She has no use for children or old people. And, as hard as she has worked for everything she's achieved, has no tolerance for handouts. At first she resists and would prefer wearing a little orange suit and picking up trash on the roadside or serving a stint at Leavenworth. But, over time her armor begins to crack.

Although this strong-willed woman- in- charge has every intention of being the teacher in this class, in the end, it was she who learned some invaluable lessons- about love, life, giving back and having her heart captured by a nine year old, a seven year old and a five year old.

When life gives you lemons, making lemonade is the best thing to do. And for Casey, it was a tall, cool, thirst-quenching glass, indeed.

## **PRIMARY CAST TYPES:**

Casey Alliston: Kate Winslett; Jennifer Anniston; Mariska Hargitay; Stana Katic; Hillary Swank  
Winnie Jenkins: Jill Scott; Halle Berry; Salma Hayek; Gabrielle Union  
Harmony Jones: Chandra Wilson; Jill Scott; Queen Latifa  
Phyllis Early: Jean Smart; Jamie Lee Curtis; Reba McEntire; Dianne Wiest  
Bert: James Brolin; Alan Alda; William Devane; Jon Voight

