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Hensley Bradley is the definition of the girl-next-door. She's kindhearted, beautiful, and talented. Bored with her mundane life, thoughts of fleeing her small town begin to consume her. With aspiring dreams to use her voice as a one-way ticket, she suddenly discovers that music might not be her only passion.

After a fallout back home, Colby Grant decides to leave his family's farm, determined to show his father he's more than just a wanna-be country singer. With his All-American good looks, it doesn't take long for girls in his new town to focus their eyes on him. But things aren't what they appear from the outside, and it isn't long until Colby feels he doesn't fit into the perfect world that so quickly embraced him.

A chance encounter places Hensley in Colby's path, but it isn't her natural beauty that first captures his attention – it's her voice.

When love and music mix, will the combination blossom into a beautiful melody or wither into a heart-wrenching tune?

Warning: This book is intended for readers 18+ due to explicit language and sexual encounters.

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Casey Bond says

Nacole really outdid herself with hotter than fire, Colby and sassy, but lovable Hensley. Not to mention the supporting characters. They just leaped off the page. I found myself envisioning every moment and what amazing moments she painted in this book. The thing made me tear up twice. She almost broke my heart, but I'm not one to read and tell, so you'll just have to get your own copy and read for yourself. The plot was well-paced and beautiful. I just really enjoyed this book so much. It was sweet and funny, at times sad and tragic. But, beautifully poignant and a wonderful read. Highly recommended.

Christina says

I was given an ARC for an honest review

“NO, YOU LISTEN to me, Son, and you listen good. Your mother and I have bitten our tongues for far too long. This here music, you think you can do that forever? You think singing at these podunk bars is going to pay your rent? You better take a real good look around this farm. This is where you belong. Working like a real man should, providing for his family, not on some rickety-ass stage trying to make a buck, never knowing where you're going to lay your head at night.”

Meet Colby, a strong and handsome young man who aspires to be a musician. Right off the bat you feel for Colby. His alcoholic father is just rude and crass and Colby takes it like it is nothing. He is used to his father's tirades and when he kicks him out I was so thankful Colby had a place to land. He was already registered for school and had an apartment lined up with a guy named Dusty.

“Dusty and I have been best friends since as long as I can remember. I was the poor girl growing up in a town full of snobs. I didn't have a pot to piss in, and he was the resident gay, so our matching social statuses as outcasts grounded us and allowed for a friendship to bloom. Since then we have been inseparable, doing mostly everything together, including studying, singing and sleeping.”

Meet Hensley, a beautiful young woman who also aspires to be a musician. Her dream is to get out of this town and become something. Well it is sort of her mother's dream for her but she kind of goes along with it. Her best friend is Dusty and they are inseparable. Almost like brother and sister. Little did she know that when Dusty's new roommate comes to town she was going to have her world spun upside down.

“Not in my twenty years have I ever felt so...I don't know...drawn to a complete stranger”

Hensley is a piece of work she wants to keep her heart behind the brick walls she has built up. No she isn't going to become her mother and give up on getting out of this town. She can't let anyone stand in her way. But Colby, he breaks all her rules. She is drawn to him. No matter how much she fights it, He is going to break down her walls one brick at a time. And boy when you read how he goes about it. You too will fall in LOVE with Colby. I seriously LOVED, LOVED, LOVED, LOVED HIM!!

“Hensley is like a jigsaw puzzle. Just from looking at the box on the outside, it appears easy. You think, “I could put this together in no time,” when really, once you open the box and take a glance inside, there are so many tiny pieces. The reality is the little project you thought would take a mere hour to complete is way more complex than you realized. The only problem is I'm normally not a patient person, but with Hensley I could see myself sitting for hours, maneuvering her pieces, until they fit in place and the picture is complete.”

That right there is what I am talking about! Seriously, this man is a saint! Hensley makes him work for it that's for sure. Colby is patient and kind and understanding knowing when the time is right she will be his. And you want that so bad for him. She is his muse and the music they make is beautiful. But the things that come out of his mouth are just swoon worthy to the max and brick by brick that wall around her heart comes tumbling down.

“Maybe you haven't been told enough how beautiful you are.” He reaches up and brushes a strand of dark hair off my cheek. “Or how special you are, but trust me, Hensley, the world sees it, even if you don't.”

CHECK PLEASE!! I want to purchase my own Colby to take home! Sun comes up and all is right in the world between Colby and Hensley then.. OMG then Hensley does something that shocked me to the core! I was all WHAT????? NNNNNOOOOOOO and then the tears started and I was all OMG NACOLE WHY?? WHY DID YOU WRITE THIS?? Then you think things are getting better and BAM! She hits you again!! Like a freaking wrecking ball .. yah just like that!! She came in like a wrecking ball and took my Colby's happiness and shoved it in the ground! OMG I wanted to reach in the book and grab him and be all its okay Colby you come home with me, I will take care of you! But in the end I was happy with where the Characters ended up. I won't say if it's the HEA that you want because well you the reader will have to decide that.. but It works for the Characters and where they are headed in their lives. But I do want to leave you with one more quote from the book. One that I think is one of my favorite lines in the whole book.

“I hear her voice whisper in the darkness, “Colby?” Turning around, I answer her, “Yes, Sunshine.” “ Why do you call me that?” Without hesitation I confess, “Because my world was dark for a long, long time. When I first laid eyes on you, things seemed brighter for once. You didn't know it, but I watched you as you prepared for your set, and you seemed so peaceful, like a ray of sunshine as it beams down on the world.”

Nacole you took me on a ride with this book. At one point I wanted to throw my Ipad across the room because I was so mad. I laughed, I cried, I was pissed, and I was sad. I felt it all in this book. I truly from the bottom of my heart loved every bit of Colby and Hensley's story. 5 Gold Stars for you girl!! YOU ROCK!

Casey says

Review originally posted at Ramblings From This Chick

In the Lyrics is the first book that I have read by Nacole Stayton, but it won't be my last. I wasn't prepared for all the emotions this book had me feeling, but I am so glad that I read it. This book really had me on an emotional roller coaster that had me smiling and laughing one minute and then wanting to rage and cry the next. This book was so good, and yet there were times that I was ready to pull my hair out in frustration. Colby and Hensley really got my attention though, and I had to keep reading to see how everything would turn out.

Hensley has always wanted to be a singer. Because of her circumstances and growing up with a mother who sacrificed a singing career to have her, Hensley has always kept herself from letting anyone in. The only exception is her gay best friend Dusty, who also wants a music career. When Dusty gets a new roommate, Hensley instantly feels an attraction and connection to him. Colby moved to Nashville in order to pursue his dream of singing, and love was the last thing on his mind. Hensley goes out of her way to be rude to Colby and try to make it appear as though she has no interest in him, but Colby can tell that it's an act. Dusty refuses to let her use that as an excuse to push Colby away though when he knows that Hensley likes him. Hensley apologizes and her and Colby end up spending time together. They grow close really quickly and fit together like they have never experienced with anyone else. Hensley begins to let her walls down, and soon Colby and Hensley are together. For the first time in her life, Hensley begins to dream of more than just a career in music. But what happens when the opportunity to have their dreams gets in the way of their relationship? Will either of them be willing to sacrifice their dream for a chance at a future together, or is there a way to have their careers and each other?

I loved Colby. Talk about a perfect book boyfriend, everyone needs to read about Colby. He is sweet and kind, patient and loving. He is an all around gentleman and treats those around him with respect. I loved everything about him, but especially how he was with Hensley. He was so understanding with her, and allowed things to move forward at her pace. I liked that he was always there for her and supported her unconditionally. I really can't say enough about how much I loved his character, and a few sentences would never do him justice. Trust me, you need to read this story if for nothing else Colby alone. Hensley on the other hand really frustrated me. I liked her and thought that she was determined and strong. She had been through a lot and was pretty single minded. A lot of her issues though came from her parents and things that were beyond her control. She really made some moves though that were selfish and awful. I couldn't believe how she treated Colby and Dusty for awhile in the story, and it absolutely broke my heart. I really wanted to hate her, and for awhile I did. But she ended up winning me over again in the end. Colby and Hensley's love for each other was clear, and I thought that they were really great together. They had amazing chemistry, but also they connected in a way that they couldn't with anyone else.

Overall, I loved this story. The reason I got so irritated with Hensley is because it was so obvious how much she cared about Colby and he cared about her. It's understandable that she made some bad decisions though considering her age as well as the fact that she had grown up with only one goal in mind. It's not an excuse for her actions, but it does explain how she made the choices that she did. I really loved Colby and I also really liked Dusty. I thought that they were both really great characters, and I love how they became such good friends also. This book had me experiencing many ups and downs, but in the end I was really happy with how things worked out. I think that this is a great story about two people who have an undeniable connection who found each other at a really young age and were not prepared for the feelings they were having. I loved reading their story and seeing how they were both thinking and feeling as they figured things out though. I love that this story was in dual POV, and I think it really helped the reader connect with both characters. This story had me so emotionally invested, and that doesn't happen very often. I really cared about what would happen with Colby and Hensley, and I knew that these two had to end up together. I highly recommend this story if you are looking for an emotional read about true love overcoming any obstacle. Colby and Hensley are worth the read, and I am really glad that I took a chance on an author that I hadn't read before. I look forward to reading more from Nacole Stayton in the future.

ARC provided by Inkslinger PR

Nacole Stayton says

I can't wait to share this one with you all! Stay tuned for release date information.

Courtney says

OMFG!!! I read this book on a whim and had no clue what I was getting into when I started it. I remember reading the blurb sometime ago but when I started this, for the life of me I couldn't remember. And I was definitely surprised. This was the first book I read by Nacole and definitely won't be my last.

In The Lyrics is a country love story, it's not a sweet love story but it is a beautiful story. And so well written. Nacole has definitely gained a new fan!

Hensley is a very guarded and touch woman. She has one goal in life – to become a country star and get the hell out of her tiny little town. She refuses to become attached to anything that would cause her to want to stay. I love Hensley for her fierceness but I hate her because she can also be a down-right ignorant bitch. But there is one person that can shake her and possibly make those huge walls come crumbling down – Colby.

Colby is your true cowboy – southern charm and all. He has the same dream as Hensley – becoming a country star. He grew up on a farm and decided to keep his promise to his brother and chase after his dreams. He too will stop at nothing to reach that goal.

And here's where shit gets ugly!! These two fall in love even though they both tried their damnest to fight it. But life isn't always filled with rainbows. In order for that rainbow to appear, there has to be some storms & rain stirring shit up. Can Colby and Hensley both achieve their dreams and also have that love they have never felt before? Every choice has a consequence.

In The Lyrics is written in two different POV's and I really enjoy that. I like seeing how things play out through more than just one character in certain books. It gives the story more depth and understanding, especially when written correctly. Nacole knows how to keep you turning the pages and wanting to know where these characters go. Great story and well written.

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Jennie Wurtz says

4.5 STARS

First I want to say a special thank you to Nacole Stayton for allowing me the pleasure of beta reading this story. This story really moved me. In the Lyrics is a love story but it's so much more. It's a beautiful story of hopefulness, of making dreams come true and learning to live with the consequences, even when they hurt. Hensley is on a mission; she is determined to be "discovered" for her music and ultimately to leave town to

be a successful country star. Colby has a similar dream. He's left his family, farm and a difficult situation behind in order to make it come true and become a country star. What happens once these two aspiring musicians meet and fall for each other is what In the Lyrics is all about.

Hensley is sweet; she's naive, innocent and beautiful and Colby wants her as his own. I love how she is so attracted to him at first sight that she doesn't really know how to act. Especially when it turns out he's her BFF's new roommate! She does the only thing she can - she acts like a bitch. It's very entertaining. However as the story moves along, Hensley makes some life-changing decisions and I found myself suddenly no longer a Hensley fan. I was angry, I was annoyed with her and I felt like I just didn't like her anymore. But you know what? This made me love Nacole Stayton's work even more. I'm almost always a fan of the main female character. There have been one or two exceptions, but overall I find myself usually rooting for the girl. The fact that I was frustrated by Hensley's actions and called her names out loud while reading is a tribute to the author's writing. It was something different for me and I really enjoyed the emotional ride she took me on. I actually liked having a heroine whose qualities I didn't always admire and who in the end I'm still not sure I like.

Then there is Colby. Oh my country cowboy hotness. He is yummy. Colby falls hard for Hensley and it shows. He's sweet, caring, considerate and very respectful of her situation and her circumstances. He's a cowboy with a huge heart, and who wouldn't love to curl up with one of those? He's had a tragic past and my heart goes out to him. I could feel his every emotion and again I thank the author for allowing his feelings to come through so strong.

There are supporting characters that enhance the storyline. One is Dusty, Hensley's long-time best friend. He's gay, which we learn right away so we know there won't be any sort of love triangle happening. He and Hensley have an incredible friendship that anyone would be lucky to have. Brittani is another character and one we learn quickly to hate. She's a bitch that wants to get her hands (and more) on Colby and makes it quite obvious very early on. Again her antics only make this story better. Then there is Logan, a long-time friend of Hensley's, but he'd much rather move into another more romantic category than "friend." So imagine how he feels when Colby comes to town and sweeps her right off of her feet.

The story is told through alternating POV's, so the reader can see into the minds of both Hensley and Colby as they tell their story. I love this. It makes everything that much more real, knowing how both of them feel about the circumstances they encounter on their journey towards their HEA. And yes, there is a HEA. It just takes them a while to find it. But knowing it's there makes the story even that much better.

In the Lyrics is a great choice if you're in the mood for romance, music and fun. I recommend it and know you'll enjoy it as much as I did. Thank you Nacole Stayton for bringing this story to life and for giving us the hotness that is Colby and the beautiful Hensley as well.

Becca says

Each book Nacole writes just gets better and better. In the Lyrics will not disappoint. This book has everything that you look for in a great love story. That connection, heartache, raw emotions, laughter, love and redemption.

Colby and Hensley have that connection, that pull making you root for them from the beginning. Even though they seem to have everything that would say they can make it, sometimes that is not enough. And for

once, it's not the guy! There will be points that you want to scream and cry and laugh and swoon and this book will send you over the edge but in a good way.

I promise it will not disappoint. 5 Stars for In the Lyrics!

Savannah Stewart says

Loved this book! Colby was such a lovely man and I want a friend like Dusty! Hensley...poor girl was torn with the decision to make it big or follow in her moms foot steps. I had so many emotions while reading this! But loved every minute of it. Great job, Nacole!

Lauren ♥ Inked in Chapters says

4.5 Stars

You can read this and other reviews at Madison Says!

Hensley Bradley and Colby Grant share the same dream – to hit the big time. They want to become famous singers/songwriters on the country music scene for two very different reasons.

Hensley is determined to get out of Nashville. Her mother was destined for stardom until she got knocked up with Hensley. From the first note she played, Momma Bradley has been pushing Hensley right out of town. She wants more for her daughter than she had. She wants her to live her dreams. In order to do that, Hensley has to focus on her career. She doesn't have time for guys or gooey lovey dovey feelings. Everything is going just fine until Colby strolls up to one of her performances...

Colby Grant

It's official. I am head over heels for Colby Grant. Holy hell. The man can do no wrong. On top of the fact that he's just an all-around genuinely amazing man, his momma taught him right, he plays guitar and sings like a southern cowboy god. Who am I kidding? I was done for – from the very beginning. *sigh* He moved to Nashville to hopefully achieve his dream – one that stems from his deceased little brother. Everything seemed so cut and dry, so straight forward. He's prepared to do whatever he needs to, to hit it big, until he lays eyes on Hensley...

"Maybe you haven't been told enough how beautiful you are." He reaches up and brushes a strand of dark hair off of my cheek. "Or how special you are, but trust me, Hensley, the world sees it, even if you don't."

While I fell hard for Colby, Hensley made me ca-razy! I understand that she was chasing not only her dream but her mother's as well. I was reading along, feeling pretty good about the book, liking the pace and direction it was going in when, BAM! I was knocked on my ass by Hensley. I knew it was coming. I just wasn't prepared – at all! I literally yelled, NOOOOO NO, NO, NO, NO, NO. HENSLEY, NO! My heart cracked and tears filled my eyes. Colby has this sweet heart and puts others before himself, while Hensley steam rolled over a few hearts to get where she through she wanted to be. So aggravating! I realize it sounds like I'm Hensley bashing and I don't mean to. She just really... argh... She just pissed me off on more than one occasion.

When Hensley finally makes it into the ultimate spot light, her love life starts to dim. And in time is all but

snuffed out. Yes, I did yell at my kindle multiple times; mostly at Hensley for being so, so, so stupid. The worst part is the amount of time that passes before she gets her head out of her rear and realizes what an utterly amazing man Colby is. That he's worth more than a music contract; more than anything, really.

*I hear her voice whisper in the darkness, "Colby?"
Turning around, I answer her, "Yes, Sunshine?"*

"Why do you call me that?"

Without hesitation I confess, "Because my world was dark for a long, long time. When I first laid eyes on you, things seemed brighter for once. You didn't know it, but I watched you as you prepared for your set, and you seemed so peaceful, like a ray of sunshine as it beams down on the world."

Colby and Hensley make fabulous characters, but I can't leave out Dusty. Who wouldn't want a best friend like Dusty? He's gorgeous, understanding, musically inclined and...gay! When Hensley made each of her choices, bringing her closer to the ultimate goal, she didn't just hurt Colby, but Dusty, too. She's lucky to have such amazing men in her life. Not everyone would be as understanding.

Now, naturally when you have such great guys in your life, there has to be a few turds sprinkled in. You know, that whole ying yang factor. What I'm saying is that both Logan and Brittani are TRASH. You just wait. Just wait. Logan has always wanted Hensley and while she doesn't return his feelings, he's pretty determined to get what he wants. Ugh, just thinking about him makes my skin crawl. And Brittani? Oh, she's like the worst version of a mean girl. She's sneaky, slutty and drunk in almost every scene she graces. A real winner *insert eye roll here*

I've read many of Nacole's books and with each new release I grow to love her more. I had a very hard time putting *In the Lyrics* down. It was that good. I almost want to read it again. Maybe I will. Really though, make sure you add this to your TBR list, or better yet, one click this sucka – NOW. You're gonna love Colby and Hensley. It's impossible not to.

Delisa Lynn says

In *The Lyrics*, was an amazing story. I could not put it down, once I started. I loved the chemistry between Colby and Hensley. Have you ever read a book, and just felt like it was perfect from beginning to end? That's how I felt about this one. There were times I laughed out loud. And then times, I had a WTF moment and wanted to scream at the characters!! But then there were times when I cried right with them. If you love romance and music (who doesn't?), Then you will love this book and the characters.

Holly says

**I received a copy of this from the author in exchange for an honest review.*

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**Full rant can be found here: <http://skizzles22hu.blogspot.com/2014...>*

Actual rating: 1.5 stars!

I'm quite sad that this book fell short of my expectations. I've read *A Graceful Mess* by this author, and I

really liked it! However, even though this was a pretty quick read, I found myself incredibly bored.

And. I. Hated. Hensley.

She was one of the worst characters I've read. She's a selfish little brat who thinks the world revolves around her, and her only. Sometimes, she can set her desires, wants, and needs aside for her friend, Dusty, and Colby. But most of the time, she's a horrible character. She doesn't deserve love; she doesn't deserve friends. You want an in-depth look into who Hensley is? Read these lines.

Examples:

My heart aches as I sit getting my hair and make-up done, knowing how my dad's doing, how his condition has been diminishing at an alarming rate. It makes me feel guilty about being here, living my dream. ...I know I need to get home and visit - it's been a while - but we just started this tour. My very first with me as the headlining gig. If he can just hold on, the holidays are right around the corner.

Dad, could you, I don't know, stop dying until after this tour is over? Kay, thanks!

I abandoned him to live my dream. I deserve to be told to stick it where the sun don't shine. But other than that little fact, what does he have to be upset about? His dad didn't just die.

She's selfish, so damn selfish that she didn't even think about Chasing Strings and decided to sign with a record label. I get it, she wasn't letting anything stop her from her dream of being a country singer. But seriously, you never once thought about your fellow group members? And you picked it over love? Not to mention, just because your dad died, it doesn't give you the divine right to be a bitch. Colby can be upset if he wants to, because you just walked back into his life when he was trying to forget you!

And my personal favorite:

We've been sitting in this stuffy funeral home for hours now. The clock on Mr. York's desk says six forty-six. Yawning, I try to seem interested in the flower debate. Really, I don't know why this wasn't all done and figured out sooner. Dad's been sick for a very long time, and my mom is a nurse. You'd think she would had all of her ducks in a row.

When are you EVER prepared for death? You can spend months, days, even *years* talking about arrangements, but it doesn't matter. Are you seriously going to sit there and blame your mom for not thinking things through? God forbid she ever have hope, ever believe that her soulmate would make it. You know what, Hensley? Fuck you. Just, fuck you. I can't believe I actually liked her in the beginning of the story. All of these lines are just from the last half of the book. But she's just as worse in the beginning as she is in the end.

Thank God Colby makes up for her, except he's a pushover when it comes to her. He does everything for her, gives up his dream for her. You know what she does? Leaves him behind. Colby has been through a lot, but he's not a douchebag. He's a great guy, and I think he deserved more than he got from Hensley. He's got a bad home life, been through a painful tragedy, and just wants to become a country singer to make his brother proud of him. I liked his voice, his POV. He's a very genuine character that is easily relatable. He's funny, kind, and has that good-boy southern charm that is just irresistible.

But his relationship with Hensley was very boring. It seemed to move way too fast, and they were never honest with each other. They never worked out their problems; they let them either die or fester until one of

them walked away. They never really communicated. *BUT. THEY. WERE. MADE. FOR. EACH. OTHER. It was love at first sight!* Seriously, gag me. There was nothing different about their relationship, and it wasn't swoon-worthy. It was pretty damn ridiculous.

Here's the plot:

Beginning: cue girl and guy staring into each other's eyes, mesmerized. Completely overtaken by lust at first sight.

Then cue in the petty antics and jealousy that should stay in a high school setting.

Girl and boy fall in love quickly. *They were just made for each other!*

Then ensues mindless drama and unnecessary angst.

Girl and boy realize their mistakes and make up: the end!

Oh, you wanted more out of this story? Well, so did I! I swear, there was no actual depth to the story-line, or to the characters. Actually, Colby did have depth. But I didn't really connect with him on an emotional level. Nothing about this story made me *feel*. Even when Hensley's dad died, **I felt nothing**. But, I think that had to do with my hatred of Hensley (especially considering how she acted when it happened). I get it, she was grieving. But she acted so damn self-righteous (even though she had no right to be considering that she wanted nothing to do with her father), and she was patronizing to everyone, even her mother!

And honestly, this story-line was a lot like one that I'd see in a young adult novel. NOT an NA one. It was way too high school for my tastes, especially considering the age of the two main characters. The additions of Brittani and Logan were absolutely ridiculous and didn't add anything to the story-line except unnecessary drama. *Especially* with Logan. That attempted rape scene was completely ridiculous and just randomly thrown in there. It didn't serve any purpose, nor did the drama with Brittani (except, of course, to create jealousy). Because, obviously, you need jealousy in a relationship. **rolls eyes**

But what I really hated about this book, was how everything wrapped up too nicely, too perfectly. Life is not that perfect. Nacole Stayton has a tendency to set up her books with some (tragic and painful and difficult) subplots that should give her characters major development. However, her execution is poor. Hensley has daddy issues? Let's just kill him off and not even let her try and fix their relationship. Colby's father is an alcoholic and is physically abusive? Oh, let's put him in AA and give him a 6 month sober chip so that Colby will see the effort he's made and forgive him. Hensley takes the road to stardom and loses everyone she loves because she's a horribly selfish person who doesn't take the time for them? That doesn't matter; she's too amazing not to forgive. None of it was actually brought up as conflict, and neither did it add to the development of the characters. It all seemed too unreal in this story, too unnatural. You want your characters to actually have growth? **Don't take away the conflict. Don't make everything too easy for them. Make them suffer. Then let them heal.**

The only thing I liked about this book was the fact that it was a quick read, so it didn't take me long to finish.

Rant. Over.

Jennifer says

Nacole Stayton wrote an amazing story. I couldn't put this book down! I love how she can weave words together and pulls so many different emotions out of me. There were times I wasn't sure what was going to

happen and I'm sure I made some frustrated noises during my lunch breaks and got some weird looks from co-workers!

Hensley thought she had everything planned out in her life. She was going to finish college, get noticed by a big label and do her best to make it big as a singer. She wants to do what her mother didn't get to do because she came along. That is until Colby comes to town and turns her her world upside down!

Colby just wanted to get away from home and the past that's haunting him. He's started college in Nashville and he wants to make it big in music as well. Hensley and Colby have the same dream. He didn't expect to find love when he moved to Nashville.

Hensley doesn't want to make the same mistake that her mother made. She wants to get out of town and make it big. She doesn't plan on letting any man get in her way. It hasn't happened yet and she doesn't plan on it ever being an option, but when Colby steps onto the street corner that she's singing on with her best friend she can't take her eyes off of him. And it seems fate has smashed their two worlds together because Colby is now roommates with her best friend.

She tries hard to fight it at first, but she finally gets to the point where she is tired of feeling numb. She wants to be able to breath, to feel, and to know what it's like to be held by Colby. So she throws caution to the wind. When big things start happening she wonders if their relationship can stand the test of time and distance.

This is one emotional roller coaster you don't want to miss! I'd like to buy a season pass to this amusement park! Colby is definitely my new book boyfriend! And he can write a song about me anytime!

Kerri Mirabella says

5 Sunny Stars for ITL

First off, I would like to thank Nacole Stayton for giving me an ARC of In The Lyrics in exchange for an honest review. I was so honored that she had given me this opportunity. Secondly, ladies get ready!!! There is a new book boyfriend in town. He goes by the name of Colby and he's coming for you wearing tight wranglers, cowboys boots, sexy as sin dimples, and spitting lines that will have you swooning for days. He is truly the ultimate book boyfriend. Just a few chapters in and he made it to my top 5 list.

Colby leaves home to escape after a tragedy has left his family in shambles. His father has turned to drinking to numb the pain and Colby takes the brunt of his anger. After one to many confrontations Colby decides to leave home early to go to school and pursue his dream of making it big in the music industry. He has an apartment rented with Dusty, who also happens to be Hensley's best friend. After one encounter with Hensley, Colby knows that she is exactly what he needs to brighten his days.

Hensley is a beautiful girl who has her mind and heart set on making it big in the music industry. It's been engrained in Hensley's mind since she was a child that she can't do relationships. It will get in the way of her dreams of escaping the small town she was born and raised in and it will cause her to lose focus. She wears a purity ring as a reminder. As soon as she meets Colby though, all bets are off. Their connection is palpable almost immediately and it is obvious to everyone around them. She uses sarcasm and nastiness as a defense mechanism but Colby's charm and good looks are just too much for her to disregard.

Hensley finally decides it's time to let Colby in and all seems right in the world. But we all know that with the

blink of an eye it can all change. As these two embark on their journey of love, situations arise that threaten to destroy the happiness they have both been looking for. Will their dreams tear them apart? Will the distance and fame overpower their love for one another? That is for you to read and find.

Nacole did an outstanding job with In The Lyrics. I love her writing style and her character development is great. The story just captivates you from the very beginning and there are so many emotions felt throughout the story. This is a story of love, of following your heart, and following your dreams. When i finished reading this book i kept thinking of the song "Listen to Your Heart" by Roxette. It just fits Colby and Hensley perfectly.

With that, i will leave you with some of my favorite quotes:

"I hear her voice whisper in the darkness, "Colby?" Turning around, I answer her, "Yes, Sunshine." " Why do you call me that?" Without hesitation I confess, "Because my world was dark for a long, long time. When I first laid eyes on you, things seemed brighter for once. You didn't know it, but I watched you as you prepared for your set, and you seemed so peaceful, like a ray of sunshine as it beams down on the world."

"Maybe you haven't been told enough how beautiful you are." He reaches up and brushes a strand of dark hair off my cheek. "Or how special you are, but trust me, Hensley, the world sees it, even if you don't."

"I'm turning it on, because now that you're home, I don't ever want you to lose your way again."

Sarah Larson says

I was given an ARC in exchange for an honest review. I absolutely love Nacole's writing style. I have read and fallen in love with every one of her characters.

Colby leaves home to escape after a tragedy has left his family in shambles. His father has turned to drinking to numb the pain and Colby is always fighting with his dad. After one to many fights with his dad Colby decides to leave home early to go to school and pursue his dream of making it big in the music industry. He finds an apartment to rent with a guy named Dusty who also happens to be Hensley's best friend. After one encounter with Hensley, Colby knows that she is exactly what he needs to be happy with life again.

Hensley wants to make it big in the music industry and move out of town. Her mom is always telling her to avoid men and never let them hold her back. The minute she sees Colby she is immediately attracted to him but fights it tooth and nail. She is offered a singing contract and immediately moves out of town leaving everyone in her life behind. She soon realizes that this life is not worth it without her family and friends by her side to support her. I was really upset with Hensley when she just up and let without worrying about everyone else's feeling.

I really enjoyed the connection between the characters. I love how Dusty was always there to support Hensley and Colby waited for her when she went to chase her dreams. In the Lyrics is a story about letting go of the past, moving on, and making your dreams come true right beside the ones who mean the most to you. I can't wait to see what Nacole is working on next.
