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I've been screwed.

It started the day I was conceived.

When I was eleven, life crushed me into grotesque, mangled fragments. I glued the shards of myself into a mosaic fitting of a child. I learned one important thing from that experience.

Control.

Controlling your destiny keeps the vultures at bay. Control keeps my life from disintegrating. It keeps my life on the path to the woman I want to be.

Not who they say I am.

As time goes on, life hits and smashes and I take it. Every snide word, every crack in my heart, every self-righteous glance again and again.

Screw that.

I'm done.

It's my turn to screw.

Screw It Details

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Philomena Callan Cheekypee says

I absolutely loved this story. I loved every word of it. This author rocks.

Becca is broken. She's got bricks around her heart so that she can't get hurt. She didn't have a childhood. However Becca is a brilliantly strong character. She's got a dream and she works every hour she can to get that dream. She didn't take into consideration meeting Zach. He is a fantastic main male character. I really love these two people. They will take you on a rollercoaster of a ride that will pull your heart apart. These two really got under my skin and I was so rooting for them. The twists in this book was jaw dropping for me.

If I could give this book more than five stars I would. I had goosebumps reading parts of this. I've read so many books this year but this will certainly stick with me. Absolutely loved it.

Jamie Zishka says

Screw It was the second book in The It Series but it can be read as a standalone. Although I highly recommend reading Worth It because it was an amazing read also. Nicki hit it out of the park with this story I didn't think anything she wrote you rate up with Worth It but boy was I proven wrong because this book was a solid 4.5 stars for me! This was Zach and Becca's story. I loved the chemistry and angst that these characters showed it was off the charts.

Becca had a rough life growing up she learned to take care of herself at a young age because her mother was never home and when she was she was passed out from drinking. When tragedy strikes and she loses her mother she will live with the vivid details of that night for years to come... so much that she has nightmares. She vows to herself to never fall in love because she will always be branded as something she isn't because of her mother's past indiscretions.

Someday, I'd like to find love and happiness, but all my life I've heard that I'm destined to be a useless whore like my mother. Hearing those condemning words and feeling those condescending eyes day after day, year after year, drive me and give me an unbendable focus to prove everyone wrong.-- Becca

When she does give away her heart to a man he breaks her so badly that her vow of never loving someone will come back full force. She will focus on her goals of opening her food truck and nothing else. But what happens when the man who shattered her heart comes back and realizes he made a huge mistake.. can she open her heart again or will she screw him over to show him what it feels like to get hurt?

Zach knows he messed up with Becca and that is his biggest regret in life, but back when their relationship was new he had insecurities too but now he wants to forever love, he is done being the play boy.. and when he runs in to Becca again he will realize what he lost...but will Becca open up to him again or will her demons from her past keep her locked down?

"With you. With us. I was young. I was stupid. I was feeling things I didn't get at the time. We had something good, but I didn't have my head screwed on right, and I fucked up. I'd like to see about unfucking that something, and maybe we can take it from there."-- Zach

When things start to go their way they both want it too, the past will make an appearance and it will destroy

Becca again, but this time will she be able to lean on Zach for help or will she pull away again?

Go get these books ASAP! I love both of these stories and can't wait for so much more! I am a huge fan of Nicki now and plan on following her career as long as she keeps writing!

Sinamen Reads Romance says

Screw it is the second book in the It series by Nikki DeStasi, and it is a wonderful read. This book tells the story of Zach and Becca and can be read as a standalone, but characters from Worth It, book 1, do make an appearance.

Becca did not have an easy childhood. Her mother was an alcoholic prostitute, and they didn't live in the best of neighborhoods, but Becca knew she was loved.

"Love you, pretty girl." She smiles at me with soft eyes from the open door. "Love you, too, Mama."

But when her mother dies Becca feels all alone in the world until she meets Zach.

"I don't feel alone with you."

But at the time Zach isn't ready for that much of a commitment and he breaks Becca's heart. Fast forward six years and while on date Zach's server is the woman who's heart he held that now couldn't care less if she never sees him again.

It's Zach's intention to apologize to Becca and rekindle the relationship he was too young to appreciate. Nikki does a great job telling the story from both Zach and Becca's points view. We are given a glimpse into Becca's life as a child and how she became the determined woman that refuses any distractions that could keep her from her goal. From Zach, we get images of their past relationship and insight into his regret. We also can see how both of them grown since they last spoke to one another. But as their new relationship develops Becca discovers the truth surrounding her mother's death and realizes that leaning on Zach doesn't make her weak. So she learned to depend on someone other than herself so she doesn't have to carry her burdens by alone. If you are in the mood for a second chance story with a strong heroine, you should one click this book, you won't be disappointed.

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

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Nathalie Gomez says

Loved it!!! This new author has become my new fav. Love her alpha heros n strong female leads. I read her first book and when I saw she had another book out I just got it right away. This book did not disappoint, I

read it in one day :).

Rachel says

I have to admit. I was afraid to start this book. I wanted to read it, I wanted to continue the series, but Worth It so thoroughly wrecked me even as I loved it, that I was terrified Screw It would leave me the same way.

The prologue sets Becca's background in such a way that the trauma and emotion she felt as an eleven year old is clear, it's heart wrenching, but it wasn't crushing. It was the perfect amount of drama to make readers sympathetic to her childhood and explain her rigid outlook later in life.

Even from those first few sentences, this was an emotional read. Becca had a tough situation to overcome, and she did it by completely controlling every aspect of her life, especially in the last six years. She had allowed herself to be distracted once, but never again.

Becca was a tough nut to crack. Both for Zach as a character, and for me as a reader. Because she demands to control everything she doesn't let anyone in. Not friends, not lovers, she hardly lets the man she considers her brother in.

But as hard as it was to get a read on the softer side of Becca, I loved Zach. A newly minted detective, he is as serious as he is soft and has been searching for The One for some time now. It was amazing how he got Becca. He could see where her pain was, could tell why her reactions were the way they were, and was willing to hang in there when things got rough.

I loved watching Zach try to get Becca to, first, give him the time of day, and then to give him a chance to right his wrongs. Though there was a lot of bickering between them, as is inevitable when two strong willed individuals come together, there was also so much support. I loved the way Zach always had Becca's back, even when she didn't think she needed or wanted it. That he never gave up continually put a smile on my face.

There are some great interconnected characters in this book too. Relationships that had me sitting in anticipation of the moment Zach or Becca would figure out their hidden connection, as well as how that knowledge would play out between them.

But what I couldn't have anticipated was how the twists and turns would come out of nowhere and shock me. There were several moments I would never have predicted and they left me reeling.

This was a great rollercoaster ride of emotion and the wrenches life throws at people sometimes. I loved it from start to finish. Though Zach was introduced in Worth It, JeD and Anna make appearances in Screw it but are not pivotal characters. This truly is a standalone in the best sense of the word. I don't know if Ms. DeStasi plans a third It book, but if she does I will read it without the hesitation I held at the beginning of this book.

I was gifted a copy in exchange for an honest review.

Aubrey- CGSR says

Screw It" is the second novel in the It Series by Nicki DeStasi and can be read as a stand alone. I, personally, would rather read these books in order because you do gain some insight on the character(s) in the previous book. Now, onto the review!!

Becca has had a rough start in life. A mom who was less than there who was always drinking and selling any part of her body to make sure she continues to. After her mother's death, Becca is resolved in her goals of continuing her education and becoming nothing like her mother.

Becca meets Zach during her difficult upbringing and feels she has finally found the person that she is able to share her heart with. Unfortunately, Zach isn't quite ready to accept such a gift. We all know that boys take a long time - no wait, - make that a very long time to mature and figure out what's really important to them.

Six years later, Becca and Zach cross paths again. There is definitely still a connection there. You, as the reader, can feel it. But Becca refuses to allow herself to make the same mistake twice. Zach, on the other hand, can't believe that he has the opportunity to reconnect with Becca. Their playful banter always had me laughing out loud making myself look crazy! Zach hatches a plan to win Becca back and prove to her that he is worthy of her love: Operation Daze and Wow. This was so friggin' cute. Of course, Becca has to plan her own retaliation against Zach; to make him pay for all the hurt he caused: Project F*** Zach. Again so cute. Could these two be anymore perfect for each other??

There are trials and tribulations along the way; some that I never saw coming---from characters that I never expected. (Hehe love leaving it like that!) But, I will tell you that Zach is now a cop and is investigating a case that surrounds the death of Becca's mom. There is a large tug of war going on between the two main characters. This book will make you laugh, cry, melt, angry.....but in the end I say "Screw It" that was soooooo worth it!!! Loved every second of it. Looking forward to more from Ms. DeStasi.

Happy Reading!!!

Tbird London says

The author proves with this book that your history can shape and form who you are today. I was so engrossed with Zach and Becca, that it was difficult to put the book down once I started. I loved how the characters were developed and it was so easy to connect with Becca and her fight in life while falling deeply in love with the new Zach. Both had a murky past, Becca's was because of her mother; Zach's was because he was just making some bad choices. After a disappointing first attempt at love, they will finally get another chance to see if they can make it work this time or will they fail again.

Becca's childhood was a nightmare, yet she hangs on to a few precious memories of her mother. Being teased for what her mother did to bring home the rent money began shaping Becca and her future dreams. She was left alone at night and taking the role of caregiver at an early age, she really doesn't know anything else than to be responsible and not leave any room in life for fun and just letting go. Now as an adult she still suffers from that tragic event that changed her world and sent her to foster care. The list of rules she will live by began to take shape there based what she didn't want from her past and the discipline her foster parents taught her. Stay focused, don't become like her mother, use sex to only fulfill a biological need, never let emotions get involved and nothing will distract her from her dream career. Biggest rule, NEVER fall in love again.

Zach had a Brady Bunch life growing up. When he was younger he met Becca for the first time and ultimately broke her heart. Leaving her more distrustful than ever before and doubting if she would ever risk

her heart again. After reconnecting with her while he was on a blind date with a ding bat, he knew his feelings had never changed for her. Zach needed Becca and he was going to show her that he knew he was a mess up years ago but he is a different man now. Zach had just become a detective and his new partner Matt is going to play a major role in getting Becca back. Let me warn you now, Zach makes stubborn and determined sexy in this book. I am amazed Becca held out as long as she did but what fueled her fire was revenge.

As the story is told you will find the truth about Becca's mother, truth that even Becca is unaware of. Matt will become the hero he was meant to be as you discover his past. Zach, well he will spread the sexy sunshine in this book and make you not even care if the world falls apart. I adore Becca though; she is such a hard butt, stubborn woman who is the ultimate fighter in life. I appreciate how the author let Zach see her for who she was and never tried to change her. Even when a certain man couldn't take no for an answer, Zach allowed Becca to stand up for herself first, while he was there ready to defend her at any second.

Screw it is the second book in this series but I feel it could be read as a standalone with no problem. Worth it, being the first book is well worth the read and does enhance the second book but only because it gives you a better sense of all the characters involved. I would so recommend both of these books to the readers. I am new to this authors work but the way she had me feeling while reading about these characters and my sadness when the book was over is a clear sign to me that I need more of her work.

Jen~KU Book Reviews says

Your past and your history often define you are and mold who you become.

Becca's horrible past has made her who she is today. Her mother had a "reputation" and Becca tried so hard to not live in her mother's shadow. She will do whatever is necessary to not become her.

"I will take care of myself. I will succeed... I am not my mother."

She is so cautious with her heart and does whatever she can to protect it. She has a goal—knows what she wants and will stop at nothing to reach it. She doesn't do relationships, commitment, anything that will lose focus in achieving her dream. So when she runs into Zach Moretti, her first love, she will not allow him to interfere with her plan. Having broken her heart years ago, she will not allow herself to fall into his trap.

Zach was always a love em and leave em type of guy. He was a douche, but a life changing event made him see clearly and he knew he needed to change his ways.

"...I took a step back and looked around, and I didn't like what I saw—whole lot of pussy, whole lot of playing, but nothing real."

He wants a future with a wife, a family, a white picket fence—the whole nine yards. So when he runs into Becca again, he doesn't plan on screwing up and letting her go this time.

Too bad Becca isn't on the same page. She comes up with a master plan to "screw" Zach the way he did to her. Tit for tat. An eye for an eye. Only things don't always work out the way you want them to.

Zach and Becca are hot together and damn, can Nicki write a hot male lead. He is delicious. I love the way he'd put Becca in her place or bring her back to the present. He is YUMMY! The body, the hair, the eyes,

the whole package. YES, please!!

We travel on Zach and Becca's journey at a second chance. Nicki had you feel so many emotions. My heart hurt for Becca and I just wanted to give her a hug. She wrote a fantastic story that will have you glued to your kindle! Loved it!!!

deb22luvsbooks says

My first book by Nicki was Worth it....and I love that book so much I just had to get my hands on this one! I absolutely adore her writing, and this book was no exception.

This one was actually a second chance romance and I loved that in this book Nicki inserts (for our enjoyment) a hot and hunky Alpha male cop. I enjoyed the banter between him and his girl and loved the premise behind this story. I liked the matter of fact way that this guy handled her and how unbelievably sweet and understanding her was of her circumstances. There is drama, and a mystery fit within this book as well.....a definite 5 star read!

Chelsea Hockenberry ~ Author Groupies says

I was super excited to start this book when I found out it was about Jed's brother! I liked him in book one and was hoping his book would be next! I think Nicki blew the follow up to her first novel, Worth It, out of the park! I loved this book!! Becca has had really messed up childhood and it determined to prove to everyone, including herself, that she is not like her mother. She will not be distracted by men and love, until the man that broke her heart all those years ago re-enters her life.

Zach Moretti is a changed man, after seeing how happy his brother is after nearly losing his life to save the love of his life, Zach decided it was time to settle down, now if he could find the woman he wants to spend forever with. Zach reconnects with his lost love, but she is less than receptive of his desire to patch things up. Will Becca and Zach find a way through the rough patches they hit or will they say 'Screw It'?

I seriously LOVED this book!!! Zach and Becca have an uphill battle to be happy but the trials they face can make them stronger if they let them. All the drama that happened in this book kept me on my toes and wasn't over done in my opinion. I would definitely recommend this book and Nicki's first book in the series, Worth It, to readers! Pick up these books and fall in love with this new author, like I did!!

Love and Books

~Chelsea

Amie Morgado- We Stole Your Book Boyfriend says

I know here I am with another 5 star review !! I am just that lucky in book land !! I did love this story , I will admit I did not read Worth It , I have a beautiful signed paperback of it looking at me now but the life of a blogger....not enough hours to read what I am scheduled for and what I need !! I was thrilled for this tour , I met Nicki and got to see her 2 weeks in a row at signings , she is great and I knew her book would be full of all the things I generally love in my stories !! Hot guys , hot sex , drama , heartache , finding yourself , strong

characters , happiness etc etc etc. This book does not disappoint. I am hoping to read Worth It soon because I assume it is just as great !!

Becca has had a horrible life. Plagued by the trauma of her childhood and brokenhearted by the one and only guy she ever let in. Now her life consists of working too many hours a week and screwing guys she meets at work. Trying her hardest to make enough money for her dream job and swearing to never end up like her mother. The story of Becca's childhood is heartbreaking and just horrible. I was so caught up thinking about the amount of kids who actually do live this reality everyday and I couldn't help but cry and be angry with Becca's mom. I cannot imagine living a life like that as an adult or as a child. Moving through life Becca didn't let very many people close. One enemy , Kim , seems to always be around and she has been horrible since the start. She has always had Matt and now his wife and kids and she is friendly with people at work. She makes arrangements with guys so that she doesn't have to have relationships but this current guy is starting to be a little crazy. In a whirlwind of events becca ends up trying to end her arrangement with Brian while running into the one guy from 6 years ago that she let in who broke her heart. Lets just say he is freakin hot as sin and very happy to see her and absolutely wants to make things right !!

Zach and Becca have a great chemistry but because of how she insists on living her life she makes nothing easy. Zach works his A\$\$ off to get another chance and we may just see her cave to him !! Becca lives her life very routine and Zach comes around and threatens to change that because he is just such a happy guy that loves to mix things up !! I love their banter and their moments of intense sexual tension !! I love how Zach helps Becca to open up and grieve and attempt to heal. She may not have been planning to fall for him again and let him in for real but there is no denying the way he loves and she would be a fool to let him go !! I love how there are so many little pieces that come together to give this story some serious suspense and drama. It was crazy seeing how the cards fell and who knew what and who was connected to who. WOW it was great and unexpected. I enjoyed the ending with all the glimpses of the future and I am happy to see Becca finally gets her HEA and everything she deserves !!

Lustful Literature says

**** TARA'S REVIEW ****

4.5 "Your actions define you." Stars

Becca Bailey is not your average woman.... Growing up under extreme conditions, with a mother who's only aspiration in life was hitting the bottle and selling herself to do so. At least that is Becca's memory of her mother.

Living her life on her terms, Becca has a dream, and nothing or no one will stand in her way.

"Never lose sight of proving myself. Never get distracted from my path. Always keep control of my emotions."

That is until she runs into the one man who held her heart 6 years ago. She shifts her plan to include revenge, but all does not go as planned and Becca finds her walls crumbling around her.

"Six years ago, it tasted like heaven. Now, it tastes like salvation."

When Becca's past and present collide, everything will change for Becca, and not all of it will be for the good.

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When I saw that Nicki had written another book, following her amazing debut novel *Worth It* ( find my full review here: <https://www.goodreads.com/review/show...>) , I had to jump at the opportunity to review this book, and as with the first, this book did not disappoint me. It was beautifully written and sucked me in right from the start. The characters are easy to relate to and will wrap their arms right around you.

This is not your average love story, where everything is sunshine and rainbows. It deals with issues that many woman have had to deal with in their life, myself included. The story is written in such a way you can relate to Becca and her plight of trying to move past the one man that broke her heart, while he relentlessly tries to win her back, and be the man she deserves.

**"Life isn't about control. It's about the ability to say, *Screw It*, and to live, love and experience the beauty life has to offer."**

The moral of the story really sticks with me, and Nicki DeStasi has climbed her way into my heart with her amazing writing. I can't wait to see what she brings us next.

While this is a stand alone novel, do yourself a favor and pick up *Worth It* also, while both are very different stories, each will leave a sweet spot in your heart, and a tear in your eye.

**\*\*A gifted copy was received by the author/publisher in exchange for an honest review\*\***

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## **Amazeballs Book Addicts says**

*Screw It* is a great read. It's a drop everything and read now book. It's book two in the *It* series. It can be read as a standalone and you don't have to read *Worth It* first. *Worth It* is a great read too so, I recommend reading that one too.

*Screw It* is told in the dual POV of Becca and Zach. Becca has had a tough life. She is working making her dreams come true. She doesn't do relationships instead she does arrangements. Six years ago Becca gave Zach her heart and he wasn't ready for it. Zach is now ready to settle down. He runs into Becca who wants nothing to do with him. I loved Zach. He and Becca have some great funny banter. Becca is a strong person and is used to being alone. Zach hatches a plan to win Becca back, he calls it Operation Daze and Wow. Becca just wants to make him pay for the hurt he made her feel before. She hatches Project F\*\*\*\* Zach. They both have two different plans, which makes for a great read.

There is some crazy things that happen. Zach is a cop and one of his cases brings up some things about Becca's mom's death. Becca learns things about her mother that she never knew. There is also this crazy girl, Kim, that has always hated Becca. Kim takes things way farther then I expected.

Becca and Zach have this relationship that just works, even when they fight. I loved reading their story. This is a definite one click.

A copy was received for a review.

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❁ Crystal ❁ - says

### 3.5 Conflicting Stars

*Copy provided During tour for Review*

I'm conflicted on how to write this review without making it overly obvious how much I hated the Hero-Zach. He is a pompous bossy asshole and I felt as if he slowly killed every good part of this book when he would enter a scene or open his fool mouth.

When we first meet Becca she is trying to unsuccessfully kick her booty call out of her apartment. Things get a bit crazy when he throws out words like relationship that make Becca's head spin. Due to her sad and what she sees as a tainted childhood, Becca does not do relationships or emotions. Having cared mostly for herself and her mother as a child and then finding her mother dead has hardened Becca and even at 28 she still bears the scars she did as a child.

After his brother was shot, playboy Zach decided it was time to change his ways and for the past six years he's been on the lookout for the one, ready to start a family and head towards a HEA like that of his parents. Unfortunately for Zach, if he wants that, that perfect relationship with Becca he needs to not only redeem himself, but prove that he's worth it, after he broke her years ago. Zach is the one man Becca ever had a relationship with and after that ended disastrously she took a cue from his life and lived freely using sex for pleasure and leaving emotions at the door.

There are many things I enjoyed about the story including Becca. She was a kick ass character who has continually struggled through her life and even when she slips up, she gets back up more than determined to conquer her dreams than ever before. She works enough hours she barely has time to breathe let alone sleep but she'll do anything to prove to herself and to everyone she's not her mother. With Zach back in her life and showing no signs of leaving, Becca sees only one thing to do; she has to screw him, literally and figuratively.

When it comes to Zach I have nothing good to say, I hated him. Becca often calls him a dick and she's not wrong. He barges into her life and like a bug, is constantly buzzing in the background. He's bossy and often unreasonable especially given how solitary and closed up Becca is. They fought so much that it became a bit too much and though it was realistic I just wanted her to knee him in the balls and walk away.

The story itself was very well written and I enjoyed the brief snippets of Jed and Anna from Worth It. I also really enjoyed Becca's salvation/brother Matt. He was the first on the scene when her mother died and years later the two are as close as siblings. It was a wonderful addition to see Becca welcomed into Matt's family as she really sheltered herself from everyone else, no other friends or family, just a nagging girl named Kim who has hated Becca for as long as she can remember. It's easy to hate Kim early on and I thought the twist at the end was a bit of a shocker.

I found Screw It worked more as a romantic suspense than Worth It. Once again the sex scenes are tame and often cut so a dirty imagination is certainly required. This was another great addition from Nicki DeStasi and I can't wait to read more, hopefully the next hero will be more up my alley.

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## Tara Santiago says

### 4.5 "*Your actions define you.*" Stars

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