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Do you know that feeling-the feeling that no one knows the real you? And not because they don't care, but because you've never shown it to anyone. Maybe not even sure who the "real you" is anyway. Dress the way you're supposed to, date the right guy, mother must approve...Well all of the above applied to Charlie Montgomery. That is until the "right" guy battled his hormones...and lost. Anger was just the catalyst she needed to make a change. And going off to college will give her the perfect opportunity for reinvention. All she had to do was: avoid her ex-boyfriend like the plague, burn old wardrobe, make new friends. And last but not least; avoid the advances of enthusiastic co-eds. Love has no place on the "new Charlie" list. Love is the last thing on her mind, it's just not the right time. But love knows nothing about perfect timing... Readers fell in love with the filter-free antics of Charlie Barton from the Rebound Series. This funny and heart felt novella is about the Charlie way back when. Follow her while she handles being on her own for the first time.

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Pam says

If you have read Rebound and Resilient, then you are familiar with Charlie, and her totally bad ass attitude. And if you haven't read them, then you are missing out!! With that said, Charlie's novella can be read as a stand alone.

Charlie is a smart ass, bad ass, doesn't hold back kind of girl. I adore her. In this novella, we learn Charlie's story. How did she become this wonderful woman? This is her love story, and it's wonderful!!

As with all of her writing, this author tells a fantastic story, full of humor and attitude. Her female characters are strong and independent and this story doesn't disappoint on that front.

Mandi says

Nikki Mathis Thompson never disappoints. You like strong women? Check. You like funny? Check. You like hot guys? Check Check You like Charlie? Check!!

Who doesn't love Charlie? And now we get her back story.

Nikki takes us back to the 90's when grunge ruled the radio and docs walked the streets, when Charlene became Charlie. I loved getting to know her, learning her history, especially the sweater set debutante we didn't know she was, and watching love brew between her and Michael. And Michael...ummm...boner!

A sweet, charming, page turning novella full of snark, romance, and of course, in Nikki's usual style, lots of friendship.

Get your pool side companion today. You'll read it in one sitting.

And on that note, I gotta go play the soundtrack. Motownphilly and Ministry? Yes, please.

Tamara says

don't miss this whole series! they just keep getting better and better! waiting for the next one is like being a kid again at Christmas time! "Is it out yet?", "When Will it be out?", "When is the next one going to be out?"

Chrissy Dyer says

I thought this was a fabulous romantic story. It is so moving, I was smiling and laughing all the way threw the book.

Amy N says

This is a great story. It's from the college days when they met. Michael and Charlie have hidden there feelings from each other not realizing how the other was feeling. They really were interesting throughout this entire book. I loved how she wrote the scenes. Nikki is a kick butt writer I have all her books and I can't say enough about her! She does a great job telling her stories in detail and it's never too much! I recommend all her books!! I can't wait for more of hers to come out.

If you haven't ever read any of hers pick them up you will want more of hers just like I do!! Thank you Nikki for all you have done for me! I really appreciate all of it! You mean so much to me.

Dee Montoya says

*****10+++ Perfect Stars*****

Reading a Nikki Mathis Thompson book, for me is like getting inside a party bus, I just know I'm going to have a good time and granted that by the end of it, I will have a huge smile on my face.

I first fell in love with Charlie and Michael in *Rebound* and *Resilient*, as they were part of the awesome group of friends always providing laughs and support to Katrine, the wonderful heroine in both books. *This is Me* is a *Rebound* novella but it can be read as a standalone. Now, I'm not one who likes to read novellas or short stories, but Charlie really deserved her own book and I was not only intrigued but desperate to read it. I must be completely honest though and say that this story didn't feel like novella at all, it had so much heart and substance and I was completely happy and satisfied by it.

In the previous book we meet Charlie as a wife and mother that has managed to keep her spirit of independence and strength, her sense of humor and sarcasm are what make her such a wonderful character that will make you wish for a friend like her. She met her husband Michael on her first year of college and in this book we go back in time (the fabulous 90's baby!!) and experience with them all about those great and yet embarrassing years. On her graduation party she discovered her supposedly perfect life and boyfriend were not what she thought. Heartbroken and after getting a makeover from preppy good girl to grunge man - hater she goes off to college. On her first day, things are going all wrong and that's when she meets Michael. He's handsome and super charming, and just her luck that her edgy attitude is his favorite thing about her, so it all begins... Read this book and you will discover a world of friendships, true love and that tough journey of self discovery that will for sure make you nostalgic about your own young adult memories...

If you are in the mood for a book with romance, music and super cool characters, you need to **Read This Now!!** I promise you will be so happy you listened to me. Feel free to send me messages and gifts of appreciation (preferably a good bottle of red Spanish wine). I can't finish before talking about the amazing and beautiful ending that gave such happy tears; because as much as I love angst and drama in a book it was so refreshing to read about genuine and long lasting love. I met my husband when I was twenty years old and I must say that eleven years later I love him even more every day, which makes me totally relate and appreciate this story. So put on some Grunge 90's music and enjoy the happy ride, *This is Me*... <3

Lady Heather says

4.5 stars!

? I think I just found a new author to read/stalk ?

This is the first time I've read any of Nikki M. Thompson's work, and I gotta tell ya..I'm impressed!

Great voice, great writing, wonderful characters and story.
For a novella, the characters were well developed and the story complete.

I LOVED Charlie's character, and Michael was great (even though it took him like..for-ev-er to clue in).

If this novella is any indication of the author's voice/story-telling, then I'll definitely be searching for more of her work.

Jennifer G. says

Another great book. Wonderful characters, awesome friends, and just an all around lovely story, that I enjoyed. Michael is just awesome, and so is Charlie, and they work great together!!
thanks for in site of those two!!

Nikki Thompson says

I wrote a small scene in Resilient about Charlie and her husband. This planted a seed. I wanted to know more about them. I wanted to see Charlie as a young woman, not yet sure of herself. She has been one of the favorite characters from my Rebound series, so I thought she deserved a background story all her own. I chose to do a novella because I wanted to get right to it without filler. I think readers will be satisfied even though this is not full length. I know you guys will enjoy meeting the new characters. Charlie and Michael have a special place in my heart after this, that is for sure!
I love this little story and I hope you will too.

Anna says

This Is Me was a great look into one of the more lovable, dynamic characters from Rebound (so if you haven't read Rebound or it's follow up Resilient you totally should)!! This book did not disappoint, other than that I finished it in a day and a half! I loved getting to see how the relationship between Charlie & Michael

came to be, and loved the 90's setting! Nikki is a talented author who you can tell loves telling a story and the characters involved! Can't wait for more!!

Carmen Turino says

This story was just what I needed. It was one of the most down to earth, funny "boy meets girl" story I've read in a while. I love how the Sassy, smart mouthed Charlie was always good hearted and an even better friend from the very beginning. Michael and Charlie was a beautiful love story. Loved this book!

Shawn Verdin says

Oh how I loved this little novella! It's no secret I'm a huge fan of anything Nikki M. Thompson writes, and this story is no exception. Thompson has a knack for writing down-to-earth, believable characters that I, personally, want to be friends with. With this one, she drew me right into a period of time that was one of the best times of my life, and I re-lived it right along with Charlie and the gang. You'll laugh, you'll love and you'll be highly entertained. This is Me is the perfect treat for existing fans of Rebound and Resilient, but can also be enjoyed as a standalone. I highly recommend it, and if you haven't read Thompson's full-lengths, what are you waiting for?? Nikki, please keep them coming. You have a fan for life here waiting for the next one!

Kimberly says

Nikki can do no wrong-this novella feels like a full on book to me! Charley's story is fan-freaking-tastic! So funny, touching and romantic! Needed a tissue or two! Read Rebound & Resilient also! Nikki Mathis Thompson is THE author to watch!!!

Elissa Barbosa says

5 Fun Loving Stars!

This is ME is a Novella about one of my favorite Rebound characters, Charlie aka Charlene aka Chuck! Charlie is a bit heartbroken after a high school breakup as she heads off to college. Charlie's character is so relatable in her love for Music, her smart mouth, her love for 80's movies, and how she can actually be friends with a group of guys. This NA/YA type, which I am a fan of, I must say this one is so much better than the others for it's well roundedness. It is her growing love story that is so realistic for those of us in our 30's and I love that this book is different in that way. No cell phones, no internet, wired phones, doc martens...These are a few of my favorite things.

So you get to look back into the past of a great Rebound series character, her grand love story and see that Charlie has,always been a,beloved friend and lover her entire life.

I highly recommend this book for a YA reader and an NA reader, it's the full package!

I look forward to more Rebound characters stories, as I will admit, I am addicted to their fun relatable characters!

