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*Every moment possesses its own kind of magic...*

Aimee Spencer learned the hard way that for some moments, there are no take-backs, no rewinds, no do-overs. A year ago her world imploded and Aimee has been running ever since. She doesn't want to feel. She doesn't want to remember. To bury the ghosts that haunt her, she is living a life that has become unrecognizable.

Cole Everly is a golden boy with a cocky smile and an attitude to match. He's grown accustomed to girls throwing themselves at his feet, but when Aimee trips and literally lands in his lap one afternoon, she's not at all what he expects. Difficult, damaged, closed-off. If Cole needed to make a list of qualities to avoid in a girl, Aimee would probably match up with every single one of them. He knows that he should stay away but he's drawn to her in a way that he can't exactly explain.

In this honest and absorbing story, Aimee and Cole struggle to sort out the thin spaces between loss and love. Ultimately, they will need to learn how to navigate through the pieces of the past if they want to hold on to the future and each other.

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## From Reader Review In This Moment for online ebook

Yomi M. says

Rating: 4.5 stars

**"I want to be with you. And that might be selfish of me, but I never claimed to be self-less or a good guy."**

This story was truly extraordinary and it told the tale of a girl/woman's journey to self-discovery after the tragedy that occurred in her life. The author did an excellent job with pacing and her writing was exceptional, I always love it when I'm able to read a story and the sentences and paragraphs make sense and flow in a nice manner.

The book tells the story of Aimee that after the tragedy that occurred in her life has to cope with living with guilt and her insecurities. I loved Aimee so much, but most of all, I wanted to hug her and tell her that everything would be alright. Maybe the reason I loved her so much was because she was all that I would want to be life and all of what I wouldn't either.

Now we cannot forget about Cole...Cole...Cole...Cole, these are my feelings regarding Cole:

Again Ms. Doughton did a great job with characterization (it was in a dual pov) and all that I can say is that Cole was such a guy. What I mean by this is that in stories when authors usually write in a guy's point of view you can tell that it was written by a women because it's usually unrealistic. The guy acts, thinks and does what we women would like the men in real life to act like (I'm not saying this is always true), they are PERFECT. However, in a reality men aren't perfect because they're human after all, Cole was **real** and **raw**, he had his **flaws** and he was **far from perfect** and that's why I loved him so much.

Then we had the secondary characters, even though Mara (Aimee's sister) bothered me at the beginning of the story she grew on me and I began to understand her and the reasons why she wanted the old Aimee back. Jodi was also amazing, she made me laugh so hard with her stories, I would love to have her as a best friend.

The only reason I didn't give it 5 stars was because at the beginning of the story Aimee annoyed me a bit with her inability to finish a sentence and the overuse of "...um...". However, that's me just being picky. So yes, I highly recommend this story, read it because you will not regret it, it even made me cry a little and that does not happen often.

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## **Jess-i-ca ~Sometimes a Gif Witch~ says**

3.5 Stars.

This book was not bad by any means but it falls into the generic NA book category. It wasn't bad but didn't have a wow factor that I was looking for to make it different from all the other NA books....

You have your heroine, Aimee Spencer with her troubled past.

You have man slut, Cole Everly who has his own troubled past and will never settle down with one girl.

You have their chance meeting where she trips and falls but of course man slut Cole is there to catch her.

She runs, He runs... (If you know me, you know my thoughts on running in books)

I will say the parts of the books that redeemed it a little were the cute movie titles, the way Cole broke his nose, and some of the other funny banter between Cole and Aimee.

If you are a NA fanatic, you will likely enjoy this book.

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## **Ailene♥ says**

Technically, Cole Everly didn't cheat. Yeah, technically. I kept on telling that to myself. But I couldn't help it! I was hurt. I know I am not Aimee, but I felt cheated. Lol! Maybe, I fell in love with Cole really fast that I didn't see that one coming. I guess, I let my guard down so easily assuming he's not like that and he wouldn't do anything. And when it happened, my guard just came backing up on me. I tried to understand. But that's just how I felt.

Putting that one aside, this story was beautiful. It may seemed like a typical love story that's why I was skeptical at first. But it's not. The author made it refreshing. The heroine wasn't annoying even though she's wounded. She tried to move forward with her life and tried to fix herself gradually. Of course, that wouldn't happen without Cole. He'd helped her every step of the way. He was there for her and what I loved about it was that they started out as friends... then close friends... then best friends. Cole just wanted to heal her and be whatever she needs him to be. He was patient with her. And I just loved their chemistry. It's not love at first sight. Everything was gradual. They're both just trying to figure things out.

I became giddy with their witty banters. And boy, I fell in love with Cole really fast! I just loved the way he thinks. He reminded me so much of Holder from *Losing Hope*. I could say I connected more with him than the heroine and that's a rare thing for me.

So, back on the "technically not cheating"... It happened when they're just best friends. But that was the time when they were really really close. It was also the time when they're nearing the transition of best friends to lovers. But judging it objectively, I understand him because he was confused. He felt that maybe things were just one-sided. And I couldn't blame him... Aimee had apprehensions and she's good at hiding her true feelings. So yeah, I get him. And at least he had the decency to feel guilty with what he'd done. It was also a realization for him that something just didn't feel right anymore. But still, I couldn't control my emotions and I was hurt. I just wished he didn't have to do that. Maybe, I was being unfair because I rated "Beautiful Disaster" by Jamie McGuire 5-stars when in fact, Travis Maddox "technically didn't cheat" on Abby. If I could change it, I will. But that's how I rated it at that time. So, I decided not to.

Anyway, you've been warned. So, at least you know what to expect. Usually, things like that didn't bother me much. But I liked Cole, you know... I loved him. And I think that's a good thing because at least I was attached to the characters.

I wouldn't let that one small thing get in the way with the beauty of the whole story though. I think anyone could relate to the heroine. The story was inspiring. Definitely, a lot of lessons learned in here. I loved how this was written. The mystery was enough for me not to let the book down. There were lines that I've highlighted as well. Some simple wisdom I could get back into...

All in all, this is a must read! :)

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## **Jamie ?? submits to books ?? says**

**\*\*\*\* 4 "This is Real" Stars \*\*\*\***

Can one forgive themselves for an accident that so many paid the price for? Is love enough to mend the shattered pieces of their mind, body & soul.

Review to come...

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## **Anne OK says**

"All we get are moments, Cole. One at a time, like heartbeats. Once one of them is gone, that's it. No do-overs. No repeats. Every moment possesses its own kind of magic and what we do with it counts. It counts."  
*From this Moment* by Autumn Doughton

This one very pleasantly surprised me to say the least. Autumn Doughton's writing skills and character development were top-notch. There was perfect fluidity to this storyline with a realistic journey to substantiating a believable and meaningful relationship between Aimee and Cole. The alternating POVs upped the ante by providing both characters' thoughts and feelings toward the other.

Their story revolves around friendship, family issues, guilt, loss, love and forgiveness. At times, it is heartbreaking and sadly painful. But there are also good times filled with fun and joy and a magical romance. I adoringly fell for the whole shebang created within the pages of "In this Moment."

Two young people running from ugly memories literally fall into each other's arms and their journey begins. Cole, the charming bad boy, dealing with issues of his own, quickly stepped in and stole my heart. He is one swoon-worthy and heart stealing temptation from the outset. Aimee is scarred and fragile in many ways yet stands strong on her own. She's trying to repair the damage in her life and move on but facing difficulties in doing so. I found both these characters very interesting and likable and their story undeniably mesmerizing.

I intend to immediately check out Doughton's backlog of books. And I'll also be keeping an eye out for her future releases.

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## Katie says

### 4 insta-love stars

First and foremost, I have to comment on the writing...it was just beautiful. Many of the lines read like a poem. The depth and emotion Autumn Doughton put into these two broken characters, paired with her gorgeous writing style, made this such an amazing read.

We meet **Aimee** starting her freshman year in college. Having lost her best friend to an accident, Aimee is broken and tortured by the memories of what happened that night. I truly felt for this girl. There were many times in the book that I was an emotional wreck and had to put the book down and collect myself.

Aimee literally falls into **Cole** on her first day at school. Cole was a womanizing jock who knew the second he saw Aimee, he had to have her. He is very patient in dealing with the emotional roller coaster that is Aimee and I have to give him props for that! He falls head over heels for her and it was great being able to have his POV and see just how much he truly cared about her.

*"Aimee has me wrapped up inside this moment. And if she wanted to, she could reach into my chest and rip my heart out of my body because it already belongs to her"*

I also love how the book always seems to go back to Aimee and her inability to go back to the sport that she loved- swimming. This sort of eludes to the fact that her friend's death had something to do with water. Throughout the book, water is a key term used to describe many things in her life. For example: Aimee describes Cole's green eyes like *"leaves submerged in water"* and she uses the term "riptide" to describe the many memories that rush back to her that seem to keep *trying to drag her under.* Like I said, I loved the writing. I could probably write more about it, but I really don't want you guys to experience it on your own!

Overall, this was an amazing and emotional read! I loved this book and I would definitely recommend it to those who love a good heartwarming story about healing and learning how to swim with your head above the water again. (get what I did there? yep...)

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## **KAT ? Kitty Kats Crazy About Books ? says**

### **4 Scrummy Cole Everly stars!!**

At the very beginning the story plays like a story book damsel in distress as we see Aimee's plan at trying to remain invisible to becoming the most conspicuous person on campus by tripping over a hot guy during a panic attack episode.

Meet every girl's book boyfriend (Cole Everly) the hot golden boy with a cocky smile and an attitude to match, tall and hunky at just over 6 foot, with striking green/grey eyes and blond bed hair, swoon worthy material!!

Meet Aimee the dark haired beauty with the bright blue eyes who was an Allstate for the 200 yard medley and the 100 yard butterfly her junior year..

I don't want to spoil this book for anyone so here's my review without spoilers,two people broken who were able to fix each other at the end, you'll laugh a few times, you'll feel anger, and sadness but most of all you'll end up loving these characters and believe me once you start reading this you'll find it hard to put down and you will feel a strong connection for Aimee and all she had to endure..

Highly recommend

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## **Lady Vigilante (Feifei) says**

**\*\*\*5 GROUNDBREAKING STARS!!!! Loved this emotional, poignant story that made me laugh, cry and swoon!!!\*\*\***

*“Do you hear that sound? Do you hear it? It’s the sound of the world ripping apart.”*

Wow. This book is one of the reasons why I just LOVE New Adult stories. I loved the characters, loved the plotline, loved the writing style!! I practically worship NA books that give me that \*jolt,\* that story that walks between the fine line of tragedy and love, and this book is the epitome of it all! From the beginning it was obvious that Aimee went through some serious shit, and there’s nothing like a fascinating and mysterious prologue to get my attention.

*“They want me to be like Mara. They want me to talk animatedly about hair products and get excited about recruitment fairs and parties and nail polish colors. Nobody wants to know about the nightmares or the riptide of memories constantly trying to drag me under. The world doesn’t want to be forced to look at my scars.”*

Aimee Spencer is a college freshman who, after experiencing a horrific ordeal, wants to just blend in with the crowd and live in the shadows. Her older sister, Mara, however, is the complete opposite of her, and after a few twists and turns, Aimee ends up hanging out with her crowd of people. A fateful incident literally crashes Aimee into Cole Everly, the college's most notorious man-whore. What I love about the setup of this story (besides the plot) is the dual POVs between Aimee and Cole. It's immensely gratifying to read about both of their thoughts and feelings when they're stuck in the same situation, and makes their connection even more electric.

*"That first split-second of recognition hits me hard. It feels like an earthquake is trapped inside my body. My skin rumbles with the impact."*

*Power lines go down.*

*Trees are uprooted.*

*Homes are destroyed.*

*Cities are leveled."*

Nope, it's not an exaggeration. Really, that's how powerful their bond is. It wasn't at first, and in the beginning, the book adopted a rather lighthearted tone but with an underlying sense of tragedy underneath. I love the book (and movie) name game Cole and Aimee play with each other. It warmed my heart to see that Aimee was willing to reach out to someone, and Cole was willing to make the effort to know someone, and the game as a meeting place, the middle ground where both of their efforts met.

*"See? I know you, Aimee Spencer. I know you inside and out, and you know me. Shit. You're crammed so far under my skin that it's like my feelings can't even take one step without tripping over a part of you."*

Cole is the definition of bad-boy-reformed, and though there were a few times he made some choices I didn't agree with, he is the perfect person for Aimee. He gets her. He understands her. He *knows* her. Once again, the dual POVs helped me realize just how much he needs her.

*"**Look but don't touch.** That's the deal with us and it doesn't matter if I want more because I'm not going to touch her until she makes it clear that it's what she wants. And that's not a game. It's a promise. No more strategy. No more pushing. No more bullshit."*

*Just her and me. Me and her.*

***Her.** One word. A simple pronoun that seems like an entire vocabulary."*

Cole and Aimee's relationship was like a shaky rollercoaster. They passed all the obstacles that threatened to tear them apart, but along the way, they had to cry, rage, push, and run from each other. It made their story that much more significant and *real*. And I wouldn't have it any other way.

*"If we can't get our own lives straight then we'll do worst than break each other's hearts. We'll tear them apart. And maybe I could risk myself, but I can't risk you. I just can't."*

Somewhere along that fine line, the dual POVs seemed to fuse into one, and what Cole said, Aimee answered. What Aimee experienced, Cole felt. Their relationship was all-out consuming, and I just love how



Autumn makes their story come to a full circle: how they started, how they ended, what broke them up, what brought them back together.

*"Now I have to ask you a question. One. Two. Three. Four. Five. Six. Seven. Breathe.*

*No thoughts.*

*No worries.*

*After all of it...the good, the bad, the in-between...If I told you that I love you, what would you say?"*

I would say, this book really made me *feel* pain, anguish, guilt, love, fear, passion, and for that, I give this book 5 STARS!!!!

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## **Jenn Keller says**

5 "THIS IS REAL" STARS!

*Do you hear that sound? Do you hear it? It's the sound of the world ripping apart."*

I absolutely loved this book from beginning to end and EVERYTHING in between! This was such a slow build which is my absolute favorite part about this book... I feel it is what made this story truly special and different than many books I have read recently! I felt every emotion that I want to feel while reading a book. I highlighted so much in this book; and I know this story will stay with me. I don't normally write a review; well because I am not good at them and really this is not so much a review as it is a series of quotes that touched my heart! Some for personal reasons and others that just had a huge impact on me.

*I don't really buy into the insta-love thing. Love isn't an accident or something that just....I search for the right word.....Happens when you're not looking. Love is a choice, not a chance.*

*All we get are moments, Cole. One at a time, like heartbeats. Once one of them is gone, that's it. No Do-overs. No repeats. Every moment possesses its own kind of magic and what we do with it counts. It counts.*

*You could change your mind about something a hundred times. You could lay awake in bed and replay that single heartbeat over and over and over again, and you could imagine every other possible outcome, but it won't change what's true.*

*So say what you have to say but don't ask me to understand or see things your way. You don't get my permission to break my fucking heart.*

*Forgiveness isn't simple she says like I don't already know that. There's always a possibility that you aren't the only one who needs it.*

*You're crammed so far under my skin that it's like my feelings can't even take one step without tripping over*

*a part of you. GOD I absolutely love Cole!*

*After all of it...the good, the bad, the in-between...If I told you I love you, what would you say?*

*LOVE IS A CHOICE*

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**Fran says**

**PPFF Rating:** 5/5 Stars

*A story of life, loss, friendship, love, of choices and what-ifs, of forgiveness and new beginnings.*

***Do you hear it? It's the sound of the world ripping apart.***

Just... **WOW!** I've been trying to think of something really clever to say but, *as cliché as it is*, there are simply *no words* to express how much I LOVED this book. Seriously, I can't remember the last time I've read something that left my heart beating *this* fast even as I'm typing this. I feel like my heart's going to burst out of my chest and that I'm supposed to break into song or *something* that would sum up the brilliance of this poetic of a story.

To be honest, I'm not sure if I can be able to make a decent review or that I even want to try. But I NEED to say that **In This Moment** is one book that no one should NOT read. To those who've been reading my reviews, you know how much I've been complaining lately that most books now are *almost* always about two f\*cked up characters with troubled pasts and reading the same storyline gets old after a while. So imagine my surprise when even this is about, *yes* - two f\*cked up characters with troubled pasts - I ended up loving it so much that I'm pretty sure **Aimee Spencer** and **Cole Everly**'s story will forever stay with me.

***I will if you will.***

**Autumn Doughton**'s writing was so superb that everything just flowed. From the first page up to the last, I felt like every word and every sentence were perfectly sewn together by a single thread. Nothing was overdone, no line was irrelevant. The book was just beautifully written - *powerful, thought-provoking, poignant.*

Her characters had depth and not once did I feel annoyed (we all know how these *damaged* characters usually are). For everything that Aimee experienced, never did I question or think that she was overreacting. In fact, I know she had every right to feel or act the way she did. I just simply *believed* her. Period. As for Cole, it wasn't even so much about him being a playboy and all that usual drama. Sure, he was hot, he made me swoon - typical book boyfriend material. But what was so amazing about him, for me, was that he truly made me *feel*.

I guess no matter how overused a plot is, the way it is written still does make a big difference. There are ripoffs and the real deal. THIS IS *THE REAL DEAL*.

**"Love is a choice, not a chance."**

In This Moment is a story of life, loss, friendship, love, of choices and what-ifs, of forgiveness and new beginnings.

\*\*\*Check out my blog: Press Pause, Fast Forward

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## **Autumn Doughton says**

It's hard to sound genuine on the computer but thank you all for the downloads and the reviews. Goodreaders are WONDERFUL! The book is currently in the top 100, which is amazeballs, and I know that's because of you guys. So if you need someone to come help you clean, or if your battery dies and you need a jump... I may need to take a plane to reach you but I'll be there :)

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A big thank you to all the Goodreaders for reaching out to me, writing reviews, telling your friends, etc. You rock my world!!

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August 12th is right around the corner! In honor of the release, we've made some collages to introduce you to Cole and Aimee. I'll be adding a new collage or photo every few days along with a line from the book. I can't wait for you guys to fall in love with these characters the way that I did!!

1. Allow me to present Aimee Spencer and Cole Everly

2. "I'll be the bottles on the beaches,

You'll be the waves that wash them all ashore."

That's a line from "No Nostalgia" by AgesandAges (a band I listened to quite a bit while writing IN THIS MOMENT). The book is about more than romantic love. It's about friendship--the kind that burrows inside of you and stays there forever.

3. A little more Aimee and Cole to celebrate the fact that the release is less than a month away!

4. 27 days to go!! "Every moment possesses its own kind of magic."

5. 22 days left... "Do you hear that sound? It's the sound of the world ripping apart."

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## Roksana says

Sorry but no matter how much the author glossed over the fact that "**he slept with someone else**" it looked wrong and I felt a sense of betrayal!

He already had feelings for her and so as she..so at that stage for him just casually have sex with some random girl sharing all that intimacy to forget about the heroine was a betrayal on the reader and the heroin's account..and that was exactly her first response as soon as she found out...Just after two days "of that sexual escapade" they met again and miraculously "getting together" they got very intimate and I just could not shake the feeling of dirtiness and wrongness on the heroes part..JUST TWO DAYS AFTER SLEEPING WITH SOMEONE ELSE? That was hard for me to digest and that set the tone for the reader as to his indifference and lack of commitment towards the heroine...

If the author really wanted the reader to believe in Cole's affirmation, he should have been "created" in a more convincing light as a hero with flaws but nevertheless being worthy of the heroine. I don't see a man who already has given a sense of indefinite commitment to a woman whom he developed feeling for and then in the moment of weakness allowing that weakness in the form of having casual sex with a stranger "as a man owing to the feelings he had for the heroine and the respect for her. It is ok to him to share in the most intimate moment with a stranger but not ok making an effort to strengthen his commitment towards a woman whom he has feelings for..or is he? The hero felt it was not right to have sex with someone, yet he allow it and after that the reader would expect an immediate reflection of remorse or guilt, but there was very little in the way of remorse...I was disappointed with the heroine's reaction to the revelation of his sexual escapade and she should go through the motions of keeping him at arms' length but she caved back to him just after hour of knowing and it was too quick, to soon and too easy. I would respond differently and allow him to work on the relationship and what it "really" define in his eyes as his actions proven to be against "them being together" and "being faithful to one another"

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## Raquel Valldeperas says

Can't wait for this!

When I picked up this book, I had high expectations. Actually, I had sky high expectations from the moment I found out about it. Most of the time, that's a bad thing. They usually lead to disappointment, but not with *In This Moment*.

Autumn has a way with words that makes it feel like you're not even reading. Like maybe someone is speaking them to you, or better yet, *thinking* them to you. I don't know if that makes sense, but it's kinda like when you share a look with your best friend from across the hall and you know what she's saying because, well, your best friends. Autumn's writing is my best friend.

I laughed, I got angry, I cried. When I thought I knew what was going to happen, I was proven wrong. None of the drama was unnecessary or added to make the story angsty. The way Aimee describes Jilly, her memories of her and the pain of losing her- I *felt* it. I saw them together, on sunny days, on rainy days, in the middle of parties or in their bedrooms tucked away. I saw them because I *was* them.

Cole was just such a guy. I don't know if Autumn recruited help from a male in writing from his POV, but it was perfect. And I cannot express to you how good it was to read about a guy who was NOT an annoying, egotistical, half-abusive, alpha male. Cole was just so normal and so 20-something that his character jumped right off of the pages.

And you'll be glad to know that there is NO cliffhanger. Thank God for that!

You know to read this book. Right now. Whether it's \$0.99 or \$2.99, you need to invest the money because it's just *that* good.

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## Alexandra says

### UPDATE 5/20/17

Okay, so I'm changing my rating to 5 stars and adding this to my ultimate favorites list. I can't stop thinking about it lately. I so desperately wish the paperback version was available on Barnes & Noble because I really want it. I really, really, really want to reread this, but I don't want to read on my Kindle right now. :( :(

Anyway, I honestly don't know what I was thinking when I first rated this book. It deserves 5 stars because it's stayed with me since I first read it, and that's not true for every book I've read. I want more NA from Autumn Doughton because I love her and her writing so very much.

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## **Between 4 and 4.5 stars**

***Do you hear that sound? It's the sound of the world ripping apart.***

When asked to sum a book up in one word, I'm often unable to do so effectively. I might say "phenomenal" or "wonderful" or "beautiful" or other similar adjectives, but these words don't really sum the book itself up, but rather how I saw the book. They work, sure, but they don't say what I want them to say.

If prompted to sum In This Moment up in one word, I could do it so easily: *realistic*.

***So, there's this girl...***

Not only was the plot incredibly realistic, but the relationship between Cole and Aimee was so pure and every single part of it felt real to me. Every. Part. This isn't just a love story. No, quite the contrary. It's a story about friendship, and how friendship can lead to love, but even when Cole and Aimee are at that point in their relationship, it's still about friendship. It was a slow-build to their relationship, but it definitely didn't take anything away from the story at all. To me, it seemed like the focus of their relationship was this unbreakable bond between friends. Above all else, there were there for each other, even when they needed some time. I really, really liked this. Really.

***Back then I didn't know the way that a person can crawl so far inside of you that your organs voluntarily shift to the side to make room for the shape of them.***

Cole is such a sweetheart. He's a total dude, sure, but he's also, like, the cutest thing ever. Seriously, I couldn't handle it sometimes. I kept squealing and giggling and grinning. He is just SO freaking cute. Don't get me wrong, he can totally bring the steam, but he's just as adorable as he is sexy. I think everyone should have a Cole. Everyone deserves a guy who'll respect you and your boundaries and who will be there for you when you need him. God, he's great. I'm so in love with him. And it didn't take long. It was insta-love. How could it not be? I mean, come ON!

***"It was a pleasure to catch you."***

Even as we go along, you can feel how much Cole actually cares. You can see how hard he's trying. Trying to be there for Aimee, trying to hold back on his own desires so he doesn't scare her away, trying to make her understand that she has someone. He worked so hard, so damn hard, that I forgive him for his little slip-up where I totally wanted to kick him even though he TECHNICALLY didn't do anything wrong. *Technically*. It still pissed me off.

***"You don't get permission to break my fucking heart."***

But I let it go. I saw what it did to him, and how he overcame it, and I just couldn't stay mad at him. How do you stay mad at guy like him? That's right, you DON'T. He's beautiful. His character development is beautiful. I loved it. I loved watching him grow.

***Just her and me. Me and her.***

***Her. One word. A simple pronoun that seems like an entire vocabulary.***

I also loved Aimee, of course. And Daniel. And Mara. I wasn't sure about Mara at first. She seemed like she could end up being a bit of a jerk, but that was gone pretty quickly. You could just see how much Aimee's

well-being meant to her, and how close they were, and it was a beautiful relationship. I loved being able to explore that. Aimee, in general, was a lovely heroine. I felt for her through it all. I supported her. I just wanted to give her a great big hug. I wanted to ease her suffering.

***There is so much to feel that I might be drowning. Fuck it. Let the tide take me under. I don't need oxygen to breathe as long as I've got this girl's mouth.***

Apart from the incredibly realistic plot and relationship between Cole and Aimee, I think my favorite part of this book was the beautiful writing (in case you couldn't tell with all the quotes I'm throwing at you). It was lyrical, poetic, so smooth, and flowed so naturally. There are some books where the writing tries too hard to be poetic, and you can feel that. Not here. Autumn Doughton's writing is impeccable. It's simple, yet complex; so lyrical, it just flows through you like liquid. God, I love writing like that. I love that natural talent in writing, to feel like the author's reaching out to you and communicating something important, something *real*. Autumn hit that spot-on, and I loved every second of it.

***And if she wanted to, she could reach into my chest and rip my heart out of my body because it already belongs to her.***

Ultimately, this is an incredibly real story of friendship, love, and moving on. It was pure, powerful, laugh-out-loud hilarious, and so genuine. I will absolutely be reading more from this author. Do yourself a favor and pick this book up today. Give it a read. You may find that it's exactly what you need right now.

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## **Komal Kant says**

BOOM! Another upcoming release from Autumn Doughton!

If I knew how to add those gif thingys or images to my review, then I'd put in the one of that kid that does the fist thingy. And he's doing that face that's like, "Hell yeah!" You know the one? Yeah, that one.

Or one of someone running around screaming. Because I am running around and screaming on the inside. Joyful, happy swearing screaming.

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