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Autumn Caparelli just married Matt Evens, the man of her dreams. The man she's certain will transform her hopes for the future into realities ... until she wakes up in a hospital bed, unable to remember how she got there or why her new husband is not by her side. As the haze clears and her memory returns, Autumn realizes none of those dreams will come true—at least not with Matt.

At home, Matt's absence haunts Autumn, making her world seem dim. Desperate to get away from the sadness that engulfs her, she embarks on a journey to create a new life for herself, one where she can let go of the past and all the pain that threatens to destroy her—but letting go is never easy.

Only when Autumn accepts the truth of what happened can she let in the light and finally believe that as long as she has life and hope, her dreams will never die.

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Erma MacInnis says

I found this book very frustrating in the beginning when the unexpected tragedy happened, but I continued reading as I really liked Autumn and I wanted to know how her life would turn out in the end. There were some parts in the middle of the book which I found a bit slow, especially around the wine making adventures. I was happy that Autumn resolved her family problems in the end.

Charlene says

Wow, this book is a tear jerker! Following Autumn's journey back to herself, which I did. I couldn't put the book down because of it. I would read this book again. It gives anyone hope that when life gives you lemons make lemonade!

I was provided with a free copy of this book so I could give an honest review.

Linda Oleniuk says

This was a free book , thank you Charlene Carr and it was an easy read.

It is nice to read books from young Canadian authors and it is comparable to Nicolas Sparks type of writing.

One suggestion, it would be nice to have a setting, a place where your story is happening.

Goodreads asked in a recent survey where would you be if you were transported to the place the book you are currently reading.

I have no idea where Charlene's characters are based but I assumed somewhere in Canada because there was mention of needing a work visa and not having a problem getting a Canadian one.

As with Skinny Me there is a lesson to this story and I am guessing Charlene's books are geared to young adults.

Charlene refreshingly includes inter racial relationships with ease, something unheard of 30 years ago.

I would love to read more of Charlene's books.

Keep writing.

Norma Cairns says

This was a story about the main character, Autumn, and her struggles with a very sad event which happened in her life at the early start of the book. The author did a great job of handling the stress which we often feel when we think the world has turned upside down on us. I felt frustrated with Autumn when she refused to keep in contact with her parents and didn't call back her mother back when she was travelling, and being a mother myself, I actually became angry with her; however I know that many mothers go through the same stress when their children travel. I appreciated how the author makes her stories so real and I look forward to reading the next edition in this series.

Denise says

Wow, what an emotional book! Charlene Carr is really exploring the darkness that grief can bring to someone's life. Autumn played an important role in the first book in this series, it even ended at her wedding. This book picks up just after that. While each book could be read as a stand alone, I feel that you get a much better picture of Autumn by reading *Skinny Me* first. You can see the stark contrast between Autumn from book one and what she becomes.

Once again, I really enjoyed the conclusion of this book. I felt that Autumn had come through the worst of her grief and was making strides toward a new self discovery. I can't wait to read the next book.

Sandra says

Wow, this book takes one to so many places! While the main character, Autumn, tries to "find herself" after going through a very emotional trauma in her life, she tries to escape from all the people who love her and all the memories which are wearing her down. During this time, the author takes us to different geographical places and also many emotional places. The story covers many of the issues that we all will face in our life at some time or other.

You will enjoy reading this book. It is well worth the read.

Here are two quotes from the book: "Maybe where we are doesn't have a whole lot to do with general contentment, you know? Maybe it's more about how we choose to look at the things in our lives. Maybe I could get everything I've ever thought I wanted and at the end of the day it won't have made that much difference. Maybe there are things back home that could have done for you what all these experiences have done. Maybe there are things back home for me too."

"Farfar's words come to mind --as long as there is life, there is hope. As long as there is hope, life."

We all deal with trauma in our lives in different ways, and I think readers will truly enjoy reading what Autumn went through as she dealt with her trauma and eventually found "life" once again.

Carla Wilks says

I enjoyed this book. I could really feel for the character, Autumn, and her reaction to what happened was a very realistic grief reaction. I appreciated that she didn't just have an "aha" moment necessarily, but that her awakening was a gradual one. I look forward to learning more about this family!

Stephanie M. says

Where there is life by Charlene Carr could be a stand alone novel but preferably not. Book one Skinny Me draws you into the story of Autumn and leaves you wanting to know her on a more personal level while diving into different aspects of her life as a secondary character.

Where there is life is nothing short of a must-read, although the ending has you yearning for more and could have delved just a bit deeper it does wrap up nicely with no loose ends in sight.

This book will have you shedding tears, laughing out loud and bursting at the seams to know more. Tragedy, love and family unity carry you through to the end.

Autumn's life takes a turn for the worse and her family watches as she struggles to cope. Everything gone in an instant, her dreams, her future... everything.

How lost can a soul become before there is no turning back? And how far will one go to run from the hand that life has dealt?

Stephanie M Nason - Author (Vampire Whisperer) and Book Reviewer (Accepting Requests)
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Tami says

I really enjoyed this book. If you read Skinny Me, the first book in the series, you will remember Autumn. Many of the characters are familiar, which I really enjoy about the series. Each book focuses on one of the friends introduced in Skinny Me. Where There Is Life focuses on Autumn's personal journey. The story is touching and uplifting. Make sure to keep the tissue box close!

Charlene Carr's characters feel like familiar friends and it is easy to get wrapped up in their stories. I highly recommend this book as well as the others in the series!

Amy says

I really enjoyed this book, the second of a series. This book starts with tragedy and goes through the process of working through it and getting on with your life. It shows the ugly side of when bad things happen, it had me rooting for the main character, wanting her to find a new side of her life after tragedy struck. I liked the main character of this book from the beginning, as I got to "know" her in the first book. A big difference from the first book of the series, where I found the main character (Jennifer) to have a bad attitude, was that I really liked Autumn. There were times I got frustrated with her, but overall I wanted her to find her "new happy" and be able to live a full life not dwelling on the past or as she tried to do, act like it never happened. I see there is a third book in the series, I'll have to check that one out now.

Lee says

Beautiful story! This is a great addition to the series of books. I was immediately right there with Autumn as she faced the hardest thing ever in her life...the loss of her new husband. What a testimony of a book! It was as real as it gets, with Autumn running away from her grief. It's an interesting journey as she travels overseas to Italy and England and meets new friends that accept her and help her get through the upheaval in her life. After she tries to avoid all thought of the man she loved, Autumn begins the healing process as time goes on. It's an intense, emotional journey, and you find yourself shedding tears along with her. The story is a very moving, real series of events that Autumn goes through, and I really enjoyed getting to know all of her friends and family in a deeper way throughout the book. I highly recommend this book...looking forward to more. Thanks to the author and goodreads for a complimentary copy in exchange for an honest review.

Katie Postlethwaite says

Where There is Life is the second in a series of books by Charlene Carr. It can be read as part of the series, but it is written in such a way as to be perfectly fine all on it's own.

Autumn, who we meet casually in the first novel, is a healthy vibrant beautiful personal trainer who seems to have everything she has ever wanted. She is surrounded by warm and caring family and friends. She has goals and dreams. Her unwavering dedication and enthusiasm are charming, rather than obnoxious. She is entirely lovable.

Beginning in the hazy days after a life altering event, and moving through her physical, and eventually mental and emotional recovery, this is a book you will not be able to put down.

Autumn's story takes the reader on voyage from bliss to agony that spans several countries and the first year of her life after a tragedy. Grief is a difficult emotion to capture, but Charlene Carr writes with beautiful insight and breathtaking accuracy.

Readers will fall in love with the people Autumn encounters. The characters are evocative and often complex adding both charm and sophistication. Subtle wisdom abounds and as she moves through the chapters Autumn finds her way home.

This was definitely a captivating tale.

Deana Dick says

I received a copy of this book for an honest review

Autumn and Matt have just gotten married. They are excited to begin their life together and are off to go in their honeymoon. Then suddenly Autumn awakes to find herself in a hospital room. Why is she not on her honeymoon? Where is her husband? She starts to become more coherent and sees her parents off to the side

in her hospital room. As they gently talk to her , she begins to get agitated. She demands to know where Matt is. Slowly her mind is able to comprehend that Matt is no longer alive. Her parents tell her of the accident, and she slowly starts to remember that day.

Autumn has injuries that will take her awhile to recover from. But how will her heart recover? She was Matt's wife for only twenty-four hours , but in that short time her world was happy and bliss. As she slowly recovers physically, everyone around her knows that she is just going the motions . Her deep depression is trapping her in isolation as she tells her friends and family she is fine. For Autumn her dreams died the day Matt did. She feels hopeless and just wants to exist with no real purpose.

Autumn slowly starts to get up in the morning and start to take her life back. She forbids anyone to say Matt's name and decides she will just put him in the past and move forward. She tells her family that she has decided to take a trip overseas to get away. Maybe she can start to live again, find a purpose or just deal with her grief.

The author introduced us to several characters Autumn meets on her travels. She meets a brother and sister and soon they develop a friendship. They decide to travel together and soon it seems as though Autumn is becoming herself again. Can she find a way to let go of her hurt and pain over losing her husband?

I enjoyed one of the stops Autumn makes in her journey when she meets Dominic. His family is old school Italian, rich in culture. I loved it when Autumn smashes the grapes for wine with her feet. It made me think of a great scene from "I Love Lucy," where Lucy is trying to keep up with the other women who are smashing grapes with their feet and laughing at Lucy as she tries to keep up. The author wrote an amazing , happy time that Autumn experienced with people who liked her and she began to feel part of the family. She found herself enjoying being around people again and having fun.

The story shares with the readers how one woman goes through loss, pain and finding herself again. It captures the emotions of a lost love and a woman who is determined to move forward and find peace. I loved the writing by the author that gave Autumn raw emotions as she journeys to see her hopes and dreams come to pass. This is a story you will remember for a long time as the words flow so beautifully across the pages.

Gina Schwartz says

This story started out as a very run of the mill story for me. I felt Autumn's pain just as i would have felt Jennifer's pain the first story but there really did not seem to be anything new.

I am not sure when that changed but I felt myself slowly getting sucked into Autumn's story and wondering about what was going to happen next and it turned out to be a very thoughtful and insightful read so much that I was sorry when the story ended.

Like Jennifer in the first novel. I like where the author has left the story - Autumn isn't perfect but she is OK. Her personal tragedy has taught her alot - not only about life and love but also about herself. Very meaningful and moving.

Yvette says

Loved it! In reading the first book, I was thrilled to see things through Autumn's eyes. What a heartbreaking introduction. For anyone who has suffered a loss or not, you will tear up with the struggles & life lessons in this edition. There are moments of sadness, joy and it will make you laugh out loud...it had everything I needed.
