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Anna lives every day the best she can while struggling against the demons that threaten to consume her and drag her back into the darkness of her very troubled past. The last thing she needs right now is a guy, especially one as sweet and sexy as Jed. When the attraction becomes too strong to resist, she gives into it. Even when she knows it'll only end in disaster and leave her even more scared and broken than she was before.

Jed wants to find the right woman and he's drawn to Anna by carnal magnetism, but she also brings out an Alpha side of him that he's never known. When his alpha rears its head, it triggers memories in Anna and her carefully crafted wall of protection begins to show cracks.

When fate and misunderstandings threaten the already delicate relationship, can they survive? When Anna's demons threaten to be unearthed and Jed's inner alpha only seem to make them worse, can they overcome?

Is it even worth it?

Warning: This book contains graphic violence, sex, and adult language

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From Reader Review Worth It for online ebook

Melanie Charlesworth says

Awesome, awesome, AWESOME!!!!

I don't want anyone to know how damaged and worthless I am. - Anna

Anna has been through so much in her life and is so broken. Her mother is there but is completely absent. Her father is an alcoholic and doesn't know her. Her step-father is a closed book and her first boyfriend beat the crap out of her, verbally abused her and raped her. She has no self-worth and no self-esteem. She hates herself and thinks that she deserves all of the bad things that happened to her.

I sob harder and harder with the feeling of worthlessness. I have nothing, and no one loves me. I'm falling deeper and deeper into a hole of blackness...

Jed is tired of the dating scene and is ready to find a good women to settle down with. When he sees Anna the first thing he thinks is that she is beautiful. So when his uncle tells him that she is the girl that he wants to introduce the two of them, Jed is excited to meet her. But when he does she is very shy and doesn't go for his normal pick-up tactics, he is not sure how to approach her. When fate steps in and she needs a ride home from work, he is more than happy to help her out.

I'm so fucking confused. I don't know what it is about this chick that makes me want her so bad. I get that she's hot, really hot, but there's something else. Maybe her shyness is a challenge for me to get her to open up? I don't know what the fuck is going on in her head. She's hot and then cold. She's shy, I get that, but I don't think that's it. There's something about her that makes me want to find out what it is. - Jed

Anna doesn't understand why someone as hot as Jed would want anything to do with her. Her abusive ex-boyfriend told her that she was a worthless piece of shit for so long that she believes it as true. So when he wants to spend time with her she is a little bit freaked out.

“Why do you want to take me out? I don’t get it.”

“What don’t you get?”

“I don’t get why you’re so interested in me.”

He seems to struggle with his words for a moment. He glances at me with narrowed eyes, like he’s trying to figure me out. “I don’t know, Anna. I like you. You’re beautiful and funny. Something about you draws me in.”

I can’t do this to myself. I don’t understand his game. There’s no way he really wants to be with me, so I know his words can’t be sincere. The idea that he just wants to fuck me crosses my mind....

This book is so good! It is hard to believe that this is Nicki's first novel! The pain that Anna is in of much of the book is heartbreaking. The self-hate is hard to read sometimes. Jed is the best medicine for her. He heals her and helps put her back together. He encourages her to get help and helps her through her pain. He is defiantly on my top best book boyfriends list because he is beyond yummy in every way imaginable.

“You want to know what I see? I see a beautiful woman with a big heart. I see a hard worker who has a passion for her dreams. I see a woman who’s smart and funny. I see a woman who I want to know.” I

run a hand through my hair, struggling for words. I'm not good at this shit. I've only known this woman for a few hours, but even I can see how awesome she is. I take a deep breath as I step closer to her. In a softer voice, I say, "We didn't even order dinner for half an hour because we kept talking. That's a connection, baby. You're so different from any woman I've ever known." I reach up to stroke her cheek, and I see her body relax a little. "Do you get me?"

Jen says

Imagine spending your whole life thinking you're worthless. Not good enough. Never feeling worthy of love, affection, only pain. Going through life believing you will never be worth it.

Anna has never had anyone show her real love. Her real father never showed any interest in her. Her mom and stepdad weren't really a big part of her life. Her mom was always working and she didn't feel all that comfortable with him.

Sure she has friends, but she's in desperate need of true love.

She meets Todd and thinks the sun rises and sets with him. He's hot, tells her she's pretty and says things to her that makes her "stand a little straighter."

"This is the first time in my life when I've felt special and wanted, and I cling to it.
I cling to him"

Little does she know, he will ruin her, destroy her self-confidence and rip her heart to shreds. Everything she thought, everything she dreamed about, is torn away from her. She tries so hard to please him, to make him happy. But again, she's not worth it—or so she believes. The pain he physically causes her is nothing compared to her need for him in her heart. She craves him in any way she can have him. Until one day, he's gone.

Anna struggles with her feelings of being abandoned and tries to move forward in her life. She struggles to put the pieces of her broken heart back together. She goes to great lengths to bury the pain and begins to do things to herself that broke my heart.

"Why can't I be stronger?
Why can't I shoulder this?
What the fuck is wrong with me?"

The pain and agony I felt for Anna hurt me so deeply. It was like a knife in my heart. I wanted her to heal. To see the beauty in herself, but couldn't.

After another failed relationship, Anna finally meets someone who may help her realize that she is worth it. Jed. Jed is pure perfection. Tall, beautiful body, droolworthy smile, just WOW. He's kind, funny, and he uses these lines that would have had me dropping my panties, that's for sure!!

"Did it hurt when you fell from heaven

If I could rearrange the alphabet, I'd put U and I together."

Of course he's joking around, trying to make her feel comfortable, but he is just that freakin adorable that I fell in love!!

Their relationship continues with both of them developing really intense feelings for each other. He tries to show her how worthy she is. How she deserves to feel love and cherished.

"You want to know what I see? I see a beautiful woman with a big heart. I see a hard worker who has a passion for her dreams. I see a woman who's smart and funny. I see a woman who I want to know."

Did you just die? I seriously think he dropped out of Heaven because he is just pure perfection.

There are bumps in the road, and Anna's past makes it so difficult for her to trust and feel safe and secure in Jed's love. The ghosts haunt her and leave her struggling with being able to move forward.

Will Anna be able to have a future with Jed? Will she finally realize that she deserves love and happiness?

Take the journey with these characters because this book is worth it. I laughed, cried and at one point was literally shaking!! Nicki DeStasi's first novel was fantastic. She pours her heart into her writing, and it shows. What an incredible debut novel from this amazing author! I loved it and can't wait to see what she has in store for us in the future!

Lorraine says

4,5 stars

Kristina says

This book centers on a concept that plagues many, poor self-confidence and low self esteem due to LIFE. In this sobering story Anna must come to terms with her troubled past that consists of family drama, relationship issues and negative behaviors. Will a chance encounter with a highly attractive and stable guy(aka Jed) catch her interest and teach her how to trust, love and heal? The content in Worth It is very deep but it also has wit woven in and HOT sex throughout. This makes it addicting. I highly encourage you to check out this captivating debut novel by Nicki DiStaci. Being product of our past does not mean we are damaged for life. Got to work thru stuff but there may be a light at the end of the tunnel. Beautiful message Nicki DiStaci.

?whina says

Reviewer for **Kitty Kats Crazy About Books**

5 ★★★★★ Totally Worth It Stars!!!

I've been meaning to read this since the Blog Tour, caught my attention something *Wicked!* the Synopsis totally drew me in amongst the majority of the 5 star reviews. I am soooo glad that I finally got a chance to read **Yay

I really enjoyed this, it was *Beautifully* written. The story really grips at your heart with all the crap that Anna had to endure ***have some tissues handy* (???)

It had the makings venture into the really *Dark & Gritty* side, aaaand has some really soul crushing incidents but the way Jed was written into the story put some much needed lightness to it ***laughs to self cause' he really is a HornBall!* (¬?¬)

Apart from Jed being such a *HornDogg* he was/is THE Best thing that could have came into Anna's life.

***Jed needing to have conversation with his Dad*

I like the idea of helping her, of being her protector. I want to be the man of the house, the defender and the provider. I'm not saying she needs to stay at home, barefoot and pregnant, popping out babies, but I like the idea of being her rock, someone who she can depend on. *Fucking hell.* My throat tightens. *What the shit is this woman doing to me?* One day, I'm a raging asshole, and the next, I need box of tampons. *I really need to talk to my Dad.*

It was *Amazing* to see her evolve from the young battered & abused girl to the Strong, Remarkable Woman she became with the help of Jed.

I'm not going to go into depth because this is a definite **must read** so I'm not going to give anything away (>???)

Except to say.... make sure to add this to your TBR OR better yet, get your one click on and **start this now!**

I will be keeping an eye out/ *stalking* Author Nicki DeStasi for further books!

You really are an Awesomesome writer Nicki. can not wait! to read more from you (✿???)

sue says

Let me start off by saying how I got to read this book.

My friend Philomena, we manage an authors Facebook page together called 2 friends promote with authors. We also have a Facebook page where we add our reviews, along with each of us separately running our own blogs. We also help out with Blog Tours.

Philomena has a blog tour, whereupon she read and reviewed this book, seeing her review and knowing we have similar tastes, I decided to purchase it.

Now to the book!

Once opening the book I was lead right into very deeply the content of this story. As soon as I started to read this I just knew, by experience that I was going to love this to the end. I knew it had left Philomena gasping and I thought she was exaggerating. SHE WASN'T.

WORTH IT. She didn't think she was WORTH IT. No one treated her like she was WORTH IT. So she had no confidence, self esteem and she felt WORTHLESS. I was inside Anna, I was walking in her footsteps, felt her pain, felt her torture and felt heard in my head her reflections on the aftermath of things that happened to her. WORTH IT, she felt WORTHLESS.

I'll move along to when she met Jed, what a fantastic guy. So good for Anna and so patient. I can't give the story away, I feel like rambling on and on and on.....yes its that good.

There is a twist in the story, no...there are a couple of twists.

I was left holding my Kindle to my chest and gasping out loud several times throughout this story, texting my friend Philomena and saying OMG or WTF, I was open mouthed in many places within this book.

You HAVE to read it.

I can't find any other books written by this author Nicki DeStasi, so I am assuming its her debut book, if this is the case, then blimey!!! god help us for any further books from her.

As a reader and reviewer and blogger, I read a lot. I usually go straight into my next book, but this one has blown my socks off, and that only happens on occasions, this is ONE of them.

Jennifer Diaz says

This book is one of THE BEST book I have ever read. When a book pulls at every emotion, you know it's a gem and Worth It is one that will do it. I laughed, I cried, I thought why is the author torturing me, and then when I thought I couldn't take any more my heart just melts! It takes you to crazy ugly cries to a beautiful love story all in one. This is a dual POV from the female and lead characters.

We start with Anna who believes failed relationships are her specialty and deals with them in ways most of us cannot imagine. Then she meets Jed. He is unbelievable handsome and they fall hard and fast for each other. She struggles with the fact she would be able to catch a guy like him. He is smart, funny, and hot! She thinks she only deserves the losers that she has had in the past. The writer does an amazing job taking us on their journey of new love and discovery that is not only smoking hot it will make you literally laugh out loud.

When Anna's past makes an appearance it throws everything into a tailspin and I literally lost it! I cried my eyeballs out but loved every second of it! Anna's has a lot of growing to do from being the continual punching bag of the men that have been in her life. Is she able to handle Jed's love for her and how will she react when her past comes back to her haunt her. Will she finally believe she is worth it in the end? This is a

FANTABULOUS debut novel by Nicki Destasi and I cannot wait to see what else is in the works from her.

Tracey Murphy says

From the first page, Anna's life will break your heart. She had none of the love or support that she deserved from her family as a child, so Anna always felt abandoned and alone. This left her vulnerable to accept affection in any way possible, even if it came with horrific abuse. Anna went back time and time again, and although this made me angry, it was so heartbreakingly understandable since she had no one she could lean on - and no one to tell her that she didn't deserve the awful things that a boy was saying or doing to her. She escapes that horror, only later to be taken advantage again. Anna is still alone, believing the very worst things about herself and even resorting to self-harm to dull the pain. But with all Anna went through, she somehow managed to move on with her life, find friends, and fight like hell to quiet the demons that followed her everywhere.

Enter Jed. Gorgeous, funny, and kind hearted Jed. Jed is everything Anna always needed and deserved but was cheated out of all her life. He's someone who sees all she has to offer, the strong quiet beauty that she has inside and out, but can see that something has damaged her more than she's ready to admit. Anna starts to let down her walls slowly as she very cautiously lets herself get closer to Jed. Love from Jed is what starts to heal her, and finally Anna starts to realize maybe she's not all those awful things she was called or deserve the terrible things that were done to her. But for Anna, the past isn't all in the past, and she needs to figure out if she wants happiness enough to fight for it.

This was fantastic debut novel from Nicki DeStasi. Scenes from Anna's past are difficult to take because they are so real. You feel yourself breaking right along with her each time she gets rejected and abused. Jed was a beautiful character, he truly loves Anna and doesn't push her to reveal what she's hiding. He won't stand for her getting mistreated by anyone, including herself. What made me love him was how enraged he was when he learned about what happened to her. Someone finally thought she was worth protecting, and I felt more anger at her parents for not caring enough to take that same interest in her all those years ago. Anna was a tough as nails heroine, but she needed to know what happened to her was wrong, and seeing how someone like Jed could fall for her made her start to realize that could be true. I was so happy she had a chance to finally see that she was "Worth It."

Romance Readers Retreat says

OMG I loved this book, favourite read of 2014 so far, its fantastic!

Anna is a damaged young woman, as a child she craved love and attention but never got it. At 15 she meets Todd, he's older than her, what follows is a sexually violent controlling dominant relationship. Anna thinks she needs him, loves him and is dependent on him so she takes everything he does to her to keep that. One day he just disappears and leaves Anna heartbroken she slips back into her depression and harming herself to deal with the pain she feels, this part of the book is hard hitting, as are the rape scenes but not over done, as the years go by Anna has few failed romances then in comes Jed. OMG I loved him! He's not damaged, not broken, not alpha male, he's just a sexy loving man. I could write a ten page review about this book but I'll keep it shorter. They end up going out, Jed is smitten but knows Anna has secrets and things she keeps hidden. They fall in love and Jed's there every step of the way to help her overcome her insecurities and

problems of the past. He encourages her to open up and talk and seek help. Their love is sexy, hot and passionate! There is a twist which I wont go into because I don't want to spoil this amazing book for anyone. I loved these two characters, maybe Jed just that bit more....its heart-breaking, soul searching, I laughed and I cried. If I could give this book 10 stars, I would. Nicki has written a fantastic debut book and I look forward to her future work. Read this book, its definitely "worth it "

Miria Vanessa says

4.5 stars

You know that feeling when you went on a swing set and you'd try to go as high as you could and you could feel your stomach drop when it went back and then the stupid grin on your face when it felt like you were reaching the sky? That's what it felt like to read this book. My emotions were all over the place. In some scenes, my stomach dropped and I cringed on endless occasions at the atrocities Anna went through. If you are sensitive to violence and graphic descriptions, I advise you this is not the book for you. Anna's period of self-harm and the things that went through her head got to me in more ways than I care to describe. It was raw, gritty and painful. The times she held the blade in her hand , I wept for her. But even at her lowest points, and let me tell you they were LOW, there was this sparkle of determination within her that shined through the writing, that made me root for her the entire book through.

I'm not going to dwell on the negative characters, her exes, because well, they are truly evil characters are way too common in real life. I can almost guarantee you know someone who behaves like these men do. And then , there's Jed.

I am stunned at the author's ability to bring to life these characters so fully in a pretty fast-paced storyline, none more so than Jed. He is tall, dark and handsome. He is sweet, sexy and laid-back. At times he is impulsive, he jumps to conclusions and not-so-perfect. He tries his best to get to Anna. Every scene he's in made me grin like an idiot. The steamier scenes in this book are insanely hot and exquisitely written. So overall, a phenomenal book with everything you could possibly need for an awesome read that'll stay with you for a long time.

Lustful Literature says

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

5 Beautifully Written Journey to Self Discovery Stars

This is the story of Savannah Matuszak. A typical teenage girl dealing with the emotions involved with her estranged father. Never feeling she had the acceptance of her father or any male role model in her life, Savannah involves herself with Todd during High School. Savannah spends two years with Todd trying to earn his love by allowing Todd to do whatever he wants to her. She accepts his verbal and physical abuse and endures unspeakable things to try and feel loved. When Todd suddenly disappears, Savannah is left feeling rejected again.

"If I give him this, he'll love me."

Looking to escape the pain that being rejected by all of the men in her life, Anna turns to self harm as a means to dull the pain. When the reality of her life and what she is doing to herself becomes clear, Anna sets out on a path of repair her broken heart.

"One step in front of the other-it's the only way to move forward when everything is falling down and crumbling to pieces."

When Anna meets Jed. Jed is immediately drawn to Anna and can't get enough of her. He quickly realizes there are some underlying issues holding her back and gives Anna everything he has to make her feel his love.

"There's something about her that makes me want to find out what *it* is."

As their relationship unfolds, and secrets are shared, their love is tested. Can Jed finally get Anna to see she is Worth It?

"I want his heart to beat for me and mine for him, but the further I fall, the more panic grips my lungs."

As utterly heartbreak as this whole book is from start to finish, it is a beautifully written masterpiece. Nicki did an amazing job with every single aspect of this book. You will be ripped raw with emotions and wanting to wrap Anna in your arms and just hold her. There has only been one book prior to this that has ever made me ugly cry with snot running down my face, this book did just that for me.

The therapy aspect of this book will have you re-evaluating your own life, and how you have handled situations. It is obvious that there was research done on this portion of the story, as I felt like I was sitting in my old therapist's office.

"If I'm not really this horrible person I've always thought I was, then who am I?"

There is a lot of very loving, caring, amazing sex scenes between Anna and Jed, that are sure to moisten your panties a little bit. These two just can't keep their hands off each other. Their quirky little banter will have you giggling, and who doesn't love a few well place movie quotes!

I would highly recommend you picking up this book, even though some of the subject matter may be hard to digest, I assure you the way it is written will help ease the blow. The HEA is the best outcome for Anna, and while getting there can be tough on your emotions, I promise everything turns out amazing for Anna.

This book contains physical and mental abuse, rape, and self harm, please approach with caution if you are sensitive to this subject matter.

An ARC was received in exchange for an honest review

Alison Bailey says

Worth It had everything, angst, suspense, humor, romance, heartbreaking events, and joy. From chapter 1 I immediately felt this story. I don't think I've read a book that made me feel something this quickly. We meet Anna, the main female character, first off and I loved her and wanted to hug her. Then there are several characters I hated with a passion, but I was supposed to. They were horrible people. Then we have sweet Jed. He's a real guy. He's not a millionaire, he doesn't always say the right thing, he wants a relationship with a future, and he wants Anna. The chemistry between Anna & Jed was real, honest and fantastic. Nicki DeStasi did a great job with the detail and keeping you wondering about when a certain character (one I hated) was going to show back up in Anna 's life. Then the end....well I'm not going to say anything. I highly recommend Worth It.

deb22luvsbooks says

If anyone has ever been treated badly, you know how that can mess with your head. This is a story about a girl who had insecurities as a young girl because of the rejection by her father. These insecurities made her crave love and takes her on a dark journey. She is abused by an older boyfriend, she is used while in college and her relationships always seem to be me sided. She struggles with having confidence. It is sad. But this story is also about learning to be strong, learning to accept the right kind of love and most of all, loving yourself.

Be warned, this book contains scenes of abuse, rape and self harm. If these are triggers you may want to be cautious with this book.

Angela DeMarco says

This book for me was one of my favorites I have read to date. Not only did I laugh, I cried, I wanted to throw my kindle at someone in particular because of there hurtful behavior, this person deserved the hatred I felt. This story has so much to offer from, humor, romance, angst, suspense, to heartbreak all rolled into one little ball. In all seriousness it does in fact deal with some heavy issues, verbal, sexual, physical abuse, rape, self inflicted pain. There may be people right now in this world who may be dealing with the same issues but just know you are so "Worth It" you have the strength within yourself to pick yourself up and get out and get the help you need. Who knows there may be a "Jed" waiting in the wings for you.

We first meet Anna as a teenager girl on her way to meet her biological father, who bolted completely out of her life when she was two. For most of her childhood he has not once wanted to see her again until now. She has high hopes that she can build a relationship with him, of course he promise's her that and when he makes no effort he completely reject's her yet again. Enter Todd who is much older than Anna, there relationship is sexually violent controlling dominant. Anna is so dependent on him, loves him, needs him, she really doesn't know what love is all about she feels Todd is showing her that. Until one day he just disappears and leaves her heartbroken and devastated, she slips back into her depression, and this is the part of her life when all the ugly starts to happen to her. Ask yourself how much pain and suffering can one person take in life.

Jed he's undeniably gorgeous, male perfection, sweet, caring, not alpha male, your typical down to earth kind of guy. Who wants someday to find the right woman and settle down with. Jed meets Anna at the pizza parlor she works at and is instantly attracted to her there is something about her he can't seem to shake. They end up going out and start spending a lot of time together, Jed knows Anna is hiding something and he's determined to help her at all cost. Eventually they fall in love and what a beautiful love it really is. Jed is

there every step of the way for Anna, he wants to help her overcome her ugly dark past, insecurities, and helps to open up and talk and seek help for herself.

You want to know what I see? I see a beautiful woman with a big heart. I see a hard worker who has passion for her dreams. I see a woman who's smart and funny. I see a woman I want to know.

The way her smile lights up her already beautiful face is awesome.

Of course every story has some bumps along the way, with Anna's past constantly in her mind she finds it so difficult to trust and feel safe with Jed. A part of the past does come back into her life, I don't want to spoil any of it, you just have to read this amazing book/story for yourself.

Can Anna overcome her past and move forward with Jed?

Will Anna finally realize that she is "Worth It" and deserves love and happiness?

Kudos to Nicki DeStasi on her debut novel, please do not let the subject matter steer you away from reading this book, Nicki expressed herself in her writing and wrote a beautiful touching love story.

I want you to reach in and grab you, the wonderful, beautiful you and embrace yourself. Put you into your heart and love yourself with all you have.

KAT ? Kitty Kats Crazy About Books ? says

MY RATING: ????? "WORTH IT" by Nicki DeStasi

5 Zombie Gazillion Gut-wrenching, Roller-Coaster, Emotional, Thought provoking stars!!

This has been on my kindle forever waiting for that time when I could read it and finally that day came and fuck this book is so "Worth it" don't just think about reading this, take that plunge and read it!!

A downward spiral into self destruction, like a ticking time bomb waiting to detonate, into the darkness where nothing and no one could hurt her, where she hid her pain and emotional suffering as best she could, how many times could she get knocked down only to dust herself off and get back on the bandwagon of life again only to be knocked off it again and left even more broken than before..

I'm not "Worth it" my own biological father rejected me as a child

From that point onwards is what triggered her self mutilation

I've found a new drug, my blood is my pain, and by releaseing a small drop of blood, I release the pain, cutting takes away the bad-emotions- the pain, the anxiety, the feeling of worthlessness

"I can't let anyone see the blackness rotting deep inside of me"

"Sex has always been a way to gain affection, a way to feel loved, it was something that was expected of me, but now, I understand, I understand the passion, the pleasure that can come from opening up to another person for more than just the relief from loneliness."

This book brutally took me captive and ripped out my heart bit by bit and tore it to pieces, stomped it into the ground as I drowned in my sea of tears!! This book didn't hold back one bit with it's emotional gut wrenching roller coaster of a wet tissue ride!!
