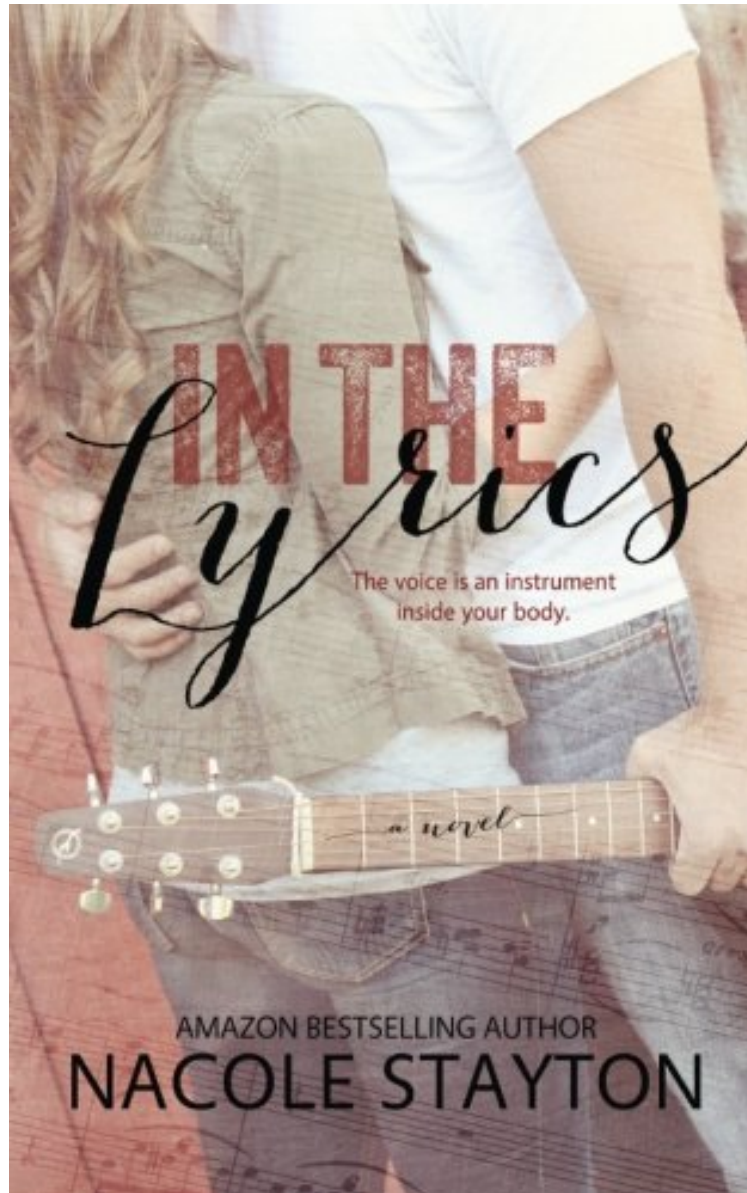


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**Nacole Stayton : In the Lyrics** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised In the Lyrics:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. In the Lyrics Is Music to my KindleBy JenWurtzThis story really moved me. In the Lyrics is a love story but it's so much more. It's a beautiful story of hopefulness, of making dreams come true and learning to live with the consequences, even when they hurt. Hensley is on a mission; she is determined

to be "discovered" for her music and ultimately to leave town to be a successful country star. Colby has a similar dream. He's left his family, farm and a difficult situation behind in order to make it come true and become a country star. What happens once these two aspiring musicians meet and fall for each other is what *In the Lyrics* is all about. Hensley is sweet; she's naive, innocent and beautiful and Colby wants her as his own. I love how she is so attracted to him at first sight that she doesn't really know how to act. Especially when it turns out he's her BFF's new roommate! She does the only thing she can - she acts like a bitch. It's very entertaining. However as the story moves along, Hensley makes some life-changing decisions and I found myself suddenly no longer a Hensley fan. I was angry, I was annoyed with her and I felt like I just didn't like her anymore. But you know what? This made me love Nacole Stayton's work even more. I'm almost always a fan of the main female character. There have been one or two exceptions, but overall I find myself usually rooting for the girl. The fact that I was frustrated by Hensley's actions and called her names out loud while reading is a tribute to the author's writing. It was something different for me and I really enjoyed the emotional ride she took me on. I actually liked having a heroine whose qualities I didn't always admire and who in the end I'm still not sure I like. Then there is Colby. Oh my country cowboy hotness. He is yummy. Colby falls hard for Hensley and it shows. He's sweet, caring, considerate and very respectful of her situation and her circumstances. He's a cowboy with a huge heart, and who wouldn't love to curl up with one of those? He's had a tragic past and my heart goes out to him. I could feel his every emotion and again I thank the author for allowing his feelings to come through so strong. There are supporting characters that enhance the storyline. One is Dusty, Hensley's long-time best friend. He's gay, which we learn right away so we know there won't be any sort of love triangle happening. He and Hensley have an incredible friendship that anyone would be lucky to have. Brittani is another character and one we learn quickly to hate. She's a bitch that wants to get her hands (and more) on Colby and makes it quite obvious very early on. Again her antics only make this story better. Then there is Logan, a long-time friend of Hensley's, but he'd much rather move into another more romantic category than "friend." So imagine how he feels when Colby comes to town and sweeps her right off of her feet. The story is told through alternating POV's, so the reader can see into the minds of both Hensley and Colby as they tell their story. I love this. It makes everything that much more real, knowing how both of them feel about the circumstances they encounter on their journey towards their HEA. And yes, there is a HEA. It just takes them a while to find it. But knowing it's there makes the story even that much better. *In the Lyrics* is a great choice if you're in the mood for romance, music and fun. I recommend it and know you'll enjoy it as much as I did. Thank you Nacole Stayton for bringing this story to life and for giving us the hotness that is Colby and the beautiful Hensley as well.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Amazing Story with a SEXY cowboy  
By slarson I absolutely love Nacole's writing style. I have read and fallen in love with every one of her characters. Colby leaves home to escape after a tragedy has left his family in shambles. His father has turned to drinking to numb the pain and Colby is always fighting with his dad. After one to many fights with his dad Colby decides to leave home early to go to school and pursue his dream of making it big in the music industry. He finds an apartment to rent with a guy named Dusty who also happens to be Hensley's best friend. After one encounter with Hensley, Colby knows that she is exactly what he needs to be happy with life again. Hensley wants to make it big in the music industry and move out of town. Her mom is always telling her to avoid men and never let them hold her back. The minute she sees Colby she is immediately attracted to him but fights it tooth and nail. She is offered a singing contract and immediately moves out of town leaving everyone in her life behind. She soon realizes that this life is not worth it without her family and friends by her side to support her. I was really upset with Hensley when she just up and let without worrying about everyone else's feeling. I really enjoyed the connection between the characters. I love how Dusty was always there to support Hensley and Colby waited for her when she went to chase her dreams. *In the Lyrics* is a story about letting go of the past, moving on, and making your dreams come true right beside the ones who mean the most to you. I can't wait to see what Nacole is working on next.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. In Review: *In the Lyrics* by Nacole Stayton  
By Kim B. Did you ever read a book where you fell in love with the characters, but they made all the wrong choices? Where you want to yell at them because you know things they don't and you need them to take the story in the direction you want it to go? This was one of those books. I absolutely loved Hensley and Colby, but they drove. Me. Absolutely. Freaking. Crazy.... In the best way possible. Hensley and Colby have a similar goal: escape their current situation and do whatever it takes to achieve their goal of a successful country music career. Neither of them are looking for a relationship when they meet, but their chemistry is undeniable. They really were perfect for each other. They were both fantastic characters with tons of emotional baggage. Truthfully, I liked Colby more than I liked Hensley. While they were both ambitious, she was more selfish and I found that hard to get over. I felt like Colby was more committed to their relationship, even when it ended up hurting him. The angst! The drama! It was really rather exhausting and emotionally draining at times. *In the Lyrics* was a beautiful, rich story with complex characters it was easy to love (and just as easy to want to shake sense into). Hensley's best friend (and Colby's roommate) Dusty is one of my new favorite secondary characters. Would it be too much to ask for him to get his own story? He was unique and I want more of him! This book really was a journey for the characters and the reader. It took me through just about every possible emotion and left me wanting more at the end. (No, there's not a cliffhanger. I just wasn't ready to give up these characters.) The journey wasn't always pretty,

but it was realistic and the characters emerged stronger because of it. The book finished on a high note for me and left me with a smile on my face. I received a copy of this book from the author in exchange for an honest review.

Hensley Bradley is the definition of the girl-next-door. She's kindhearted, beautiful, and talented. Bored with her mundane life, thoughts of fleeing her small town begin to consume her. With aspiring dreams to use her voice as a one-way ticket, she suddenly discovers that music might not be her only passion. After a fallout back home, Colby Grant decides to leave his family's farm, determined to show his father he's more than just a wanna-be country singer. With his All-American good looks, it doesn't take long for girls in his new town to focus their eyes on him. But things aren't what they appear from the outside, and it isn't long until Colby feels he doesn't fit into the perfect world that so quickly embraced him. A chance encounter places Hensley in Colby's path, but it isn't her natural beauty that first captures his attention – it's her voice. When love and music mix, will the combination blossom into a beautiful melody or wither into a heart-wrenching tune? Warning: This book is intended for readers 18+ due to explicit language and sexual encounters.