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My life was one of those teen angst rom-coms where the ugly high school student transforms herself into the beauty queen. Except there was no cute guy helping me along, no series of makeover shots with fun background music, no scene where I walked into the room and all heads turned to look at me while wind blew through my hair. I was the ugly high school student, and I did transform, but it wasn't all peaches and cream.

Bullied so badly in high school that it ruined my life, I spent my senior year in therapy. It was there that I transformed – not just physically, but mentally as well. I wanted a fresh start and going to college across the country was my ticket to that. It was a whole new world, and things were great ...

... and then came the blast from my past.

And he didn't recognize me. What was a girl to do? Revenge, of course! My plan was to make him fall for me and then break his heart.

Sounds simple, right? Wrong. If only revenge was black and white ... too bad a lot of gray was in the mix. But one thing was for sure – I needed a way to heal the scars from my past. I just hoped I could.

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Samantha Bone says

I fell in love with DC Renee's work from the very first book I got my hands on. To say her writing is anything less than addicting is a major understatement. Her style has such an easy flow to it, all the while building up to a mind blowing climax that will tear your heart out and then like magic she places it right back safe and sound. Scars of My Past definitely didn't disappoint in that.

Hurt people, hurt people. There's two sides to every story, and you never know what the next person is going through. And with love and understanding, scars can be healed. Cameron and Gen's story is a perfect portrayal of just that. This story shows us that you can still find beauty in the ugliest situations in life, and that letting go is an important part of surviving.

Shelly Wygant says

In true Ms. Renee fashion she wrote a story with all the feels. It was so emotionally charged. This story opens with Genevieve being bullied at her high school. She carries the scars that he caused around her heart and on her wrists But she rises from the ashes to become a better person. When in college she meets Cam. Cam has some secrets that will cause devastation in their relationship. He is blast from the past. I am not going to give anything else away. You need to read this story.

Two broken people in a relationship. They need to learn to love themselves, leave the past in the past and mend each other. This was a wild ride in a relationship but it portrays that true love can rise. Towards the end there was a wild twist (which is true Ms. Renee fashion also) that throws you for a loop and this one made me cry. I also loved the epilogue that let us see far into the future.

This is an emotional read with a tough subject but was so well written.

I read and advanced copy of this book.

Pam says

What a different type of story! I really liked Gen and I loved Cam. My heart really hurt when the Author took us to Cam's past and the things he went through and had to endure. There's just too much of that in the real world and that stinks! The ending was beautiful.

Monica Graves (nightreads) says

Another amazing story from DC!! There's no surprise that she likes to throw in a twist, and since I was expecting one I started trying to figure out what it was. The characters couldn't have been more interconnected and it was interesting seeing it all unravel. Emotions were all over the place, but I couldn't be

happier with the ending! I really want a story featuring those that we got to see in the end...?

Laurie Beemer says

This was the first book that I have read by this author and I am upset that I waited this long to read one. This book from the very beginning pulled me in to the lives of Tyler and Genevieve, from their immature teenage years until they meet again. Throughout this book there were times that I both loved and hated both of the main characters, but as teenagers just how smart are they do they really have any idea how words and actions affect others? This book has so many emotional scenes and the author did an amazing job describing Gen's strength within herself; happiness and forgiveness become a very important equation that has to be answered in order for truth and happiness to prevail. I cannot wait to continue reading books by this author. Thank you for letting me read this book and write a honest review.

Alex ? says

DNF at 54%

Bullying.

She was bullied at high school, she attempted suicide.

Then he changed his name and they didn't recognize each other only a couple years later...

HE BULLIED HER.

SHE ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

I felt sorry for his horrible situation at home. No one should live through such horror.

But it didn't justify BULLYING!

And nothing could justify any romance, love or friendship with the bully!

He maybe deserved redemption after many years of suffering, but he didn't deserve any chance with a girl whom he bullied!

Even if I break to romance level, I don't see any romance.

He continued to sleep with OWs even after he realized he liked her. And she was of course a virgin.

What is a message of this book?

Bullying deserves forgiveness?

Tortured past/present gives a person right to bully the others?

What if she died? What if she succeeded the suicide?

What if it's your daughter/sister/friend who suffers from bullying?

I NEVER accept any forgiveness for a person who ruined lives.

Nothing can justify bullying!

Nothing!

D.C. Renee says

I hope you all fall in love reading this story the way I fell in love writing it!

Kate says

Everyone has scars. Some are just easier to see than others. Gen has scars both inside and out, constant reminders of the year in high school that one boy went out of his way to bully her past the point of no return. Gen has recovered, but the past still stings.

Especially when she realizes that the nice boy who saved the day at the start of the semester is the same boy. He seems completely different than he was back in high school, so much so that it's nearly impossible to comprehend. And he doesn't seem to recognize her, either. Which isn't so surprising, really, since Gen's completely made herself over and moved all the way across the country in an effort to start over.

But when he inadvertently pokes at a wound that's still healing, she comes up with a plan for vengeance. It seems perfect, at first. But he has scars, too. And secrets that might just change everything.

I loved this. It's an emotional roller coaster told in dual POV, alternating through past and present. There's plenty of times when DC Renee delivers heart-wrenching scenes and others that are sure to reduce you to tears, but the end is worth the effort it takes to follow the journey of the scarred girl and the boy who's done his best to erase his past. Because sometimes the only way to heal what can't be seen is to expose it to the light and share the burden with someone who just might understand. As my first foray into DC's work, I can tell you that this book has won her a new fan who'll come back for more!

Sassy Southern says

Holy emotional rollercoaster Batman! Can two people leave the past in the past and learn to love? You'll find out in this emotionally charged novel. Without giving too much away this novel is a must read.

When we first meet Gwen she is riddled with scars. Scars in her mind, her heart, her soul and worst of all on her person. All due to years of bullying. But don't let this blemish in her beauty fool you. She is fighter and she is a survivor down to her very core. Cam, not only does he come with a past he also comes with secrets he is trying to run from. Hoping beyond hope these secrets stay hidden.

When Cam and Gwen meet in College Gwen is trying to overcome her past. To Gwen, Cam is somewhat familiar to her. He reminds her of the past she is trying to overcome. Leaving what I can only imagine as a sickening feeling in the very pits of her stomach.

When Cam's secrets come out of hiding will it be too much for Gwen to bear? Will these secrets make the feeling they have for each other null in void?

These two face issues only too familiar for a lot of young adults today. The way the author write the story makes you feel like you are with the characters on their journey. You don't feel like you are a reader you feel like you are a bystander. - By Vanessa

Nance says

4.5 star rating

Review to be written soon...

Jennifer says

** A review copy was provided by the author in exchange for an honest review **

~ 5 Redemption Stars ~

“ Sometimes things happen in life that change the person you were; things mold you into someone else or steer you in a different direction.”....Genevieve

This quote truly sums up this emotional charged love story. This was so much more than just a New Adult romance. It was a story about redeeming yourself and finding love in the most unexpected place.

Scars of My Past is a standalone novel told in Dual POV and both past and present time. I thought the way the author laid out this story to us was interesting and I thought it worked well with this storyline and characters. I thought the pace and flow of this story was well written and excellently executed.

I will warn readers though, this book covers a very tough subject for some. She talks about the effects of both abuse and bullying and what happens to the victims and the person who is doing the bullying. What I loved was the message she was trying to get across to her readers. That is that even if you are being bullied, there are people there to help and not to give up. Also we have to look at what or why that person is bullying another. It isn't always so straightforward. No I am not condoning Bullying what so ever, but sometimes there are other reasons for it. Please just read the book and see for yourself what I am poorly trying to explain.

“ Physical wounds healed. Emotional ones left a scar on your heart.”....Genevieve

I don't want to go into detail about the storyline, except that it is one that at times will be hard to read. My heart broke on so many occasions while reading this story. Not only for Genevieve, but also for Cameron. I will say that the first half of this book is slightly predictable, but the author kept things interesting enough to keep the reader turning the pages. So was also able to take me by surprise toward the end of the story. Something is revealed that I didn't see coming. But I loved what it meant. I loved both characters she gave us in this story. Genevieve was such a strong survivor. What she had to endure was horrible, but I loved that she came out stronger in the end.

“ I was beautiful, I was Strong, and I'd survived.”.....Genevieve

Cameron...I don't know how to describe him. Just that I loved him and by the end my heart went out to him. He was such a broken soul and all he wanted was to feel true love from someone. I loved watching his transformation. He is one character you will want to meet.

I would 100% recommend this book to anyone who likes a Mature YA/ New Adult romance story. Just know this isn't a light and fluffy read and it will pull on your heartstrings. I know this book and these characters will live on in my mind for some time to come.

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dreamerinxile says

Past vs Future 5 stars

Wow. Just wow. I felt my heart break for Gen and then it got pulverized thanks to Cam. Life isn't a bed of roses and it sure as hell not fun. You don't just get to walk away from your past without some souvenirs. And both Gen and Cam had it in spades.

DC Renee has yet again captured my heart with this heartbreaking story about a young bullied teen and the boy who changed her world. The boy who seemingly didn't see her as a person but used her as his personal punching bag.

Gen worked hard to be the girl she is today and that changes when her past walks back into her life. Cam made me swoon and sigh and Tyler did the opposite. I loved Cam as much as I hated Tyler, until everything came to a halting stop. Will Cam be able to help Gen move forward or will Tyler win by claiming his victim.

There are scars that never heal, yet there are souls that can sooth them. If we have the strength and courage to forgive. Will Gen love again or will she leave her future behind because she is unable to forget her past. Find out by 1-clicking this heartbreaking story of young bullied girl.

Three Chicks says

Review by Jen Skewes

This is my first book by this author and it will not be my last. When I first read the blurb I knew this was something that I had to read. If there is one thing that I love in a book it is a hero and heroine with a past that has left them broken, especially when it is the hero. This book is one of those stories that will make you feel everything. The pain, the hurt, the anger and frustration, but also the moments that will make your heart happy.

Gen had a good family life growing up but it was her high school years that caused her to suffer. Being bullied so bad that you just didn't want to go on any more. But Gen survived that part of her past and it now trying to move on. The past still haunts her, she still has reminders of what it did to her and how bad it affected her, but she is away at college and in a new town and trying to live her life. She meets Cam, who is this gorgeous boy who seems to be there to save her whenever she needed saving. But he looks oddly familiar to her. He reminds her of the boy that tormented her through high school and made her life hell. But at the same time he is nothing like him. When she finds out who he really is she sets a plan in motion, to let him know what its like to be hurt. Time goes on and Gen finds herself torn between the boy that she has become best friends with and the boy that put her through hell. Can she go on with her plan or will she fall

for the boy who she is supposed to hate?

I loved Cam. He was a really good guy despite who he was in the past. For a good portion of the book we see the past from Cam's point of view. We see what his childhood was like, the pain he went through and why he was that person who made Gen's life miserable. But it was seeing all of his past that made me understand so much of who he was. He really was a sweet and caring person who was trying so hard to move on from his horrible past. At times I felt so bad for him and my heart just hurt, from his past but also in the present. The way he loved and cared for Gen just melted my heart.

I loved Gen but at times she completely frustrated me. Bullying is never right but I felt like she was so stuck in the past that she was so unwilling to see what was right in front of her in the present. She was not willing to give it a chance and try to actually understand what happened, try to see what made Cam the kid he as back then.

This is the story of two broken people who are still tormented from their pasts. Despite trying to move on they are still living in the past, it is still affecting them today in a way that it makes it so hard to move on. There is a very slow build up to that moment when the truth comes out. At times I felt it was a little too slow for me but when it got to that point I was so engrossed in this story that I did not want to put the book down. Ms. Renee threw a twist in there that I did not see coming and one that made me truly hurt for them. I loved how everything came together, how the truth came out, the explanations of the past. My heart broke over and over again from that moment on but Ms. Renee managed to piece it all back together.

♥?Melanie says

Wow this book was a difficult read. It was heartbreaking, hard to read at times and yet gives you insight. Not everything is as it seems. There is never reason to bully someone else regardless what's going on in your life. Life is precious and so many forget that and you can feel that from the characters in this story. This book has a wonderful meaning within its words and the epilogue was absolutely PERFECT!!!

Theresa Alberts says

WOW! Scars of My past by D.C. Renee was more than I anticipated and the powerful message woven throughout this story pulled at my heartstrings and has stayed with me long after turning the final page. In fact, once I finished reading, I was so moved by the story that I couldn't begin another book.

Cameron Dents is a starting college quarterback with a past he is desperately trying to forget and move on from. Genevieve Breitling is a girl who survived her past with a constant reminder that she is strong, loved and a survivor.

Cam saves Genevieve from the unwanted advances of a classmate who couldn't take a hint and with the two sharing a class, they become friends. Cam reminds Genevieve of someone from her past, someone who ruined her self esteem and drove her to things that she never imagined. But the boy Genevieve knew had a different name. As a friendship continues to develop between these two, feelings of more than friendship begin. But its then that Genevieve realizes that the boy who ruined her high school years actually is the same

person that she spends all her time with today. The difference in character and attitude between the two is unfathomable to her.

As Genevieve struggles with what to do about her feelings toward Cam and her hatred for who he was in high school, Cam slowly reveals the details of his past, a past that was so hidden from the world that no one knew or could have guessed the struggles and defeat he faced each and every day. As each layer of Cam's childhood is revealed to the reader, your heart breaks for him a little more for what he endured while hoping that Genevieve can see past his actions to the person he has become today, despite everything from his past.

This book is a must read!!

4 stars
