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Christy says

I enjoyed this nice tale about forgiveness, moving on, reconciling the past and accepting what is.

Caitlyn says

Nice, quick read. Its about this couple that goes to Woodstock, they get JIggy with it there and he leaves her after. She finds out that shes pregnant with him and gives the baby up for adoption. Then its years and years later and who comes to her doorstep but a boy claiming to be her grandson. She goes on a journey finding the the answers she needs to move on with her life. Its a good, touching book. I enjoyed it.

Jordin says

This was a fast read. I really liked it. It felt to me like a simple, easy read which was exactly what I'd been looking for. It's about a woman who meets her grandson for the first time after sixteen years. It explores her new relationship with him and her past. I really enjoyed the book.

Louise says

Very nice story of a 51 year old woman trying to find out what she's lost and what she has.

From back cover:

"That was then...Me, Allyson Cole. Age sixteen. Living in the world of endless summers, of going wherever you wanted. And yes, my parents may have worried that I was riding into trouble - but I was young and in love, and growing up was something I had to do..."

And this is now...Me, again. Allyson Cole. This time, age fifty-one. I have everything I always wanted - almost. I don't have him...and I don't have me. Now's the time to find what I lost. To do that, I have to hit the road, and find the father of my child. And start a journey I never could have anticipated..."

Heather says

After the original Woodstock, sixteen-year-old Allyson Cole found herself pregnant and alone when her boyfriend Sonny runs away without a word, and her parents forced her to give the baby up for adoption.

Thirty years later, Allyson is stunned to find an eighteen-year-old boy on her doorstep: Nicholas, the son of

the daughter she gave up for adoption. Before Allyson's daughter died of cancer, she found where Allyson lived and told Nicholas to go to her "because she owes me". Allyson and Nicholas go on a search for Sonny to find out if they can be a family.

I like the twist on "baby given up for adoption comes back", and I really liked Jennifer Archer's writing. So rare for me these days, I didn't find myself pulled out of the story once for strange sentence structure or weird choices of words. Thinking back on it now, I can see an inconsistency in the story line but it didn't bother me at the time and I don't think it's a big deal even now.

I haven't read anything else by Jennifer Archer but I will now.

Pam says

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TITLE/AUTHOR: THE ME I USED TO BE by Jennifer Archer

RATING: 4.5/B+

GENRE/PUB DATE/# OF PGS: Women's Fiction, 2005, 289 Pgs

COMMENTS: Enjoyable read. At 16, in 1969, Allyson Cole was at Woodstock. At 51, in 2004, Allyson owns the Slender Pea -- a successful Health Food Restaurant. Allyson is finally ready to make the commitment to marriage (her 1st) but can she fully say yes when there are parts of her past she has not come to terms w/.

Andrea Guy says

Jennifer Archer paints a vivid picture of a mother who gave up a child for adoption and how it comes back to haunt her in a good way.

The characters in The Me I Used To Be are very complex and very human. But aren't all people that way. Allyson goes to Woodstock with her bad boy boyfriend and when it is over she's left alone and then later finds out she's pregnant.

Flash forward 30 some years and a teenage boy shows up telling her he's her grandson and that the daughter she gave up has died of cancer.

Wow!

Pass the Kleenex!

Through this meeting, we watch Allyson finally grow up and come to terms with her past. She makes peace with the man/boy she loved first and finds herself able to commit to the man she loves now.

It may be a lot to pack into about 290 pages, but Jennifer Archer does it well and she even inserts some humor as well. Life isn't all about the serious stuff. It was hard not to laugh when Allyson and Nick are climbing over a fence at the carnival to get away from a Pitbull and to get in to the carnival for free. And then there was the fight with the biker over a dog, that landed them in jail for a few hours. It was moments like that really leave you smiling.

There are a lot of moments when you will cry while reading this. Daughter Sarah's journals will definitely do that, but all in all this is a beautiful book about a second chance to make things right.

Cathy says

Great book! This was about a woman who gave her daughter up for adoption 35 years ago. She is now searching for the father of their child. He knew nothing about the baby because he left with no notice. There's a very important reason why she's doing this now. You'll have to read it to find out.

Jennifer Archer says

I wrote the book so I might be just a bit prejudiced. ;) I will say, however, that it was one of my favorite books to write!

Youusra says

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Awesome read!!
