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Nicole "Nikki" Johnson has never gotten along with her mother, so when she meets a great new guy, it's no surprise that Matt's age is all her mom sees. Just because he's twenty-three and she's sixteen doesn't mean he's a creeper! Thankfully, Nikki's dad allows Nikki and Matt to be together and see how things work out. Their relationship is fantastic and Nikki is on cloud nine... Until the Fourth of July picnic, when things go too far. Now a very changed Nikki has to make choices that will affect her every relationship - with Matt, her parents, her best friend, and most importantly, God.

Sixteen Details

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Iola says

Teenager Claire Monroe is anxious to graduate, leave home and be free of what she sees as restrictive parents. Her mom, Nicole, doesn't want Claire making the same mistakes she made ...

It's 1995, and Nikki Johnson is sixteen, working part-time as a ballet instructor. She meets Mark, the 23-year-old uncle of one of her pupils, and a friendship develops that gradually changes into something more ...

The story moves back and forth between the present (2014, with Nicole telling her story to her daughter) and the past (1995, Nikki's story). As I was reading, I was thinking, "This isn't going to end well". I'm not going to tell you how it did end (obviously), but it was a satisfying combination of expected and unpredictable.

Sixteen is a very good fiction debut. The writing is strong, the characters realistic and the situation all too believable. What is especially good is the way the author has got into the mind of Nicole, showing that teenagers haven't changed (and their parents really do understand them).

Overall, this was a well-written story, with the main issue that it was a bit on the short side. I would have liked to have seen more of Mark, to understand his thought processes, and I thought there could have been more emphasis on Nikki's motivation and reactions, especially with the dress scene (I don't want to say more, for fear I'll give away the story, but you'll know what I mean if you read it).

Sixteen is written by a teenager, and while it's aimed at teens, older readers will still enjoy it. This is an excellent first novel, and I'll look forward to seeing what Emily Rachelle can produce next.

Thanks to the author for providing a free ebook for review.

Meagan Myhren-bennett says

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This is just a short review so as to not give too much away. Claire is about to go away to college, but with just minutes before she leaves she and her mother have a talk. A talk that Claire hasn't had time for before. But this talk is Claire's story and also that of her mother and her father.

This is a story about choices and how the choices we make have lasting effects on the lives we will live. But this is also a story of the heart.

Sixteen takes place in both the present and the 1990s as Nikki and Claire's story is revealed to both the reader and to Claire. Some stories are worth hearing and this is one needs to be heard. Sixteen is a short story that should appeal to teens and it packs a lot into 70+ pages. Mother-daughter relationships, dating, and spiritual matters are the main focuses of this story which comes together in a manner that isn't forced or 2-by-4 to the head preachy.

I was provided a digital copy of this book by the author for the purpose of reviewing and offering my honest opinion.

Jack Baillot says

My Review <http://howeverimporbale.blogspot.com...>

Jillian says

Sixteen is a sweet and thought-provoking story. Debut author Emily Rachelle writes from an interesting point of view: a mother relaying her story to her teenage daughter. While this was a new technique to me, I'm happy to say the story captured my attention throughout. The writing reads like a breath of fresh air and tackles significant themes such as familial relationships, forgiveness, and believing in God.

Although I recognize this is a novella, I would have liked to get to know the characters a little more. The story seemed to rush through important plot points, and I felt that the end came abruptly. However, I enjoyed this novella overall. There is a strong Christian theme throughout, and I thought the characters were all memorable. I would recommend it to Christian teenage girls.

Julia Nashif says

I'm so excited for *Sixteen* to come out in book form! :D I'll definitely buy it. Currently it's only for E-Readers.

The love story is believable, even though starts quickly. Nikki does not care one little bit if Matt's several years older than her. I mean, it's not like he's 60. He's 24.

I'm impressed how clean *Sixteen* is, considering it deals with teen pregnancy. If one of the middle schoolers I know wanted to read this, it would be totally appropriate. *Sixteen* shows that teen pregnancy is wrong, but after Nikki's pregnant, what can she do? The way she and her friend, Christy, handle the situation is very well done.

I wish the characters were more relatable to people other than teen moms. I would have loved to see more of Nikki's and Matt's characters.

Also, I remember three of my mom's pregnancies, and I'm pretty sure a pregnant woman can eat the same things she always has (except alcohol). *Sixteen* often mentions that Nikki has to be careful about what she eats, but considering she's only sixteen, she shouldn't have to worry about dietary things while pregnant.

Favorite quote? Christy says, "In the end, after all the evidence from Christians and all the doubts from others, you just have to decide if you believe God or not." Christy's got it right.

I don't know when *Sixteen* comes into print, but I sure can't wait until it does. :)

Alexa says

A very interesting story. I liked the unique way it was told, a story from a mother to her daughter. It was also cool to be able to look into Nikki's emotions as the story unfolded, but then also Claire's as she was being told the story of her parent's romance. The ending was pretty sweet, too.

The characters were relatable and enjoyable to read about, though honestly, I did wonder where Nikki's head was at sometimes. And I also didn't understand the big deal about the dress scene (don't want to give away any spoilers, but you'll know what I'm talking about when you read it). Other than that though, I really liked the characters, especially Christy. She was a really good friend, the exact person that Nikki needed standing by her during that time.

I don't read many love stories, but I've never seen one quite like this before. It was an all-around good read and a great debut.

Maxine Livingstone says

This novella is 75 pages long so I am not going to get to into about what the book is about because of how short it is. The only thing you need to know that this book is extremely gorgeously good. The book is basically about a young mother of 34 years of age whose daughter is leaving for college. Before her daughter leaves however she tells her daughter Claire of how she and there (husband to mother) met and ended up of having a baby at such a young age. I would recommend this book for people of all ages. It brings together the bond of both mother and daughter from the past to the present.
