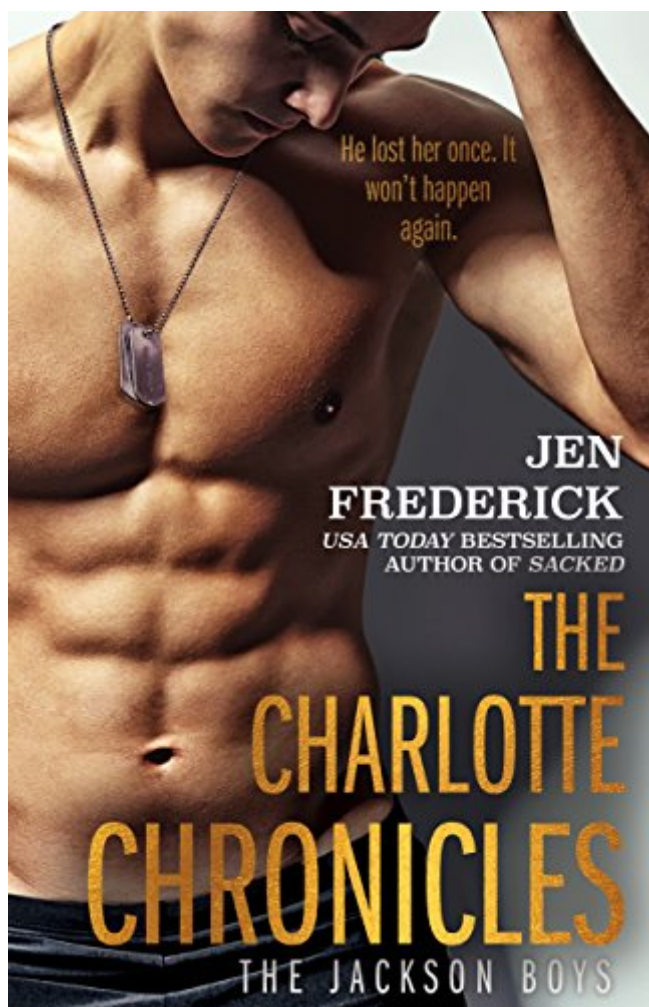


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Charlotte Randolph was only fifteen when she fell in love with her best friend's gorgeous older brother—but she wasn't foolish enough to hope he could ever love her back. Nate Jackson always viewed her as a pesky kid—until the day she got sick. The one bright spot during her illness? He realized she was all grown up. But just when she allows herself to believe that dreams can come true, Nate disappears from her life, taking her heart with him. Nate knows he lost more than his best friend when he deserted Charlotte to enlist in the Navy. He thought he was doing the right thing, sparing the girl he loves from the shame and humiliation of his actions. Nine years later, it's time to right his wrongs. He returns home determined to win back his first love—only to find that Charlotte's moved on without him. But if there's one thing that being a Navy SEAL has taught Nate? Never give up, even when all hope seems lost. And Nate's never going to give up on Charlotte. Ever.

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THE CHARLOTTE CHRONICLES Jen Frederick
Review from Jeannie Zelos book reviews
Genre: Romance. I adored Jen's Kerr Chronicles and was hoping this was in the same style. It's not though and just didn't work for me. That happens, not all books suit all readers. It's a well

written book, but the storyline just didn't grab me. I didn't read the stories about their parents, and maybe that would have made a difference, but I don't think so. The first half covers Nathan and Charlotte's teen years and the huge trauma they go through. I'm not really into teen romances, and could have coped with a 20-25% being that early stage but not the 50% it actually was. After all that angst they have a huge separation - nine years!! I wanted to know why, what had happened in the intervening years, and how on earth Nathan could go from adoring Charlotte to ignoring her for so long. We do eventually get some reasons but they didn't ring true for me, and I'd have thought even if he did feel that way that Charlotte would have made more effort at least when he came home to visit the family. Then there's the final drama, and that was just overkill for me. TBH it's possible that it's just too close to home for me, having gone through something very similar that makes me overly critical about books where it happens, when characters have a different experience to mine. That's my problem and not the book of course, but does influence how I enjoyed the story. Sometimes I find it works, it's handled well and everything seems genuine, and others it's as if the scene has been set to extract maximum sympathy without any research being done.

I am a sucker for second chance romances so when I ran into Jen Frederick's, *The Charlotte Chronicles: The Jackson Boys*, I was immediately drawn to it. The very start of the book had me HOOKED! I could not for one second put it down - whether I was at work sneaking in a read on my iPhone Kindle App or cooking dinner. Charlotte and Nate were basically attached to me from beginning to end. The introduction of the characters and their emotionally driven love story was perfectly done to the tee. All books should start exactly like this. Where you fall in love with the hero and the heroine from the get go and become fully invested in their story. I LOVED, LOVED both Charlotte and Nate. Everything about them just screamed TRUE LOVE! I was emotional even during the sweetest moments they shared because the author so genuinely portrayed young love so well. It brought me back to my first love- the vulnerability and the intensity that comes along with all first love affairs. What was so beautiful about this story for me were their early years; the pivotal points in their lives of both self-discovery and discovering the true meaning behind what love is. Because both families were so interconnected with one another that Nate and Charlotte were such BIG pieces of each other's lives. Charlotte's character was the epitome of a sweet but strong girl. With a mind of her own, I love that she never allowed herself to be affected by the nonsensical gossip that infiltrates the high school halls so much. She believed in her love for Nate and my God does she stick by him. I loved that. I admired that she stuck to her guns never letting pride get in the

way of love. This all just connected so well with the health hardships that she endures throughout this book.

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