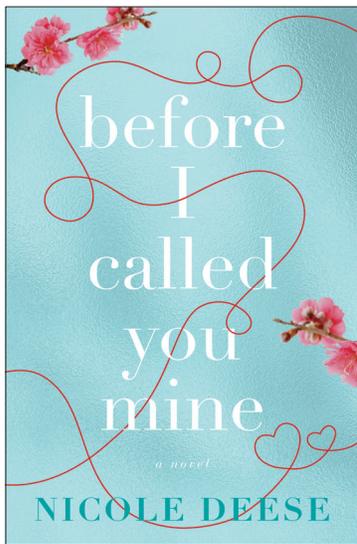


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by Nicole Deese

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**“Nicole Deese will crack your heart wide open with this funny, tender, and brilliant story about a woman who finds herself forced to choose between two great loves. I could not put it down.”**

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Joshua may be a substitute teacher by day, but Lauren finds his passion for creating educational technology as fascinating as his antics in the classroom. Though she does her best to downplay the undeniable connection between them, his relentless pursuit of her heart puts her commitment to stay unattached to the test and causes her once-firm conviction to waver.

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Nicole Deese’s eight humorous, heartfelt, and hope-filled novels include the 2017 Carol Award-winning *A Season to Love*. Her 2018 release, *A New Shade of Summer*, was a finalist in the RITA Awards, Carol Awards, and INSPY Awards. Both of these books are from her bestselling LOVE IN LENOX series. When she’s not working on her next contemporary romance, she can usually be found reading one by a window overlooking the inspiring beauty of the Pacific Northwest. She lives in small-town Idaho with her happily-ever-after hubby, two rambunctious sons, and princess daughter with the heart of a warrior. To learn more, visit [nicoledeese.com](http://nicoledeese.com).

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