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I am a monster. A sexual deviant. A gorgon for pain. I am Worthless William Welch.

But I am hers...

Ten years since Welch has seen Gwendolyn he finds himself in Portland, the same city they were supposed to live together; just two bloody lovers against the ghastly ways of the world. But that isn't how their story would pan out and Welch troubles himself everyday with memoirs of the only one that will have his heart.

His sweet, sweet girl. Fiery Gwendolyn is gone and he is alone with nothing to occupy him except memories.

As he tries to grasp onto the recollections while simultaneously forgetting the pain he was bathed in for so long, he searches for a woman that will give him the agony he so desperately craves. You know what they say... be careful what you wish for.

As Welch pushes an unlikely woman to the brink, he is surprised at her eagerness as she gives him what he longs for. Punishment, pain, and pleasure. He becomes enveloped by the demons of his past, the torment of his current, and the ghost in his mind that he refuses to part from.

Reverted back to the dysfunctional little boy who obeys, Welch finds himself in a disastrous cycle while the edge of goodness is within reach. Will it be too late for him to find love before he breaks himself down to a point of no return?

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Jenna says

It took me literally a month to decide what to say in this review.

Let me start by saying that if you are faint of heart, this book isn't for you.

So I had a really hard time reading this book in the beginning. It starts out majorly dark. (it does get more light as the story goes on.)

I never even considered not finishing because I have loved every book Mary has published, and I HAD to know the end of Welch's story.

I'm so glad I read this book.

I may not have gotten the ending I wanted, but they got the ending they needed.

If you love dark like I do, this book is for you.

READ IT.

Ginni Hall says

WOW!

It's seriously hard for me to put a review together for this book. I wasn't sure I would like it when I was first given the book for an honest review. However the world is a dark scary place and Mary E. Palmerin does a FANTASTIC job putting the real world into this AMAZING story line. I'm just in AWE of her talent and this amazing book!!

This book is not for the faint at heart but it's an AMAZING read!!

Nichole Watson says

Writing this review was just as raw and heart wrenching as reading the words in this book. I have never written a review that had me so emotional, that was before William Welch. This beautiful dark emotional book will grab apart of your soul and will hold on forever. I was still grasping what occurred in book 1 Gwendolyn Vs The Band of Barren Hearts, and I read that months ago. It is going to take something extremely special to top the ranking I have for The Emancipation of Love.

Mary Palmerin has done what she does so well yet again. An author that has quickly become one of my go to authors blew me away with this book. Her books are not cookie cutter. They are raw and dark with taboo subject but she writes them with a dedication as she only can.

The Emancipation of Love continues the story started in Gwendolyn Vs The Band of Barren Hearts. You will enter the depths of a mind belonging to a hardened broken soul full of rage for the life it was given. This is the story of a Monster created by a world that has discarded him making him worthless.

A shadow results when light is cast and William has lost his light, Gwen. She was the one girl who could comprehend the gruesome events of his life that most would find incomprehensible. They however aren't most people. A shadow is nothing without it's light, and Welch has always been nothing, worthless.

Worthless William Welch, that is who he is. Worthless is what he was born to be that's what the world has shown him. No one would ever miss him, he was worthless. No one could ever love him, he was worthless. He could never have happiness because when your William Welch happiness isn't allowed. He is just trying to exist day by day. Having been conditioned a certain way his entire life he seeks the one emotion he is allowed to feel, the one that calms his wicked mind, pain.

Then after all those years the light starts to become brighter when the girl he thought was gone forever returns to him. His dark wicked heart starts beating again. Life can become bearable. They are just two broken lost people who are just trying find a bit of their own normal.

"I love you just as you are, Welch. Please know that the only thing I would want to change about you is your pain. I would take it all away if I could and feel it myself."

"I would do the same for you too. That is what people do when they love each other, sweet girl."

There is nothing more I can say other than take a chance on something out of the box and read this series. I can honestly say it will change you forever. I can't wait for more word wonderfulness by this amazing author.

Received ARC for review

Christine says

Oh boy I was not expecting that ending wow that was a complete shocker but so fitting for these two. The first half of this book was filled with lots of hate from William Welch you could really feel it with what he did to people. You could feel how torn up he was.

The second half was filled with love and angst once he was reunited with his Gwendolyn.

Both twisted and tortured from their pasts, but still so in love with each other you could really feel the emotion.

Dark, emotional twisted and gritty a great read.

Heather Schrader says

I was gifted a copy in exchange for an honest review.

5 Dark Twisted Mindf**k Stars

Its taken me awhile to come up with the words to write a review that will do this book justice.

I felt all kinds of emotions reading this dark,disturbing book.

Mary knocked this one out of the park with the way she convenes the emotions brought forth from Welch.

In all honestly this is not a typical happily ever but is a telling of two souls so damaged beyond repair that at the end you cant help but feel relief that Welch and Gwen did get their togetherness just not in the way I was expecting it.

The ending left me an emotional mess and i had a huge book hangover for days.

This is easily my top book of 2015 and Im looking forward to more dark and twisted reads from the talented Mary.

Di Covey says

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5 'Always Us' Stars!

This fucking book.

A tragic tale of two souls desperately seeking peace. Peace from the evilness of the world, peace from their instability, peace from everyday monsters. This is an emotional journey you will never forget.

"Some things never change. Certain people are born into the world to perform, to be at the hands of the devils of the world. That is me and I have gotten the routine for my next act."

If you haven't read *Gwendolyn VS The Band of Barren Hearts*, go do that first. Hands down this is a favorite for me. **This is a dark story, proceed with caution.**

This is my second read through of this book. The amount of emotion that leaks from the pages is just as powerful as the first time. It's taken me a month to properly review, but I still can't put into words how powerful the pages are in this book. Welch and Gwen hold a deep spot in my heart. We meet two teenagers in the first book, trying to survive the evilness of their foster parents. Ten years later and it seems things don't change for Welch and Gwen, are they destined to fail? Can they find happiness within themselves? Two broken souls desperately seeking peace. With everything they've been through, can they ever be whole?

"Well, let me break off a piece of my madness for you and allow you feel unsafe for a little bit as I expose you to my instability."

Let me tell you, I was heartbroken for both characters. Just when I thought they were going to finally get some relief from the evil ways of the world, something would happen to shatter it all. I can't go into much more, but the ending. God, the ending. Was imperfectly perfect, I don't think it could've ended any different. A twisted HEA, if you will. I could go on and on about this book. Go read it.

Mary E Palmerin fanfuckingtastic writing, I felt every word. Thank you for letting me be a part of this journey.

Jeanette says

Very very dark. I had to skim over parts of the book as I found them disturbing. The ending was rushed. (there will be no book #3) :(

Dusti Hanrahan says

Well... Fuck me.... That ending??? I don't know if I wanna throw something or cry.

These 2 books are unlike anything I've ever read- phenomenal in their own way.

I'm void of words to do a review justice.

I LOVED THIS story-

Anyone who enjoys dark and twisted love this is def for you BUT definitely read book 1 first!!

Nance says

*****Warning - this book is sexually graphic with highly emotional abusive practices*****

As Gwendolyn and Welch's story continues, this installment is told in mostly Welch's POV. His narration is one of sadness and heartbreak for a man that is damaged beyond all control. I couldn't help to feel for this man that pretty much had his entire childhood stolen from him at the hands of horrific individuals that a young child is supposed to trust. His story is graphic in nature, and was hard to read, but it just solidified the fact that the abuse continued to rule his life explicitly. Violation and pain was all that he knew, and he proceeded to find ways to thwart any type of way to feel peace and happiness. He just thought himself not worthy of such contentment. He's still "Worthless William Welch" and now at twenty-eight years old, the extent as far as how extreme he will inflict pain on himself is barbaric.

"She is gone and the situation that happened before angers me further as I think back to why I am even still alive. What for? Everyone apparently has a purpose, but what is mine? I am a monster. A sexual deviant. A gorgon for pain. I am Worthless William Welch. I manipulate. I hurt. There is no goodness left in me. I am nothing more than a shell of a man who pretends to be someone he is not. Pretending is becoming too much. I let my monster go. Fate brought us back together and I screwed that up." – Welch (Chap. 7)

Such a sad and heartbreaking account of witnessing a man so broken beyond repair that was clearly not his choice. I really thought that this couple would have a chance once and for all to be happy, but the ending just wrecked my soul. What the hell just happened?? That was one twisted head-banger! I thought that the author cleverly got into the thought process of Welch with intrigue and darkness. To be such a tortured character, but also to be a hero to one damsel in distress is ironic. I will definitely be keeping this author in the back of my mind when choosing to read the dark side of romance. But, after reading this immoral duet, I need something light and easy on the emotions.

My word! What a glorious cover!!!

Ashleigh Giannoccaro says

"The monster I always knew that I was is just now being birthed." ~ William Welch

These two books are two that will go on my list of very special reads that will stay with me forever, I very seldom read fluff or happy books I am drawn to the beauty that is found in the hard stories the ones that we are all afraid of deep down. Mary brought that darkness out, sprinkled it with hope and a little light to make

two characters that are simply perfect. At 25% in I had to stop myself from highlighting the whole book.

When we see Welch ion the beginning of this book my heart aches for him to just find Gwen and for her to save him from himself. Then when they do find each other I am heart broken and ripped open at the hurdles they faced together. This story put my heart through the wringer.

A perfect ending to a beautiful story of love found in the dark corners where no one wants to look for it.

Carissa says

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Before I start, please note that this series needs to be read in order. The first book is the foundation for book 2, and you would not understand the depravity of The Emancipation of Love. Two beautifully broken souls, fighting for their Monster.

This is the second book in the Monster Series, which is set ten years later, in Portland. We're given a grave amount of detail into the depths of a deranged mind. A mind and body, emotionally and physically conditioned by circumstance. Abused and molested from the age of six, by his foster father and subsequent foster parents, Welch is conditioned to submit. A scared little boy looking for love, turned into a hardened, broken, ravenous man. With an insatiable sexual appetite. A monster created by the perils of the worlds, that thought him worthless.

In book 1 after escaping, Gwen and Welch made plans to live in Portland, but when everything fell through, they were separated for years. Each re-living their own personal nightmares, while trying to heal. But after living through such physical and emotional turmoil, can one ever escape those nightmares?! Sometimes, healing comes in different forms. And sometimes, you never heal, just survive and learn to turn your nightmares into pleasant reminders of a painful past.

I am a monster. I am her monster and my cold heart will never belong to anyone else.

Living in Portland and working as a tattoo artist, Welch is trying hard to quench his darker desires by living out his sexual fantasies with a willing woman. A woman that only excites him, because she allows Welch to perform all his depraved desires on her body. But she is only an empty vessel Welch uses in place of his Gwendolyn. Gwen is the only woman he loves, and can truly be happy with. She understands the darkness within. Until he reunites with Gwen his willing victim will have to do.

Scared to let himself be happy, Welch withholds his own release, only basking in the pain and perils of each sexual act. While, his emotions of self-loathing simmer and slowly bubble to the surface.

What I loved about this book, was the way the author depicted Welch's dark soul and his depraved thought process. The acts were even more brutal and disturbing. I felt as if I was spiraling into the depths of darkness alongside William Welch.

Reuniting after years of lonely existences, both Gwen and William, find a small piece of solace, until their worlds are shattered once again, by the monstrous world and the evil and deceitful persons living within.

"I love you just as you are, Welch. Please know that the only thing I would want to change about you is your pain. I would take it all away if I could and feel it myself."

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Thanks!**

R.C. Martin says

I finished this book a couple days ago and I still don't know what to say. After reading the last page, I was far too upset to even *try* pulling my thoughts together. Now, I think I may have hated it; I think I might have learned how tender my heart really is; I think I can never recommend this book because you can't recommend this story unless you **truly** know the other person. Much like Welch and Gwendolyn, this book is a monster you can't unleash on just anyone.

Having said all of that, Mary did a noteworthy job of ripping me to shreds. For two novels, I was invested and I needed to know what was going to happen next. It was written in such a way that I believed it and that deserves great recognition. So, while this tenderhearted reader will never pick this book up again (or even attempt to read book three,) you should know that it was well done.

Deniz says

I don't even know how to begin. Where to start...

Well, I cried. A lot.

I've read all of Palmerin's books thus far and I can't stress this out enough: ***her books are amazing.***

The Emancipation of Love is the second book in the #MyMonster series. It takes place after the events from the first book, but in Welch's POV rather than Gwen's.

I have to praise Mary E. Palmerin for being able to construct a story that is not only dark, but has meaning. It really makes you think twice about what goes on behind the curtains for some people, because this story can *happen*. When reading this book, I found myself expecting something to occur, only to be thrown off (but in a good way). My emotions were everywhere throughout the book (which, might I add, was finished in one sitting).

Boundaries are pushed. Bad things happen. People are, in its finest words, evil. This book explores it all and more. I expected the ending yet I really didn't. If you like dark reads and realistic stuff, then read this series. I could not recommend it enough.

Kim BookJunkie says

I LOVE this series!!!!!!

Palmerin once again has created a jaw-dropping storyline in this all-consuming sequel! Like the first book, main characters Gwendolyn and Welch are still fighting a war, trying to stay alive in a battle against what feels like the entire world. As always, Gwen and Welch's ever present black cloud follows them wherever they go, constantly showering them with pain and heartbreak. Peppered amongst what feels like constant hardship are sporadic bouts of hot, passionate, brutal and often bloody sex. Gwendolyn and Welch are just as screwed up as ever so they continue to do crazy things in order to survive. Palmerin introduces us to some new characters in this book, the combination of these troubled, complex characters resulting in a book that is even more dramatic, more chaotic and shockingly even more entertaining than the 1st book! This book is amazing – I did not want to put it down! I am absolutely in love with Mary Palmerin's writing! Looks like Mary just replaced someone from my 3 favorite authors list!

Michelle Trzecinski says

Balls to the walls, Mary E. Palmerin. I applaud you for taking a leap and going where very few authors are willing to go.

How do you start up a life when the one person that makes you feel worthy of life isn't with you and you have no way of finding her? This book was raw, gut-wrenching, emotional and REAL. The Emancipation of Love picks up following William Welch years after he's released from his rehabilitation stint with the state from his convictions as a teenager. How do you start up a life when the one person that makes you feel worthy of life isn't with you and you have no way of finding her? Trying to find your purpose in life after you've been dealt a shit hand as a child is an extremely difficult emotion to overcome.

I finished this book about 24-hours ago and I'm still hungover. My jaw is dragging on the floor behind me because of all the FEELS that were jam packed into the last few chapters. I cried in the fetal position. I begged for my mommy (yes, at 27 years old).

I hope future readers keep an open mind with this series and understand the deep emotions behind it. Mary wrote this book a certain way, where certain events occurred FOR THE BEST and shouldn't be ashamed. I get it, I do. I hope you get it too.

