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Rania Naim's 'All The Words I Should Have Said' is a beautiful, limited edition paperback book that poetically explores the thrills of love, the highs and lows of life, and the challenges of new beginnings.

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## **Rehan Abd Jamil says**

Nice.

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## **Eunice Moral says**

There are few pieces I liked but majority of it sounded a little cliché for my own taste. I hope somebody else will enjoy it more than I did.

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## **Kristen says**

I liked several of Rania Naim's works that I could post them as captions of my Instagram posts. Yes, the way they were written can make you feel some emotions, but writing them this way that are actually very short it's just one sentence and are kinda repetitive makes me question, is it really necessary? I know people would say this is one kind of poetry, but I expected more. I liked it, but I think it could've done better.

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## **Nøss Røø says**

Warning!!!

Don't read this book if you're a mess ,if you can relate to every line of it's fine poetry. Because you'll feel like it translates every feeling you couldn't express , it'll bring to blossom every emotion you fought very hard to suppress.

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## **Marie-Christine says**

I was so excited to dive into this and I feel a little let down. Even though this is a beautiful collection of poetry, I was slightly disappointed by the fact that it was only about love. So if that's what you're looking for, I definitely suggest you check it out.

However, I was hoping this book would explore other topics too and I just could not relate very much too most of the poems because they were all built on the same foundation - lost love.

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## Jane says

tsk hahah

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## Zulqarnain Ali Zaki says

"Promise me that you'll stay  
when it's easier to leave  
Promise me that you'll listen to me  
when all you can hear is silence  
Promise me that you'll love me  
when I can't even love myself  
Promise that you'll keep me safe  
for I've been living in danger my whole life  
and promise me that you'll finally give me  
the home I've been trying to find  
ever since the world kicked me out"

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## ruchi says

NOT.  
THAT.  
GREAT.

although of course, some poems really  
really  
I MEAN REALLY  
stood out to me.

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## Nat says

I was ecstatic to give this poetry collection a go, thanks to that vibrant cover attracting my immediate attention. But I was ultimately disappointed to learn that the themes being explored weren't the ones I was expecting. The blurb promises to dive into "the thrills of love, the highs and lows of life, and the challenges of new beginnings." It's safe to say, however, that **All The Words I Should Have Said** is mainly just about love, which is fine if that's all you're looking for.

Personally, I went into this excited to explore topics of insecurities, loneliness, and failures in life; not in relationships. And the low-key theme of cheating was another guaranteed way for me to dislike the book. I kept waiting for themes of change, growth, opportunities, and redemption to appear in the collection, but the story left me cold.

On a more positive note, there were still a few bright points in here that left me hopeful for more to appear:

## **TIMING**

*“Maybe we meet the right people at the wrong time  
because we wasted the right time with the wrong people”*

I liked the above because it made me think of this quote I recently read and resonated with deeply: *the people we meet at the wrong time are actually just the wrong people.*

Source

## **DEAR GOD**

*“Dear God,  
They say that you give burdens  
to those you love  
but sometimes I feel  
that you must love me too much*

*Dear God,  
They say that you want me to be patient  
but sometimes I wonder  
how long do I have to wait  
for a miracle to save me?*

*Dear God,  
They say you always remember  
the ones who pray to you  
but lately I've been feeling  
that maybe you've forgotten  
about my prayers and about me*

*Dear God,  
They say you're always listening  
but sometimes I feel like you can't hear me  
they say you're in every corner  
but sometimes I can't find you*

*Dear God,  
If you wanted me to make art  
out of my pain  
I've already created a masterpiece  
when are you going to buy it?”*

## **I KNOW YOU'RE TIRED**

*“You're tired of pretending you're okay  
you're tired of saying there is nothing wrong with you when there is  
you're tired of having to lie to people about what's going on  
and you're tired of pretending to be strong and smiling  
when all you want to do is cry*

*you wish you could just let everyone know what's  
wrong with you  
so they can leave you alone  
but you know that's not possible  
and you're tired of living another day  
pretending that you're not tired at all"*

This is something that Sana Bakkoush, my favorite from the tv series Skam, needs to hear with everything that's been accumulating over the past few days.

Source

## **MILLION-DOLLAR QUESTIONS**

*"Who do you run to when you're the one everyone runs to?  
Who do you run to when the one you really want to run to  
is running away from you?  
Who do you run to when you want to run away  
from yourself?"*

## **MOTHER**

*"I roamed the world  
looking for happiness and heaven  
only to find them  
in your loving arms"*

All in all, I'd say that though there were a handful of promising poems, **All The Words I Should Have Said** ultimately failed in capturing my full attention.

**2.5/5 stars**

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## **ellie says**

this was so generic that i thought i was reading a book called "all the angsty poems on tumblr that sound the same and mean nothing in the end."

there was just like NO personal touch to these poems. And I'm someone who thinks poetry is such a deeply personal and powerful thing. It was almost as if she erased herself from these poems and just described

feelings so more people could relate. so for me they mostly fell flat. because any person can say “you left me but i love you.” and we’ve heard so many variations of that at this point that it just feels repetitive.

if she had said like “you left me, but i was expecting it. i loved you too deeply, and i knew it wouldn’t end well. you gave me exactly half of everything (but you were my everything)” something like that. idk I’m not a poet but what I’m saying is that there were just like so many short sentences that would work superimposed over a picture of a black and white sunset or something, and it’s just cringey. what i was trying to get across from my example is that it becomes more personal, and you get a better look into her pain and her thoughts and her experience with him, because it WAS her experience. she SHOULD be telling us her experiences. but she just wrote sad phrases that anyone could have experienced and it was just kind of not my jam.

In my rating scale I say that I save my 1 stars for books that remind me that I could’ve spent my time reading like, actually good books, and this applies so well to that. I’m really, really disappointed. I wanted to love this because it’s a WOC, but I just couldn’t.

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### **Joanna Marie says**

there's two entries that really made me teart eyed. first one is 'You're allowed to leave' and the other one is this:

I'll never be the girl who feels nothing  
I'll always be the girl who feels everything  
- Everything

i just felt something that's comforting after reading them.

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### **Shahirah Loqman says**

*Thanks Thought Catalog for sending me a copy as a gift!*

I was pretty excited to receive this beautiful poetry book by Thought Catalog as a gift. I’ve always loved poetry books. Being a romantic at heart, reading about love always bring this warm, fuzzy feeling in my chest. Despite being super realistic about life and my relationship expectations, I do believe love brings out the best and worst in us, which may or may not be during our best of times.

I included Rania Naim’s All The Words I Should Have Said in my Ramadan TBR since she’s a Muslim Egyptian. It’s always so exciting to find a female poet, and one whose Muslim! So I was looking forward to this. Finished it in 2 train rides, so it’s pretty short.

Her words are quite beautiful in this book. She talks mostly of broken hearts, loneliness and sorrow. It tends to get a bit depressing from all the emotions that’re being poured into the book. And at times I felt I wasn’t really connecting to the poems. But there were some really nice pieces about self-resilience and being strong for no one else but you.

That said, I felt a little on the fence with this one. Some of the poems felt a little cliché when it came to

heartbreak. They're relatable to anyone who has gone through a heartbreak or ever been in love. But overall, nothing special comes to mind when I read this book. It didn't grip me as much as I wanted to and I wasn't reminded of the beauty of love, or even heartbreak, whilst reading this. Though there were some nice pieces about knowing what you deserve in love, I felt a little bland towards the other pieces.

That said, I still think it's worth a try if you like love poems. And I do hope you enjoy more than I did!

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### **Shea Iris says**

"and here we are worlds apart  
barely talking to each other  
separated by distance and  
unfulfilled promises  
living in shades of what could've been  
living in flashbacks of memories."

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### **Andreas Aristodemou says**

*And with simplicity, she revealed the scars she got from loving someone who didn't love her back*

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### **Sarah says**

*"Don't wait for someone to make up their mind about you  
wait for someone who doesn't keep you waiting  
wait for someone who wouldn't even think twice  
when given the choice to be with someone like you"*

It was a nice read, but I'm afraid nothing has stuck with me now that I've finished it.

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