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Living on the right side of the tracks can be cruel.

Poesy Ashby lives a dysfunctional life to prove it. Determined not to turn out like her parents, she's gives up seeking their approval and focuses on breaking free. But abiding by the rules is nearly impossible when corruption is in your blood.

Before Poesy Ashby becomes a renegade on the run, she's a girl from the suburbs who finds acceptance for the first time in the most unexpected place: between rose petals and thorns.

Bonnie and Clyde have nothing on her love story.

Poesy Details

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FMABookReviews says

When you read a prequel Novella for a character you didn't necessarily care for in the previous book, what do you hope to learn?

In '*Low*', Poesy Ashby was a difficult character for me to like. I felt she was more of a bad influence on Low than he was on her. I believed he would have fought harder to do the right thing (and possibly won), had it not been for her. So for me, it was important that this book, '*Poesy*', provide us with an understanding of the desperation Poe felt, as well provide us with an understanding for her poor decision-making.

I am happy to say, I found those answers within the pages of this book.

I felt sorry for Poe. I knew she was born into the middle-class and unto neglectful parents, who were more concerned with their own lives than her. She was an inconvenience. I *KNEW* it. It wasn't until reading '*Poesy*' that I truly *understood* how terrible living in a home like hers was and why she clung to Low and his family.

"Mom was emotionally foul.

Dad was just emotionless.

He resents his wife for getting pregnant after a few drunken LA weekends, and he resents me for being born."

I finally understand Poesy. I understand who she is. I may still blame her for pulling Low over the good and bad line, but I understand her passion and her drive. I felt her undeniable love and need to be loved.

Mary Elizabeth's trademark prose is present in this book,

"Like there's an invisible line in the road; bums and playas don't pass "Go" and collect two hundred dollars when things get fancy, and the uppity avoid the mark leading to the dark side like they'll catch "poor" by breathing the same air as the less fortunate.

Both parts of town feel like home.

Both welcome me with open arms."

To me, this was a perfect description of Poesy's circumstances. Where does she fit in? On which "side of the tracks" does she belong?

I could feel the desperation to belong, to feel needed, wanted, loved. She soaked it up like the flowers Low watered and cultivated. I loved the stark contrast between the families, one was riddled with love, the other, indifference. So while I may not agree with her choices, I understand why she made them.

"Little things such as this---small displays of affection I've been starved for my entire life---are some of the reasons I've fallen for him."

Overall, I enjoyed 'Poesy'. I definitely love Mary Elizabeth's writing. Her sentence structure and word choice suck me in every time! Her writing is beautifully descriptive which is in contrast to the heavy storyline. Her characters are thoroughly developed and intriguing. My only criticism is I would have liked this part of the story added to 'Low', and not be its own book. BUT that did not take away from my enjoyment of it, nor did it affect my rating. Because while I would have liked these answers sooner, and to have heard from Poe in the 'Low', **I was thrilled to get revisit this couple!**

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Becca - ★Wicked Quests of a BookNinja★ says

It's still a big, fat YES from me!

Paige says

3 "Alternate" Stars

This novella is Poesy's story before she met Low and how they fell in love. It's quick and gives a bit more insight into their love story but wasn't really necessary to read in my opinion. Still fun though.

Sasha (seetheworldwithbooks) says

I will always read what Mary writes. Even though she writes about a crocodile who's in love with a horse, i will read that one too. Thats how awesome she is xD

Yvette (Booksandbandanas) says

It doesn't matter what this woman comes up with. Every word, any word, goes straight to the heart. Mary, has a way with creating such beauty in chaos as I've read before, and it's simply true. I've said it once, I've said it twice, Mary is one of the best authors I've ever had the opportunity to experience. It's like being on a therapeutic ride. Anytime I read a book of hers I just feel
Lighter, happier.

I am so happy to get more of Lowen and Poesy. Their love story is so much then the trouble that follows them. To hear what Poesy was going through, what she thought of Low, how fierce her devotion was to him makes me miss them so much more. This novella was absolutely perfect. There is no other criminal now or

ever compare to Low.

"Even Crooks Love."

warhawke says

Genre: Contemporary Romance

Type: Book 0.5 from Low series

POV: First Person - Female

Rating:

Poesy Ashby grew up in a comfortable middle class family. She was provided with everything she wanted except what she needed the most - parental love.

When their gardener Lowen Seely noticed her, she basked in his attention. A girl from the right side of the track, with a boy from the wrong side of the track brought together by love that showed love could survive any hard road.

I love Low and Poesy in Low. Now we get to see how their love blossomed amidst the thorns.

"Tell me how it feels,"

"To struggle? To not know where your next meal will come from or if you'll be able to pay the rent? You don't want to know how that feels."

"No. Tell me how it feels to live with people who love you."

Poesy's family life was sad. For a girl who has everything, deep down she was just a lonely and in need of emotional support and she gave back ten fold to people who provided her with it.

He's my favorite thing. The most precious one. The only person who's ever loved me unconditionally and totally.

I love how she accepted Low, even after seeing his life and how bad it could be. She took risks and sacrificed for him and his family. Their love was unconditional, that's why I still love the ending.

"If I never met you, Poesy, there would be nothing for me to fight for."

Poesy is a prequel novella chronicling the couple before they were crooks. It should be read after Low due to plot spoilers.

Books in the series:

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JewelsyGoolsey says

4.5 -prequel- stars

Brilliant short novella, adding enhancement to the already emotional story that was Low.

In Book #1, we went through the journey in Low's POV where the MC's were already in an established relationship. Book #0.5 POSEY starts prior to where Low started and tells us the story of how the H & h met and fell in love, all through Poesy's POV.

There was nothing new or unveiling to this story that book #1 hadn't already told me, but it was just super awesome to get reacquainted and be gifted the beautifully expanded details on all the little things that I really wanted to know from book #1.

I would highly recommend reading Low first, as the epilogue to POESY has pretty much the exact same ending, which would then be a major spoiler for those who haven't yet read Low. There was nothing new to this ending that the author hadn't already outlined in Low but it still hit me in the feels just as hard the 2nd time round.

Definitely not a time-wasting novella/prequel.

Jenny - TotallybookedBlog says

“I don’t live like you do, Poesy.”

“Tell me how it feels.”

“To struggle? To not know where your next meal will come from or if you’ll be able to pay the rent? You don’t want to know how that feels.”

“No, tell me how it feels to live with people who love you.”

Sometimes you just need a little bit more. A little more background on the characters...well, just a little more. After falling in love with Poesy and Lowen in Low, we felt we just needed a little more introduction and build up to the intense love they shared and that’s exactly what Mary Elizabeth has given us in Poesy.

‘He’s my favorite thing. The most precious one. The only person who’s ever loved me unconditionally and totally.’

Low was a heart pounding, emotional and thrilling modern day Bonnie and Clyde romance that had us gripped in its every exhilarating moment and the only issue we had was that we would have loved the relationship between Poesy and Lowen to have been explored a little further prior to the commencement of the crux of the story.

‘It’s him and me. The boy from the wrong side of the tracks, and the girl from the right side. Villain and hero. Worthless and worthy.’

With Poesy we got what we wished for. Poesy begins from the first time Low and Poesy met, so we get to connect with them from the very beginning and it was a welcome insight into this period of their lives.

Starved of affection, in Low, Poesy found the love and protection she was always denied by her emotionally stunted parents. In their eyes, Poesy was an inconvenience to be ignored as much as possible. What she had in material wealth, she lacked severely in physical and emotional wealth, Low provided that for Poesy.

‘He’s hard where I am soft. He’s big where I am small. He’s calm where I am crazy.’

For those who loved this couple in Low, we recommend grabbing this book. For those who haven’t read Low, we must warn that the epilogue contains a HUGE spoiler for Low and it therefore our recommendation that if you are new to these books that you read Poesy, skip over the epilogue and head straight into Low - then come back to read the epilogue from Poesy’s pov.

LOW by Mary Elizabeth
Our Review for Low

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Butthisbook says

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5 "even the unlovable love" stars

Oh how I missed Low & Poe!
Leave it to Mary to write the perfect prequel ♥?

TheCrazyWorldOfABookLover says

Poesy is LIVE! | <http://amzn.to/1W7zCSY>

*"It's him and me. The boy from the wrong side of the tracks, and the girl from the right side.
Villain and hero.
Worthless and worthy."*

Everyone's favorite criminal and his girl are back.! And now you can read their story from the beginning told in Poesy's POV.

If you haven't read Low, I really recommend you do. The story of Low and Poesy is one I couldn't get out of my head. It's beautiful and touching and lyrical and TRUST ME when I say you'll find yourself routing and falling in love with this misunderstood outlaw and his girl.

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Jennifer Kyle says

4 STARS

Mary Elizabeth delivers a great little novella from Poesy Ashby's pov. She gifts readers with the backstory of how a girl from the right side of the tracks falls in love with a criminal. This novella is just what fans needed to grasp the hows and feels that drew these two characters together in the first place.

"Tell me how it feels to live with people who love you."

Overall this is well worth the read if you enjoyed these characters and were itching to get a glimpse into their origins and truly connect further with Poesy Ashby. Though a reader knows how their love story ends for me, this novella only added to the depth of my feelings for them!

"Even crooks love."

KAT ? Kitty Kats Crazy About Books ? says

TITLE: Poesy

SERIES: (Low, #0.5)

AUTHOR: Mary Elizabeth

GENRE: Contemporary Romance

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MY RATING

Oh how my heart broke reading the end of LOW BOOK#1 the thoughts going too and fro in my head trying to get my mind around that mind numbing end.

The frustration of not fully knowing what happened to them GAH so I hope this gives me a wee glimmer of hope. As soon as the author posted those LIVE links I had to one click this, I LOVED Low Book#1 and have been stalking the release of this for months!!

POESY: Poesy is a short re-cap prequel which starts right back where it all started in LOW this is solely from Poesey's Perspective.

Poesy Ashby lives in a dysfunctional uncaring world, living with a mother who was more invested in herself rather than the child she gave birth to, and a father who was an emotionless robot that resented Poesy for being born.

Always feeling as though she was an inconvenience it was only a matter of time when she broke the restraints of being drowned in a loveless house.

*Not belonging on either side of the tracks
is a tricky place to be.
It's left me,
Friendless
Loveless, and
Uncaring but
Daring.*

*The first time I saw you
I was up to my elbows in grass clippings
and cut from your mothers roses.*

It wasn't until later that I

*realized that it was love at
first sight.*

Her parent's gardener, the hoodlum from the wrong side of the tracks, was the only person who saw the loveless girl. Who gave her a slight taste of what it was like to be loved.

*"I don't live like you do Poesy."
"Tell me how it feels," I whisper
"To struggle?
To not know where your next meal will come from
Or if you'll be able to pay the rent?
You don't want to know how that feels."
"No," I say breathlessly
"Tell me how it feels to live with people
who love you."*

How could your're heart not break for Poesy the broken girl who at the end of the day just wants to be loved. And the only person who gives that to her is Low.

***I've been arrested
My family is on welfare
My dad is never getting out of prison because he killed someone
That's all I have for you Poesy. - LOW***

It didn't take long to get caught up with the feels with this book like I felt with Low, I never want this journey to end, Low stayed with me many weeks/months after I'd finished reading it. It just doesn't get any better than this, reconnecting with loved characters.

Christy says

5 stars!

Lowen and Poesy are a very special couple to me. When I read their story, I couldn't get it out of my head. It stayed on my mind for weeks. So of course I was anxious to get more of their story. *Poesy* is a prequel written from Poe's POV.

We all know how hard Low had it growing up. He grew up on the wrong side of the tracks and there were times his family couldn't pay rent or they didn't have enough to eat. It was always assumed that Poesy had it much easier, and maybe she did when it came to those things. But there were things that Low had that she never had. Not until she met and fell in love with Lowen.

"I don't live like you do, Poesy."

?“Tell me how it feels,”

?“To struggle? To not know where your next meal will come from if you’ll be able to pay the rent? You don’t want to know how that feels.”

?“No, tell me how it feels to live with people who love you.”

?It just breaks your heart, right? I love Poesy and Low so much. Poe has a lot of strength and determination. I loved seeing things from her perspective. What she was willing to do and the security she was willing to give up to be with the man she loved.

Mary Elizabeth’s writing is something special. It’s always lyrical, beautiful and has that unique quality that no one else has. I will read anything she writes for that reason alone. It doesn’t hurt that her stories are also fantastic. I loved getting more of Low and Poe and their epic love story. It’s not the most traditional romance, but their love is beautiful and I loved every second of reading this one.

“Even crooks love.”

YaYa says

3.5 Stars

This book should really be more #1.5

In MY OPINION I didn't need to read her POV. I can understand readers who loved Low wanting to know Posey's thoughts and a little bit more about her. Low is one of my favorite reads of this year. It sort of left an impact and I remember not being able to move when I was done reading it. Lots to think about with this read.

AleJandra says

4 Love to death STARS

*"We've had our struggles, but there have been more good times than bad.
he's my favorite thing.
The most precious one.
The only person who's ever loved me unconditionally and totally."*

Sabía que me rompería el corazón, sabía el triste final, sabía lo doloroso de su amor, sabía que me estrujaría las entrañas, y aun así hoy voy a leerlo.

Porque hay tristezas que lo valen y la historia Low y Poesy lo vale.

Mary Elizabeth ya eres una de mis autoras favoritas, desearía que más personas conocieran sus libros, pero al mismo tiempo disfruto ser de las pocas que conocen sus historias.
