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“I’m living through the ugly.”

I've done it this time. I've really screwed up. I've made a mistake, and I'm afraid that it's going to cost me everything – my family, my career and most importantly, Emmett Sinclair. He saw the beauty inside of me, looked past what I was becoming on the outside, and gave me his trust. Everyone thinks I tried to kill myself; I think I made a mistake. They all say I'm halfway to the grave; I say I've been reborn. Nobody knows what I'm going through, so I'm going to have to fight harder than ever before. The problem is, I no longer know exactly what it is I'm fighting for.

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From Reader Review Color Me Pretty for online ebook

S. Policar says

I received this ARC from the author in exchange for an honest review

Color me Pretty is the sequel to Paint to me Beautiful and it's job very well. The story reads as a very long epilogue to the first book as the reader follows Claire on the start of her road to recovery.

The editing on this book was far better than PMB's and I only spotted two small errors.

Paint Me Beautiful and Color Me Pretty are books that prove to the world that change can happen if the person really wants it to. It's not a thing that can be forced on a person, or guilted into doing. The person them self truly needs to find that spark that screams "I don't want this anymore. I want to change."

The support of friends and family is a key role in these books as they are in real life when it comes to the topics of this book as well as topics of a similiar nature. Again I urge people, give these books a chance and then be the best damn Emmett Sinclair you can be, it may save someone's life. If you're a Claire Sinclair, then learn from her and grow and blossom just like she did and realize you are not alone in your battle.

I give this book 5 of 5 paws

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This book kept me AWAKE!

Do not read this book if you have not read Paint me Beautiful. I feel you need both to grasp the full impact of this story. Ok- on to the good stuff!

"Sometimes people are born with a bit of pain inside of them and sometimes that pain grows and morphs, changes, becomes something bigger than we are and tries to consume us. I am not alone, and I am not the only person who has suffered through this, but I am one of the ones who's going to come out the other side."

Holy shit! Omg! Wowza- freaking A!

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Our Claire is in the hospital, slowly waking up and living with the reality of almost killing herself.

"I'm disgusting. Skinny is supposed to be pretty and perfect, desirable. But none of this is."

Claire is hurt! Claire is worn down! Claire thinks she is disgusting...Claire breaks my ❤.

I ache for her, the constant battle she wars in her own head.

"A scream builds in my throat. I see sallow skin wrapped around bone and knees that are bigger than my calves... My fingers are so little, long and thin, like witch hands."

Can she see with her eyes what we see? Can she really ever be able to look in mirror and not see imperfections.

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Her family is scared. They are worried and want her in treatment, they blame Emmett. Tension is high.

I love Emmett- sorry Mom, Dad and Marlena. (Sister)

I'm not sure I am always on board all the time with him, but I think he is doing the best he can! He takes care of her with his heart.

In the treatment facility. She meets a friend who will help in her recovery. While on the outside her family is not dealing well, and Emmett waits..

"Emmett makes me forget that I'm an anorexic-bulimic-depressed monster. He makes me feel like just a girl, just a careless, beautiful girl."

He loves her, inside. He helps her and understands her. He never makes her feel like a coward, he always sees her beauty inside. Their love is real and beautiful to read, it feels like your sneaking in on a conversation you should not hear. It's intimate and cherished.

(Again I really love him. As a Mom. I can get why Claire's mom might wanna kill him, lol)

Her family just wants her well, healthy and most important ALIVE! Fear rules their choices and heart.

Claire is at war always with her body image, calories and food. Her life is a struggle, she is in pain. Inside and out! Kylie was a nice addition to the story and added a depth and understanding too. Plus the wonderful Lianna.. She is a gem!

Again as in book one Anorexia the character knocks you on your ass and takes no prisoners. The disease is ugly and raw, CM Stunich takes it out and laid it on table for everyone to see. No apologizes.. Here it is! See it and feel the struggle. This series is amazingly raw- real and beautiful.

It's a must read... ❤ Love, self discovery and healing... it's beautiful and pretty!

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Marilyn's Book Blog says

This series is a very powerful series. This is the follow up to Paint Me Beautiful. Claire Simone is still suffering from Anorexia in this book, but she has been reborn. The first book focused on Claire basically heading down the path to anorexia and accepting the fact that she is anorexic. Finally, she gets to rock bottom which leads into book two.

I loved watching Claire grow and change in book two. She became accepting of who she is and the demons she will have to struggle with for the rest of her life. Claire is a very strong person even though some may perceive her as weak because of her disorder. She is very bound and determined to overcome her anorexia...to learn how to deal with it and live the rest of her life.

Emmett continues to make a presence in this book. I really like him a lot. He does everything he can to help Claire. He may not have all the answers to help her, but he is willing to try anything to make her feel better. I really felt sorry for him because he got such a bad rep with Claire's family. They pretty much decided he was part of her problem and in no way could be part of her recovery. They tried very hard to keep the two of them apart.

This brings me to Claire's family. I REALLY disliked them. They were so pushy with her and wouldn't listen to anything she had to say. I know her parents loved her and wanted her to get better, but I would get frustrated for Claire because they would never LISTEN to her. I absolutely could not stand Claire's sister Marlena. It was kind of like she was the one who was running the show when it came to the family. I wanted to yell at their parents and tell them not to listen to everything Marlena had to say. What did she know about

dealing with anorexia anyway? I think I am still frustrated with her.

This book is all about growth. How Claire was able to fight back from rock bottom. I liked that it seemed real in that once Claire decided she wanted to get better, she was not automatically better. She had to struggle just as any person fighting an eating disorder or addiction has to struggle.

I enjoyed everything about this series except the ending. I needed more. I felt like there were some things that were left somewhat unresolved. I wanted to see final confrontations and how they would work out, but I didn't really get that. Other than the ending, the series kept me completely interested. I was so curious to see what was going to happen with Claire, Emmett, and Claire's family.

Because of not being completely satisfied with the ending, I am giving this book 4-STARS.

For all of my reviews, go to www.marilynbookblogger.blogspot.com

Jenn Green says

My soul hurts so bad that I feel like it's going to crack in half and erase me from existence. I can't even breathe anymore without feeling a little stitch of anguish, a small thrill of agony.

If I had to describe this series in one word it would have to be emotional, so very freakin emotional & so sooo friggin many emotions -devastated, scared, shocked, gut wrenchingly sad, proud, sometimes giddy & sooo much more. CM Stunich will tear your heart out with this one and very slowly put it back together again.

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B1 was about the destruction & death of Claire Simone while B2 was about re-birth & recovery. Recovery isn't easy and it most definitely does not happen overnight, but with the help of Emmett it might be possible. It will be hard, there will be alot of tears and some screaming, Claire's internal struggles were sometimes hard to read.

Things have to get worse before they get better -it's a rule of the universe. Progress doesn't always mean flying forward at light speed. Sometimes, it's about knowing when to step back and take a look around. I have to do this or I'll never get better.

Oh & the moment she finally SEES there really is a problem almost broke me. But no matter how hard or ugly it got, Emmett was right there to support her however she needed it. That man really has a beautiful soul and I'm so very glad they found each other. On a side note, I just have to say that her family kinda pissed me off, quite a bit actually. I won't dive into the why's, due to personal reasons/experiences-I may never stop, but they could have handled things so very differently. Sorry if I'm ranting, this series really hit a nerve with me.

It was a rough journey and I can't imagine anyone but CM Stunich taking me on it, but I'm glad I did it. This author is truly amazing.

"Claire, even when you think there's only one road to your destination, you can always find a scenic detour."

Live for them. Live for him. Live for me.

Christy says

4 Reborn Stars!!!

‘Color Me Pretty’ left off right where ‘Paint Me Beautiful’ left off... If you haven’t read book 1 in the series, you need to before you start this!

Claire is in the hospital after having a breakdown that appears to be a ‘suicide attempt’, she is getting transferred to a facility for at least 72 and is unable to see Emmett, the only person in the world that sees the real her. Claire wants to use this as a fresh start. To renew herself. She wants to be ‘New Claire’, but it’s not as easy as it seems...

Even rebirth can’t cure all your demons.

Her family is doing what they think is right for Claire, but no one asks her what she wants. What she needs. No one cares about that. Except for Emmett. Oh Emmett Sinclaire... I love Emmett. I hate how her family blames Emmett and looks down on him for loving/being there for Claire. All Emmett wants to do is be there for Claire and show her there is a different way.

“I want you to know that if you fall, I’ll be there to catch you.”

While at this facility, she meets a girl named Kylie she becomes friends with. Kylie has her own issues, but she gets Claire to open up some. After her 72 hours are up, Claire gets to go home with Emmett. She struggles- overcoming an ED is not easy. Not at all. But she has support through Emmett, and now Kylie. She is starting to realize some of the things she thought about life and herself aren’t true.

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?She still loves modeling, but knows her obsession will kill her. She has to find other positive things to occupy her time. She still can follow her dreams and be part of the fashion world. Emmett buys her a sewing machine and she starts to create her own designs. She also uses poetry as an outlet.

Dear me,
I want to be pretty while alive
Not on the outside, but
Inside where my heart beats fierce
And my soul glows brighter than that sun.

I was so proud of Claire in this book. She showed tremendous strength. Her recovery wasn't easy, but she was determined to succeed. Emmett is the best guy ever. He is just there for Claire. Sometimes that's what people really need. Someone to just be there. Accept them. Love them. Not lecture them and force them into things. No one can truly get help unless they want to help themselves. Emmett has gotten over his past demons and he knows that better than anyone. I really love (view spoiler). He was just so sweet and supportive.

This series deals with some pretty heavy topics. Eating disorders, cutting, suicide attempts- just so you are forewarned. But Claire's story is truly beautiful. I very much enjoyed both of these books. I love this author's writing style. The one and only complaint I have is how the book ended. Although I loved how it ended- it felt a little unresolved for me. I would have really loved an epilogue to see (view spoiler). Overall, an emotional journey of a girl trying to get her life together with the help of a guy who loves and accepts her no matter what. 4 beautiful stars!

See this recovery thing, it comes in stages. We don't just get to wave a magic wand and grab onto a happily ever after, but if we don't fight, if we follow the path our hearts know is right, eventually we can make our way there. I'm on the path and I'm moving forward. It'll take time, but it'll happen.

Elizabeth Arrowood says

5 emotional stars

I'm not going to review the first book in this "duet" because to me it feels like one big book broken in two parts. This review will be for both books.

Are you ready to be shocked!?!?!?! Here it is: I loved this book. Are you shocked?No? Oh. Yeah, neither am I.

This author continues to amaze me. She has no problems about digging in deep to sensitive, controversial, or even taboo issues. The book, or duet, is a beautiful representation of her fearlessness.

Claire Simone is a girl who suffers through depression, anorexia, self-harm and bulimia. She is extremely ambitious, to a fatal fault. There are some aspects of her character that I just couldn't relate to. I'm no fashionista, and I don't give one iota about designer labels. But, there were many things I could relate to as well. The feeling that you're not good enough and you never will be. Not being understood by everyone around you, your goals, your motives, your actions. And love. Loving your family even if they unknowingly bring you harm. Guarding yourself against the love of a man only to find out that his love feeds your soul. I get that. Marlena... yeah, sorry to say, but in my mind I am the fictitious Claire and I won't forgive her. Never. I cannot stand people who force their will on others, thinking that there is no possible way that they are wrong. Grrr.

Emmett <3 <3 <3 His love, loyalty and support of Claire was awe-inspiring. He understood Claire and no matter much it hurt or scared him, he recognized her needs and did what was right.

It's difficult to describe my feelings on this story. It was depressing and infuriating and at the same time, it was uplifting and beautiful. The first book centered around Claires rapid descent into oblivion, and the second was about her slow, arduous climb back up- to the Claire she was meant to be. Claire frustrated me often, but every time she made a little progress I felt my heart lift a little. I didn't just want her to survive her illness, I wanted her to kick it in the teeth and leave it in the dust.

The story ends full of hope, love and healing. That's no spoiler since it's practically in the title. I was hurt and disturbed by this story, but by the end I felt like floating. :)

The Real Housewives of Romance Book Blog says

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eyes squinched shut with tears. It's a gasping breath of surprise that escapes us then, a strange, forgotten memory where we all wonder what we've gotten ourselves into."

This book was a difficult read for me. I mean it was such a great book, well written to a T. But the reality of it is, it's an ugly subject *Anorexia*, not only that but *Depression*, *Self-harm*, and *Suicide* all of these are touchy and intense subjects. But these things are REAL. They EXIST. And this story gives you the nitty gritty. All of the ugly you can take, drags you into the mind of Claire Simone..and lets you know exactly how she feels inside and what she's going through. And it's a tough ass cookie to crack.

"I realize absently that I hate myself. Maybe that's my problem? I just hate my own soul. How fucked up is that?"

And then slowly, she begins to heal, begins to mend and she sees that there is more to life than all of the ugliness she has been experiencing and all of the demons she has been fighting. She has these inner battles with herself that push her beyond the brink. And you feel her pain, you feel the struggle. But she finally gets to the point where she's determined to change.

To LOVE.

To LIVE.

To be.

"Right now, I'm living through the ugly. One day, I hope it can be beautiful again. I want to paint the world with pretty, to color the earth with joy and life and substance."

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Claire was almost alone, almost. Emmett Sinclair was her rock. He was determined to love her for all that she was, all that she wasn't..including all of her ugly. Her demons took a back seat when Claire realized that she in fact was capable of loving. And that she had been all along.

Emmett Sinclair is like a rock at the edge of the shore, and I am the waves that crash over and around it, desperate to be a part of something different but unable to make the change."

And then it hits her, and you see it coming...and you feel it. Man her recovery just meant so much to her, it was everything. It meant pure freedom.

"You can be a beautiful as a size two or a six or sixteen or a six thousand. It doesn't matter. The body is just a byproduct of the mind, and although we can't control everything, we control a lot. Perception is half the battle."

I wasn't aware that this is actually a second book. I read this book before the first and I thought that it could be read as a stand alone, but in reality, you'll get the whole story once you read the books in order. All in all, even with all the ugliness of the subjects at hand in this book, the reality of it is that it is indeed **real**. These

demons exist, they haunt people on a constant every day basis..and the brutal truth is, they don't always end up like Claire Simone.

"It's not just my parents who come to see me, not just my friends, but also my worst enemies. Self-Harm sits next to bulimia who's holding hands with Depression. I ignore them all and focus on Anorexia who's smiling at me from the end of the catwalk. My demons have come to cheer me on, to see what I've become without them, and I know that they'll be there, watching and waiting. But they're not a threat, not anymore. As long as I have love for myself, it fills that hole that's deep down inside, and there's nobody in the world that can take that away from me."

Kirsty says

[I wanted a wedding dammit! (hide spoiler)]

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Cath says

I'm sure many a teenage girl can recognise Claire's insecurities.....just a shame there aren't enough Emmett's in the world to save them all.....x

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Amanda Stover says

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Synopsis:

"I'm living through the ugly."

I've done it this time. I've really screwed up. I've made a mistake, and I'm afraid that it's going to cost me everything – my family, my career and most importantly, Emmett Sinclair. He saw the beauty inside of me, looked past what I was becoming on the outside, and gave me his trust. Everyone thinks I tried to kill myself; I think I made a mistake. They all say I'm halfway to the grave; I say I've been reborn. Nobody knows what I'm going through, so I'm going to have to fight harder than ever before. The problem is, I no longer know exactly what it is I'm fighting for.

Review:

I loved this book more than the first!! It took me little to no time to finish it, I just had to know what the outcome would be for not only Claire but for Claire and her relationships. I believe that she has finally realized that she hit rock bottom and that her behavior was not only destructive to herself but to her family as well. At first only Emmett understands what Claire is going through and all her family wants to do is keep him away, Claire is sent to rehab where she meets an amazing new friend Kylie, they have an immediate connection.

"I want you to know if you fall, I'll be there to catch you" ~ Emmett

There are a lot of unexpected twists throughout this book, Emmett does an amazing job trying to keep Claire going in the right direction, and amazingly enough she wants to do it for not only him but for herself.

"You are so Fucking Beautiful, he tells me, and I have no idea to respond to that. My usual thoughts would

center on how untrue that was, how hideous I really was, but today, I just let the compliment hit and settle deep down inside of me.” ~ Claire

“It’s the most beautiful sight I have ever seen. I have finally colored myself pretty with my own shades, blended my own joy and my own desire into something palpable.” ~Claire

I could not put this book down; I needed to know what was going to happen for these two..... I need more!!!! I think this book covers a topic that is not seen often and C.M. Stunich has done an amazing job capturing the struggles of someone with an eating disorder. This book had me on the edge of my seat....I definitely give it a whole hearted 5 stars!!

Fab Fun & Tantalizing Reads says

Color me pretty

This book kept me AWAKE!

Do not read this book if you have not read Paint me Beautiful. I feel you need both to grasp the full impact of this story. Ok- on to the good stuff!

“Sometimes people are born with a bit of pain inside of them and sometimes that pain grows and morphs, changes, becomes something bigger than we are and tries to consume us. I am not alone, and I am not the only person who has suffered through this, but I am one of the ones who’s going to come out the other side.”

Holy shit! Omg! Wowza- freaking A!

Color me Pretty comes right back to where we ended in Paint me beautiful.

Our Claire is in the hospital, slowly waking up and living with the reality of almost killing herself.

“I’m disgusting. Skinny is supposed to be pretty and perfect, desirable. But none of this is.”

Claire is hurt! Claire is worn down! Claire thinks she is disgusting...Claire breaks my ❤.

I ache for her, the constant battle she wars in her own head.

“A scream builds in my throat. I see sallow skin wrapped around bone and knees that are bigger than my calves... My fingers are so little, long and thin, like witch hands.”

Can she see with her eyes what we see? Can she really ever be able to look in mirror and not see imperfections.

“This is you, Claire. And you’re not fat. You’re skinny, Claire. You’re skinny and you’re dying. That’s the truth, so get over yourself and deal with it or they’ll deal with it for you.”

Her family is scared. They are worried and want her in treatment, they blame Emmett. Tension is high. I love Emmett- sorry Mom, Dad and Marlena. (Sister)

I’m not sure I am always on board all the time with him, but I think he is doing the best he can! He takes care of her with his heart.

In the treatment facility. She meets a friend who will help in her recovery. While on the outside her family is

not dealing well, and Emmett waits..

"Emmett makes me forget that I'm an anorexic-bulimic-depressed monster. He makes me feel like just a girl, just a careless, beautiful girl."

He loves her, inside. He helps her and understands her. He never makes her feel like a coward, he always sees her beauty inside. Their love is real and beautiful to read, it feels like your sneaking in on a conversation you should not hear. It's intimate and cherished.

(Again I really love him. As a Mom. I can get why Claire's mom might wanna kill him, lol)

Her family just wants her well, healthy and most important ALIVE! Fear rules their choices and heart.

Claire is at war always with her body image, calories and food. Her life is a struggle, she is in pain. Inside and out! Kylie was a nice addition to the story and added a depth and understanding too. Plus the wonderful Lianna.. She is a gem!

Again as in book one Anorexia the character knocks you on your ass and takes no prisoners. The disease is ugly and raw, CM Stunich takes it out and laid it on table for everyone to see. No apologizes.. Here it is! See it and feel the struggle. This series is amazingly raw- real and beautiful.

It's a must read... ❤️ Love, self discovery and healing... it's beautiful and pretty!
