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Seventeen-year-old Seelie Stanton never wanted to kill someone. She never wanted to be invisible in her own family, never wanted to crush on her best friend Alyssa, and she definitely never wanted to know how effectively a mallet could destroy someone's head.

But the universe doesn't care what she wants. Shane Mayfield doesn't care what Seelie wants either. When the former high school basketball star attacks her, she has no choice but to defend herself. She saved her own life, but she can't bring herself to talk about what happened that night. Not all of it. Not even when she's arrested for murder.

My Whole Truth Details

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Nadia says

"The air is dead with the stench of blood.

Mine.

His."

When a book starts with a paragraph like that, I know I am in trouble because I am SOLD!!

My Whole Truth is a YA suspense novel about a 17-year-old Seelie who is brutally attacked by a 21-year-old Shane and kills him in self-defence. Or at least that's what it seems until she is arrested for murder.

Seelie does not have many friends but she has three very close ones - Lyssa, Finn and Ashlyn. The foursome looks to be unseparable at first but as new facts come to light, little cracks in their friendship start to appear.

The main premise of the book is a murder story but my heart went out to the relationships between the four characters. I was intrigued to discover their stories and secrets. And secrets there were! This book pulled me in and didn't let go until the last page. I will definitely watch out for the next Mischa Thrace novel.

4.5 stars

Thank you to Netgalley and Flux for providing me with a free e-copy of the book in exchange for an honest review.

Dylan says

4 stars.

TW for rape.

I had pretty low expectations going into this one, but I ended up LOVING it. It's always super refreshing to see a queer relationship (or a queer person at all) in a non contemporary book, especially it being F/F. This book was extraordinary thrilling as we followed the trail following the main character's attack, and give a perspective not often brought to light.

I am going to give this 4 stars though because I had issues with how the love interest crossed a few boundaries towards the end.

(Representation: Lesbian mc and F/F couple)

This is definitely a book that I won't forget in the near future.

Rheama says

A high school boy is dead and seventeen year old Seelie (short for Cecilia) stands accused. Was it self-defense or cold-blooded murder?

This subject matter is surprisingly dark for a YA novel. The more disturbing parts are glossed over except for one detailed scene that reads like an article straight out of Teen Vogue. It left me irritated this politically charged opinion was so blatantly aimed at young women. However, I don't believe in censorship either ... so my approval isn't necessary.

I finished the book fairly pleased with the overall theme of girl power. The writing is fun and snappy enough for three stars.

Thank you to the author, publisher, and Net Galley for providing a copy of this book in exchange for a fair review. My thoughts on this book can also be found on my blog, Cheap Thrill Book Reviews.

Stephanie ((Strazzybooks)) says

This book was an emotional journey of frustration, strength, bravery, and truth. The main character is attacked and kills her attacker (a popular boy with a judge father). She claims self-defense, but is tried for murder.

The novel chronicles her experiences through the justice system and aftermath of being attacked. I loved the portrayal of friendship in this book and it also had good representation. I will be thinking of it for awhile to come. Highly recommended.

Manon says

[rape, abortion (hide spoiler)]

Cri (PaperbacksandPizza) says

RELEASE DATE: OCTOBER 2, 2018, TODAY!!

Most importantly, I would like to thank NetGalley and publishers for allowing me to read this book. Thank you very much.

***"The air is dead with the stench of blood.
Mine.***

His.”

Actual rating: 2.5 stars

My Whole Truth is a mystery, who obviously comes out this month (**October 2d**), but I kinda felt disappointed in it.

Look, I desperately wanted to like it, but it came out as a “**meh read**”.

But let’s begin with the plot: My Whole Truth talks about a girl, Seelie, who is forced to kill a boy in order to defend herself. Now she has to prove she was actually defending herself, but will she tell all the truth?

I liked a lot the concept of narrating a story about this topic. I have never seen it in books and, honestly, it’s quite rare in movies too. Kill or to be killed, that is the question that our MC has to answer the first pages of the book and she’ll have to live with that choice.

What I enjoyed the most was definitely the message: in order to survive, you can kill. Killing someone is something horrible, I can’t even talk about this, but how Seelie stood up for herself because she was trying to survive. That was a message *worth sending* through a YA. Being myself both a YA reader and actually a teenager, I always consider the message the author puts in a YA and how worth sending that is. I liked this one.

The “meh” parts comprehend the rest of the book:

● **The characters.** Seelie’s group of friends was cute and it was nice having a group, instead of the cliché best friend, but they felt kinda boring to me. **I didn’t reach any emotional level with them**, maybe the length of the book has a role in this. They were *just* okay.

● **The writing was fine**, nothing special, expect for some parts -like the beginning- that were really mystery-like and I found myself enjoying them.

● **The romance was unnecessary.** Even though it contributed to make the story more interesting. So, if the only thing the romance was for was to make the story interesting, then yes. Because it wasn't so necessary between the characters.

● The story, as I said above, didn't captive me so much. Especially the first half. **The plot twists were all predictable** and that was so so disappointing. Predictable plot twists in a mystery are *awful*.

● **Seelie's mum was a cliché.** She is the classic I-don't-have-time-to-think-about-you-cause-I-am-working mum. This relationship with her is never seen in dept, it's left in the book unsolved.

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Elise (TheBookishActress) says

is it bad that "murderous vigilante lesbian" sounds like a fucking awesome concept

?Arc received from the publisher via Netgalley for an honest review. [release: October 2]

(Bern) Mom to 2 Posh Lil Divas says

?? 3.5 Stars (rounded up) for this story of strength, bravery and truth ?

The opening scene of the book is powerful. Seelie is brutally attacked by Shane Mayfield, the son of a well respected and connected local judge. In the throes of defending herself against Shane's vicious attack she ends up killing him in self-defense.

"I knew he would kill me if he got back up so I made sure he couldn't... Don't you understand? I had to save myself. I had to."

Yet, due to various connections within the legal/justice system and pressure from Shane's well-respected father Seelie is arrested for murder. The story chronicles her experiences during the trial and the aftermath of her attack. While the story was interesting and dealt well with Seelie's feelings after the attack there were certain things that kept this from being a stronger read for me. I felt like there was a lot thrown into this book but much of it was only explored on a very surface level. One of the biggest unexplored aspects for me was Seelie's strained relationship with her mother. There was so much animosity and resentment between them but no real explanation was given for it.

I did enjoy the Faction which is the name Seelie and her group of close friends had given themselves. The friendship amongst them was strong, accepting, forgiving and a true lifeline for Seelie during her horrible

ordeal. I also found it relevant that Seelie basically shut down after her assault. That is a very real response from survivors of assault. I enjoyed watching her come to terms with what happened to her and finding ways to slowly speak out and share all the details of her attack.

Overall, this was a well done YA novel. It started off strong and kept me turning the pages. I just personally would have enjoyed a bit more fleshing out of the back story and Seelie's life.

Thank you to Misha Thrace, North Star Editions and NetGalley for the advance copy.

jv poore says

I've struggled with this review for a few weeks, because I was stunned. Speechless. Now, I accept the fact that I will never find and assemble accurate words to aptly address my deep desire for everyone to read this book. But, I can't keep not telling you about *My Whole Truth* by Mischa Thrace. So...

Starting this story is a bit like having a bucket of ice-cold water dumped over your head. From out of nowhere. That steal-your-breath, shocking feeling, fused with white-hot anger, stayed with me. Quite frankly, still simmers. Perhaps, because this Realistic Fiction plot is so current, it is almost creepy.

The scenario certainly sets me off, but there's a brilliant balance with the sincere and effortless strength and support that Seelie receives from her friends. And because they are adolescents, situations can only stay serious for so long. Even from her hospital bed, merely moments after being attacked, Seelie stays true to teens everywhere by easily ignoring simple 'stay still and quiet' instructions. And she calls her friends, not a parent. Although, she is not wrong there.

If everyone had a best bud like Lyssa, there would be no more bullying. The ultimate antihero, I couldn't help but cheer a little bit whenever she stepped out of line. From the minute she arrived in the emergency room, all the way to the end of the tortuous trial, Lyssa stuck by Seelie's side.

Whereas, Seelie's mother stayed busy with her restaurant, as usual. Since she wasn't in the hayloft at the time, Mom couldn't be expected to actually know what happened anyway. She does recall that Seelie has always been rude to Shane, while seemingly everyone else in the entire town adores the judge's son. And maternal ambivalence is only the tip of the iceberg.

This review was written by jv poore for Buried Under Books, with huge thanks to North Star Editions for the Advance Review Copy.

Lou says

'My Whole Truth' is Mischa Thrace's highly anticipated debut novel and it's a solid one at that! Firstly, I have to mention the synopsis - it has to be one of the most powerful and alluring I've ever laid eyes on so kudos to whoever wrote it. It's done its job and then some! Quite often a wonderfully engaging premise can, unfortunately, result in major disappointment for a reader, but I had no such issues here. Bottom line - this is

a superb debut!

The story follows teenager Seelie Stanton and a series of unfortunate incidents that have the potential to change her life forever if the information ever comes to light. However, that is exactly what happens, and although her future is in serious jeopardy, she still can't bring herself to speak to the police about the night in question, but she may have no choice but to do so as the consequences of keeping shtum are simply too great.

Part mystery thriller, part coming-of-age novel - this is certainly an accomplished debut, and I loved it! The writing was excellent with a great flow to it which meant I flew through in one sitting, the plot is scintillating - you never quite know what's about to happen or who you can trust. The characters are so relatable even for me despite not being in the intended age range, and I can imagine young adults being able to sympathise/empathise even more. Each character is so well developed that you really care about them and what will end up happening to them in the end. Basically, there is so much to appreciate about this work that I could write an essay, and I still wouldn't have covered them all.

This is classed as young adult fiction, and the recommended reading age is apparently 14-18, and I would say that this is pretty accurate due to the exploration of a variety of different issues and the inclusion of mature content including sexual assault, depression, relationships and friendships, to name but a few. I am extremely excited for the promise and potential Ms Thrace has shown in her first published work. I'm absolutely positive that there's much more to come from this author, and I for one cannot wait to read her future books! A splendid read which I highly recommend to YA readers, readers of crime thrillers or those who appreciate well written, topical intelligent reads.

Many thanks to Flux for an ARC. I was not required to post a review, and all thoughts and opinions expressed are my own.

shady boots | #WatchPOSE says

[abortion (hide spoiler)]

Felicia says

My Whole Truth is a YA/Teen book that covers some dark subjects. Told first person from the view of 17 year old Seelie, the book starts with her calling 911 after being attacked by, and subsequently killing, a 20 year old former classmate. Without doubt, a great suspenseful beginning but that's where the novelty of this story ended for me. The main character is grossly undeveloped as is the story in general. Seelie has a turbulent relationship with her mother, which is a recurring theme in this story, however the author offers no explanation for it. A lot of the book is implausible and felt rushed.

I was provided an ARC of this book by NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

Bernadette says

My Whole Truth by Mischa Thrace is Young Adult mystery novel that tells the story of Seelie (Cecilia) Stanton, a teenaged girl who is attacked by Shane, the older brother of a classmate. Seelie fights for her life and kills Shane Mayfield, seemingly a perfect case of self-defense. Seelie is questioned by a detective devoid of empathy. The teen has bruises on her neck, and her leg and face have been ripped open by a knife but she is treated as a liar from the get-go. Seelie is rattled and embarrassed and omits some details of the attack. Add in Shane's family (his father is a prominent judge) and Seelie finds herself charged with murder.

The book details the aftereffects of the attack on Seelie, and her ensuing trial. Seelie's mother is a cold workaholic and Seelie is lucky to have a core group of friends, Finn, Ashlyn, and Lyssa. Lyssa has two dads who are better parents to Seelie than her own mother. Seelie also has a wonderful attorney named Cara who decides to defend the teen *pro bono*. Thrace is a talented writer, especially when writing the characters in the book. **My Whole Truth** is suspenseful with lots of unexpected turns. At times Seelie drove me insane, keeping information to herself that would only have bolstered her side of the story. But this is a YA novel and it's been a very long time since I thought like a teenager.

Thank you to NetGalley, Flux and Ms. Thrace for the ARC copy of this book.

PinkAmy loves 💕 books📖, cats😻 and naps🛏 says

Thanks to NetGalley for providing me a complimentary copy of MY WHOLE TRUTH by Mischa Thrace in exchange for my honest review.

4.5 STARS

Seelie kills Travis to save her life. Too bad his father is a judge, because now she's charged with murder. Her friends believe in and support her; her lawyer is great. Seelie's widowed mom, not so much.

Debut writer Mischa Thrace hits a home run in her first at bat. Throughout reading MY WHOLE TRUTH, I had the same curiosity and interest in the pit of my stomach as I did reading Eileen Cook's WITH MALICE and Abigail Haas's DANGEROUS GIRLS with an imperfect narrator I wasn't certain I could trust. Seelie misses her dad and resents her mother. Even when her mom tries to reach out and be helpful, Seelie is downright mean. I wish their relationship has been explored further. Seelie keeps a lot of secrets, to her own detriment often choosing secrecy over friendship. I loved attorney Cara and best friend Lyssa and her two dads.

Thrace gave Seelie a compelling voice with a balance of positive and negative attributes. At times I wanted to shake her. MY WHOLE TRUTH read like a fast paced thriller never letting up on the hold-your-breath feeling. I can't wait to see what Thrace writes next.

Det. Nidhi says

Warning: Book contains elements of sexual abuse, murder and bullying. If you get triggered by these subjects, there are plenty of other books out there.

On that note, let me begin. Don't let the YA label fool you. If anything it's more than YA. If I'm being honest, this was a difficult book for me to read, mostly because the bullying is intense and the subjects are hard to deal with.

The story begins off with the protagonist, Cecilia Stanton running away from her attacker and calling 911. She's bleeding and barely manages to alert authorities about her state. It's then a progression to an hospital, and then between court rooms and a crappy school as we are taken through the ordeal of the girl as she struggles with the law and schoolmates who are nothing but assholes.

Cecilia has completely shut out and doesn't wanna discuss the events that occurred with anyone, not even with her lawyer. So it's to be seen if she is jailed or proclaimed a hero.

When I read the blurb for the first time I didn't think it would be this serious. There are a lot of subplots happening there and the author has touched upon a lot of issues, but it doesn't shift the focus from the main story.

I loved that atleast one person stuck with her through the story. Her mom is mostly absent so her entire circle revolves around 3 friends - Alyssa, Finn and Ashlyn. The love and support these people have for her is applaudable. I loved how Lyssa always tried to protect her and everyone needs a friend/partner like her. The lawyer who took up her case pro bono was also brilliant. She had a backstory of her own and it just breaks your heart. in fact this entire story breaks your heart.

Stop whatever you're doing and pick this book up. The author has done a tremendous job of dealing with a sensitive subject. The writing is amazing and it makes the experience of reading this book even better.

Read this book, if not for the message it gives, atleast for the writing and the plot which are so perfect it makes you cry.
