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Greed. Jealousy. Lust.

It all started with a bloody palm and a promise. Words beneath the moonlight that I thought would keep us together. Forever.

Deceit. Betrayal. Vengeance.

I didn't see it coming. I didn't think you had it in you. But what was supposed to bury me—break me—simply remade me as something new. Something hellbent on ruining you, my love.

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From Reader Review Pretty Young Things for online ebook

BLuvsBooks says

A tale of vengeance. This is a story of a man realizing he was sent to jail by his friends who he called brothers. I enjoyed the variety of points of view throughout. The reader experiences how each character handles their actions or to take action.

I gave it 3.5 stars because I couldn't connect with some of the characters however it is an enjoyable read and you will want to know how it ends.

KAT ? Kitty Kats Crazy About Books ? says

'PRETTY YOUNG THINGS' Is a full length romance novel by new to me author Ace Gray.

I don't even know where to start with this review, such a twisted vengeful read all in the name of jealousy, the story surrounds a group of sun seeking surfer boys, and the girl that was their undoing, misfits that were casted aside by families that mistreated them which sealed their fates.

A pact made as young teens, making them blood brothers, a bond thicker than siblings.

But for one of these boys things just fell into his lap so effortlessly, he got the girl, he got the job, he got the future that they all strived to get but was always out of their grasp.

What happens when jealousy rears its ugly head, how far would you go?

When Greed, Jealousy and Lust go hand in hand, Vengeance wins hands down.

This for me was a wee bit disjointed, it flitted from past to present, gaps in time frames also occurred so it kind of made for hard reading and character development was lacking, I didn't really form any sort of connection with any of the characters, though I liked Dante above the others. I also really don't think it needed to be as long as it was. But in saying that there were some aspects that I really enjoyed, I liked the connection Dante made with Priest, and the strong bond he formed with Max. I would've also liked to have seen more of the boys as teens as that is where the discord amongst them reared its ugly head. But all in all still an enjoyable read.

Paperback Princess says

ARC generously provided

4.5 stars!!!

Oh boy...what a book!!! Without giving too much away Pretty Young Things is a retelling of The Count Of Monte Christo with a little twist and holy hell I was so excited for this book and it did not disappoint.

PYT ...as I like to call it has it all. Love...friendship..betrayal..greed..and revenge and it was glorious!!! I really liked this book a lot..I was sucked into it straight out the gate..couldn't put it down. On the down side..it did drag in some spots but I didn't mind that much because I was so invested in the characters and the story.

Pretty Young Things is a definite must read!!!

Bookgasms Book Blog says

When I read the blurb to Pretty Young Things I knew I needed to read it. The storyline was riveting and filled to the brim with a hero on a quest for vengeance and filled with volatile emotions including envy, jealousy, regret, hate and love. A mixed up cauldron of messy emotions that demanded my attention. But while the story was engaging, I felt a little lost as there seemed to be so many things happening at once. As a result, this story was a little bit of a mixed bag for me.

Without giving away any spoilers this book is a modern retelling of the Count of Monte Cristo. I enjoyed the book but felt like there were so many subplots within the story that took away from the actual main theme of vengeance from one man betrayed by his three friends. Furthermore, without giving away any relevant details, I felt like the character of Mercy was a little off putting at times. She seemed very dependent on the hero, almost to the point where he was an unhealthy crutch. In addition, she seemed almost meek and acquiescent towards people who were violent and abusive towards her. She lacked the fire that I hoped she would have.

All in all, while there were some parts that frustrated me, there were compelling parts that stole my attention. Give this story a try if you love vengeance seeking heroes! 3.5 stars! ~Ratula

B.B. Easton says

Pretty Young Things is an absolute tour de force. Seven points of view. A twenty-year span of time. Secrets and deception and revenge and redemption. Ace took this classic tale and transformed it into a modern day love story of epic proportions. I give it all the stars in the sky, even Cassiopeia.

Tre Talbot says

Mind freakin blown! This story captivated me from the very beginning and all I could do was hold on while I

went on the ride of my life. Without giving anything away I will just say that we're given a story filled with love, revenge and mystery. There will be moments that you'll be holding your breath as your reading and others where you will love and loathe some of these characters at the same time. Phenomenal read that I couldn't put down and never wanted to. Not only do I recommend this book but you need to bump it to the top of your TBR list and make it your next read.

Harloe Rae says

I've read more than my fair share of romances, and it's safe to say Pretty Young Things by Ace Gray is in a league of its own. I've never had the pleasure of reading something so innovative and unique, yet bringing forward all of my favorite elements. The love between Dante and Mercy is so powerful. The jealousy from his blood brother's is extremely palpable. The redemption is so beautifully created that I was crying. I love this book so much!

Who can pull off 7 or 8 POVs in one book? This author. Who makes revenge sweet and sexy? Ace Gray. What book will open your eyes to a new type of romance? Pretty Young Things.

If you want something different that will knock your flipping socks off, grab this beauty. You will not regret it!

A Book Lover's Emporium Book Blog says

I don't know how to describe this book. I could not put this book down! The pages had to be turned and I needed to know what was going to happen. It has left me just full of feelings and I have no one to talk to about it.

This story has the absolute worst kind of humans in it and has filled me with hatred and the need for revenge. I felt so confused as to the motives of Danté's best friends, Danger, Diago and Rousse. What they have done to Danté is completely unforgivable.

The start of this story is wonderful and paints the picture of these four 'blood brothers' in glorious technicolour; their loyalty and their different personalities just bled through the pages. When they met Mercy it all felt right. Danté is just so good at everything he does, he's not malicious, not a gloater, he's just a wonderful boy, living the dream, but things turn ugly and complicated.

Having so many points of view was pretty mind-boggling for a while (I tend to ignore chapter titles and who's POV it is) but I soon learned to take note. There are five or six people's voices heard in this book, which gives a deeper insight and helped me figure out the crazy in some characters heads.

This is my first Ace Gray book and I am now hooked.

Eve Recinella (Between The Bookends) says

First, the cover of this book is AWESOME! I love it!

So, I really enjoy this author's writing. She is pretty much one of the only author's that can get me to read OTT angst, OW drama, and cheating, and enjoy it. So I was super excited to get my hands on this book. Alas, although overall it was an enjoyable book, it just didn't quite hit the bullseye for me. It was a bit too long and slow moving. I am not a fan of when authors skip huge chunks of time, and this happened almost every other chapter. A month here. Two months there. I started to find it annoying since the story was moving so slowly already. I also thought there were parts of the plot that were a bit far fetched. Like, there is NO way none of these people would have not (view spoiler)

It wasn't all bad though. The writing itself was still great. I loved the author's take on the Count Of Monte Cristo. This was probably the tamest book I have read by this author. Not much sex. No OW drama. No cheating. I didn't even find it particularly angsty. The secondary characters were suitably evil. I loved Max and Bert. I can't say I was a fan of Mercy's. She came across SOOO weak. I kept waiting for her to grow a pair and stand up for herself. Alas, that moment never really came. I liked Danté a bit better. However, he seemed to think the worse of Mercy pretty easily. Maybe it is just me, but when you love someone, you generally give that person the benefit of the doubt. Especially when you are not 100% sure what went down yourself. Last, it was all wrapped up in a satisfying ending. Although, I would have liked to have known what happened to the other two guys.

So yea, another mixed bag book. I seem to have gotten a few of those lately...

Charli (charlithebookprincess) says

Oh boy! This book was a doozy of epic proportions! I really had no idea what to expect when I picked up this book. All I knew was that it was a Count of Monte Cristo retelling and the cover was calling to me. There was betrayal and revenge plots around every corner and it really did keep me on my toes the entire book.

Dante appeared to be the luckiest man on the planet. He got the good looks, the ability to succeed in school without hardly trying, the woman of his dreams, and the uncanny ability to pick up hobbies and succeed at them. The problem with being the luckiest man on the planet...people envy you. Envious, greedy people betrayed Dante in the worst way, and when he was free to act on it, he brought those people to their knees.

I really loved Dante's character and the journey he experienced. He was a knight in shining armor type before darkness entered his world. Darkness made him harder on the outside, but he still had that heart of gold on the inside that the darkness could never completely tarnish. Dante's love for Mercy was the picture of beauty and their strength in their love was amazing.

Mercy. This poor girl was put in the crossfire of envy people who did not think about how their actions would affect her. All she had ever known before Dante was pain and fear from the one man who should

always protect her. Dante saved her only to experience a new kind of pain when he was ripped away. The faith that she has in Dante and their love is something I have never seen. She fought and endured unimaginable pain in order to save him. She learned how to stand on her own in this book, and her growth in this book was amazing.

This was my first book by this author, but it certainly won't be my last!

Overall Rating: 5/5 Stars!

Blog: www.radbabesread.com

Jen~KU Book Reviews says

Wow! Mind blown. *Pretty Young Things* is gonna be a tough one to review; it's almost impossible to say anything at all with the risk of spoiling the experience for you!

Four best friends—four blood brothers and a pact. One has it all—the smarts, the looks, the girl. The others should be happy for him, but instead jealousy is a hungry beast, and what was once a family is torn apart by greed and destruction.

Deceit. Revenge. Betrayal.

“Vengeance is a heady thing. It’s the blinding need to punish. The bone-deep desire to see someone fall to their knees. It replaces your blood, thumps through your chest. It becomes your reason for living and breathing.”

Ms. Gray took a tale and spun its web so masterfully, I was floored by her talent. If you're looking for a novel that will have your mind spinning, while also having an incredibly deep, feel-it-in-your-bones love story, be sure to drop everything and read this book.

“He made me feel like wishes came true, even if my only wish was to be loved like this completely.”

And I'm #dead djekkdjjwkkjdjd!!!! Ms. Gray had me at the edge of my seat waiting for revenge to come. *Pretty Young Things* was suspenseful, wild, and a complete page-turner. Absolutely loved it!!

Jill says

Ace Gray has written a masterful contemporary rehashing of a loved classic. She's upped the ante on our feelings by writing a storyline with added imagination and beautiful betrayal that you can't seem to look away from. Right from the very first pages she paints a picture of friendship and brotherhood that is beyond blood. Enter THE girl. Ugh! This poor girl! Life is fun and sweet for all...until it's not. We have all felt pangs of jealousy or greed or lust, making it understandable to identify with some of the underlying drive of the antagonists' motives. It's not just that camaraderie of common human nature though. Ace has a special skill writing characters with layers and depth that you just can't help feeling sorry for them at some level. And DAMN does the hero give me funny feelings in my tummy. *Pretty Young Things* has it all. Just read the

blurb! Greed, jealousy, lust, deceit, betrayal, AND vengeance? All woven together in a gritty sophisticated plotline? Yes please! 5 stars, absolutely!

Hanna's Book Obsession says

Wow, wow, wow, wow, **WOW!!** This book was absolutely out of this world. I am going to say that I have never read "The Count of Monti Crisco" which is what this book is based on. So I really went in to this book blind and it blew my mind!!! It was incredible! I was literally on the edge of my seat the entire book. I was entranced with this story. The suspense is honestly killer. My stomach was in knots just waiting to see what would happen next. Every page is a new twist and I loved every suspenseful minute of the crazy ride. God it was good. Dante and Mercy are soulmates through and through. The hurt they both go through absolutely killed me. I was dying for them throughout the whole book to just get back together! I LOVE them!!! Danger and Diego make the perfect villains. God I hated them. Now Rousse I hated to love him. He is a bad guy but still I just wanted to hug him. Ace wrote an Incredible book with a set of truly complex and amazing characters! I loved this and I need you all to read it!!!! It is **AMAZING!!!!**

Mackenzie Bibliophile says

After a betrayal so intense as that of the one in Pretty Young Things it leaves the reader thirsty for revenge, a deep seeded need to right the wrongs done to so many. Nothing about this story is cut and dry, black and white. There are so many gray areas of what is right versus what needs to be done and the characters keep you on your toes throughout. I was never quite sure what was coming next. And honestly as much as I adored Dante as a main hero it's his anti hero transformation that made him even more appealing because I wanted to hug and strangle him at times for the choices he made towards Mercy both good and bad.

There is an over abundance of emotion throughout Pretty Young Things that left me heartbroken and then whole again so many times over. Ace Gray weaves this story with a strand of dark, a strand of love, a strand of deceit, fear, right, wrong, and a bit of bloodshed. And it makes for such a beautiful and interesting story!
-Mackenzie

Kahea says

*****4 'On Every Constellation In The Sky' Stars*****

This one took me on one hell of a rollercoaster, not that I'm all that surprised after finding out that it was based on The Count of Monte Cristo ~ I mean this book on it's own is chock full of jealousy, greed, betrayal and vengeance as it is ~ but Pretty Young Things took it to another level and there is still apart of me that is still recovering from it

It's been many, many moons since I read the book (and watched the movie) but the themes of greed, jealousy, betrayal, vengeance, love and hope are ones that you never forget and with this new spin on a classic tale, things got even more intense. These characters, ALL of these characters, fascinated me in one way or another. It didn't matter if they were the ' betrayers' or the ones who had been betrayed (though, there is a fine line there) I couldn't help but want more of them. I hurt for Dante and Mercy, their lives were turned

upside down and inside out through no fault of their own, but this didn't mean that I didn't want to reach out a few times and smack some sense into them. And as for the betrayers, I can't say that I sympathized with them ~ though one I did empathize with more than the others ~ but I can't say that I didn't find them intriguing regardless of what they did.

This is my first read by the author and I really enjoyed it, she definitely brought this tale into the 21 century and made it her own. All of the characters ~ love them or hate them ~ were very well written and really made the story come alive. Of the secondary characters, Priest is my favorite. He may not have had a lot of page time, but he definitely left a mark. So, if you love a little jealousy, betrayal and vengeance mixed in with your romance, then this one is a definite must read!

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