

Read Me Halfway

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Black Out

Poetry

&

Possessive

Relationships

By Olivia Ray

Foreword:

Why “Read Me Halfway?” because I read every other page of Fifty Shades Freed and Twisted Love. I have not read either of these books fully!

Disclaimer: The other ones, I have read summaries/watched videos/movies/etc.

Warning!

The books included in this are EXTREMELY EXPLICIT and are NSFW (not safe for work)

You will find the Content Warnings for these books in the subtabs :)

[*Fifty Shades Freed* by E.L. James](#)

[*Twisted Love* by Ana Huang](#)

[*It Ends with Us* by Colleen Hoover](#)

[*Ugly Love* by Colleen Hoover](#)

[*Mountains Made of Glass* by Scarlett St. Clair](#)

What is, Why do I use, How do you do: Black Out Poetry? [Click here.](#)

Extra Resources:

Gender/Sexuality Exploration

Contrapoints exploration of Twilight:

https://youtu.be/bqloPw5wp48?si=rzH_GB_cNr3Ozcfl

Are my Kinks Misogynistic?

<https://youtu.be/iJDhscObg9E?si=tD2wc5iS47M6TjmJ>

Anti-Porn Feminism Introduction

WAVPM (Women against violence in porn and media)

<https://outhistory.org/exhibits/show/lesbians-20th-century/sex-wars>

<https://oac.cdlib.org/findaid/ark:/13030/tf1v19n4tx/>

Andrea Dworkin: (antiporn)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pornography:_Men_Possessing_Women

Romance Novel Stigma

General Overview: <https://www.jstor.org/stable/43669991> (pg 473 talks briefly about Fifty Shades) - Article

Romantasy Erotic Novels: <https://www.jstor.org/stable/41388858> - Article

Postmodern Feminism Explored in Romance Novels:

<https://www.jstor.org/stable/1354105> - Article

Pg 40-41: sub/dom

Romance Books, Are They Cringe?

https://youtu.be/O_bJwgvnOhM?si=TEIHWnJ0o03Y-y-q - Video

Booktube Reviews/Summaries

Twisted Love:

https://youtu.be/h6np56h-hKM?si=drU-OOzTD_GNgVKK - Video

Fifty Shades of Grey:

<https://youtu.be/IClpuC3B7Rs?si=xDkUqecm0X4sL4z> - Video

https://youtu.be/ILZ7Oy3gM5U?si=s_HrJ_iiwNyEjhi0 - Video

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/2rOrcemQP68qcu97jE0UQ7?si=2d408a2bf53d453c> - Podcast (about *Fifty Shades Freed* movie only)

It Ends With Us:

<https://youtu.be/HyVU1nrtH1Y?si=sL853CQVvNoBNSyM> - Video

<https://youtu.be/fyL6D1or2zk?si=44q4SloUYKFW0zt0> - Video

Ugly Love:

<https://youtu.be/PaIoIx1EYRs?si=rKQvxjKZFdMffMJy> - Video

Mountains Made of Glass:

NONE! But feel free to look it up reviews!

All of these poems were created while sitting in cafes!

I recommend all of these places:

- [The Sleeping Cat](#)
- [Postmark Cafe](#)
- [Cafe Cotton Bean](#)
- [Sweetbee](#)
- [Think Coffee](#)
- [Playground Coffee](#)
- [Coffee Uplifts People \(CUP\)](#)
- [Nook](#)
- [Les Paris Dekar](#)
- [Poetica Coffee](#)
- [Brooklyn Roasting Company](#)

If you run into me at these cafes, you can say hi. But then leave me alone pls :)

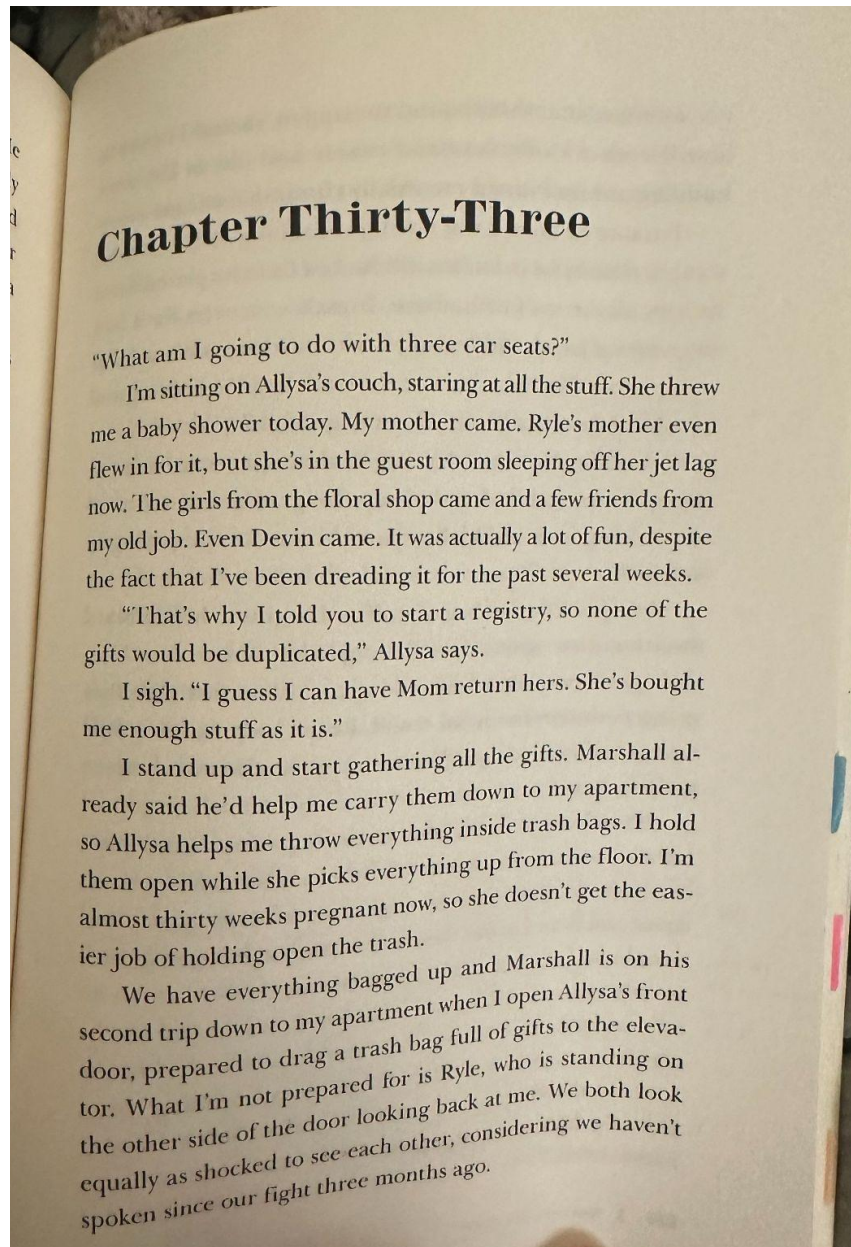
What is Blackout Poetry?

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Def: taking a piece of written work and “blacking out” certain words to create a poem

Example: *It Ends with Us* by Colleen Hoover (pg 337)

Before



Chapter Thirty-Three

[REDACTED] three [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] mother Carrie Rell [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in the guest room sleep [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] camp [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] why I told her to start in [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] S.
[REDACTED] e gifts.
[REDACTED] down to my
[REDACTED] help me check [REDACTED]
almost thirty weeks [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] a [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] prepared [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] fight [REDACTED].

Short Answer: FOR FUN!

Long Answer: The act of defacing these particular books is cathartic as they display many problematic and toxic relationships that involve highly privileged men abusing women (most white, but in *Twisted Love* she is Chinese). However, I've also found myself, due to having to read every other page in these books, I've been reflecting on how I view fantasies and kinks in my own

life. And, why should I judge what other people enjoy? But then at the same time, are readers attracted to this in real life or think that this is healthy behavior? As you can tell, I have a lot of thoughts and hope to continue this conversation with viewers like you.

Therefore, please take the time to pick any random page within *It Ends With Us*, *Ugly Love*, or *Mountain Made of Glass* and enjoy blacking out/defacing these stories.

I also invite you to take a second and read the page you are using.

- What does it mean to you?
- What are the desirable and undesirable feelings you get?
- How is this page a stand alone of a larger story?
- In my case, I turned the entirety of *Twisted Love* and *Fifty Shades Freed*, meaning I had to read every other page. However, each one can stand on its own. How does your own relate to other poems that people have created in the books?

Fifty Shades Freed

Fifty Shades of Grey: Freed

By E.L. James

Honestly, a really fun and grey-ate movie series to hate watch.

Found at [Codex](#)

Content Warnings:

- Attempted sexual assault recounted
- Statutory rape recounted
- Cheating mentioned
- Domestic violence mentioned
- Alcohol consumption
- Unplanned pregnancy
- Hospitalisation
- Parent in a medically-induced coma because of a car accident
- Death of a mother from an overdose recounted
- Attempted murder
- Gun violence
- Kidnapping & attempted kidnapping
- Blackmail

Twisted Love

Twisted Love

By Ana Huang

Almost as many red velvet cookies mentioned as there were murders.

Found at [Sweet Pickle Books](#)

Content Warnings:

- Abusive parents
- Aquaphobia
- Panic attacks/intense anxiety
- Attempted murder/drowning
- Child abuse
- Death and violence
- Mentions of suicide
- Degradation kink
- Kidnapping
- Death of family members
- Gun violence
- Incarceration

It Ends With Us

It Ends With Us

By Colleen Hoover

Dear Ellen Degenerous, This novel sure is something...

Found at [Sweet Pickle Books](#)

Content Warnings:

- Abusive relationship
- Alcohol abuse
- Cancer
- Childbirth
- Depression
- Domestic abuse
- Infertility (brief mention)
- Pregnancy
- Sexual Assault
- Sexually explicit scenes
- Suicide (brief discussion)
- Violence
- Homelessness
- Child abuse
- Sexual Abuse

Ugly Love

Ugly Love

By Colleen Hoover

Sometimes being fuckbuddies with your brother's roommate isn't a good idea.

Found at [Sweet Pickle Books](#)

Content Warnings:

- Child death/Neonatal death
- Sexual Content
- Pregnancy
- Grief
- Death
- Car Accident
- Marriage affairs (brief)
- Incest (step siblings count to me)
- Cancer (minor)
- Death of parent
- Alcohol
- Emotional manipulation
- Unequal sexual relationship (situationship/fwb gone bad)

Mountain Made of Glass

Mountains Made of Glass

By Scarlett St. Clair

An erotic romantasy retelling of Beauty and the Beast

Found at [Sweet Pickle Books](#)

Content Warnings:

- Murder
- Violence
- Sexual content
- Captivity
- Animal cruelty/death
- Torture
- Grief
- Blood
- Death
- Sexual violence
- Death of a parent/sibling
- Abandonment
- Sexual assault
- Emotional abuse

Toxic Relationship, Violence, Non-Consensual Sexual Content, Blood, Murder, Animal Death, Vomit, Death of a Parent, Death of a Sibling, Gore, Kidnapping, Murder, Grief, Emotional Abuse, Injury/Injury Detail