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# Bone



## Synopsis

Bone. Visceral. Close to. Stark.

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## Customer Reviews

"thank heavens you're resetting ever setting and resetting."- boneyrsa daley-ward's 'bone' is a symphony of breaking and mending. this whole book is an ache. and a balm. daley-ward effortlessly mines the bone. the diamond from the difficult. the things that are too bright and taboo. she lays her hands on the pulse of the thing and gives wide breath to the epic realities of women. love. sexuality. poverty. sex work. sadness. joy. damage. and restoration. assigning them all the grace. all the nurturing. and all the love they deserve. a master storyteller, daley-ward is uncannily attentive and in tune to the things beneath life. beneath the skin. beneath the weather of the everyday. her poetry and prose are intimate and distant. sonorous and staunch. unwilling to yield and wondrously supple. delicate and metallic. daley-ward's extraordinary talent and ability to both see and write the veins of life is a gift. and it is one that i am truly. truly. grateful for.

As someone who writes my own Poetry, I'm going to be completely transparent here and say, rather

strangely, I'm not really that interested in other people's. I freely admit that makes me rather self-absorbed and self-indulgent. Then, this book came to my attention- by a fascinating woman - and I. COULD. NOT. PUT. IT. DOWN. It's become one of those handful of books that I take with me on holiday- when I move house, it doesn't go into storage with 99% of my other books. Because it's too important and too inspiring. I need it near me at all times. This book is probably one of the best 3 books I've ever read, if not, DEFINITELY one of the top 5 and CERTAINLY the best book of Poetry I've ever read. Brave, startling, honest, autobiographical, beyond clever. The poem in this book entitled 'Mental Health' has since gone onto become my favourite poem of all time. This book changed me and inspired me that I could write my own. The writer is quite simply, a master of language and words and creating visions. Making you think about situations in ways that you've never even thought of before. Relatable, accessible, dignified, truthful, integral, necessary- it's a book you go back to for repeat readings and sip in and out of to help you through certain days such is its magnificence. I for one, in future, will buy this as a birthday or christmas gift for anyone I feel would appreciate how precious it is. A startling debut. I literally cannot wait to see what Ms. Daley-Ward produces next. I implore you to buy, read, share and discuss this book with friends.

I can't seem to find a nicer quality JPEG for this. Sigh. That blur just bothers me. But beside that, this is yet another poetry book. Although, don't be fooled, there are some poems that are actually flash fiction, short stories. It's really up to you to decide if it's poetry or not. I consider it poetry and prose poetry. Ward delves into short stories, flash fiction. Flash fiction is sort of a poetry form itself, since it needs to form a scene, but a writer has to struggle to write words in the most claustrophobic of spaces, the shortest breathes. Some of them are good at it and they write in one inhale and exhale. That is the writing for *Bone*, it chronicles scenes of family breaking apart, snippet by snippet. Our mental walls cracking as society's sharp objects, racism and sexism, the prejudices of others and our own selves, peeling us flake by flake, till we are nothing but a bone. But bones are hard, but they contain nerves, which are sensitive. *Bone* is poetry for those who feel like ending it all, who feel that their skin color, their language, their whole being is worthless. Because we may seem hard on the outside, but yet sensitive. There is so much we can take in, so much that we let it congest our insides. But this sounds like something that has been repeated too much, but her writing just feels so real, yet delicate enough not to hurt you too much, not to stab you too many times. She is a very special writer, one that is quite rare. I actually find myself wanting to read her words over and over again. It's a special gift, when you can craft words that can be engraved in everyone's skin, gently, with little pieces of love and hope sewn in. Rating: 5/5 Originally published here: [...]

Before reading bone, I was completely unfamiliar with Daley-Wards' writing. I must say, after giving it a read (and a few more re-reads) I hold no regret on this purchase. This is a beautiful collection of poetry & prose in which she utilizes words to paint highly detailed pictures with an ease that makes it an absolute pleasure & experience to read. I'm shocked I haven't heard of her or her work sooner, but I'm in love with bone & highly anticipate her next release.

bone is charming. bone's pages are full of insight and honesty. it is an organic and beautiful read that will have you coming back to read it over and over - girls. bone. emergency warning. artichokes. on hearing he hit his girlfriend. when they ask. You don't know the half of it. this was the story are some of my favourites that had me smiling and blushing at their beauty and sharpness. it is a collection that is full of wisdom effortlessly shared through Yrsa Daley-Ward's impeccable writing. bone as a whole is a delight and a book that will remain in my library forever.

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