

Dear reader,

I think it would be best to start with a warning: if you are looking for a traditional romance novel, you will not find it here. If you are looking for a youth-appropriate novel, you will not find it here. If you are looking for a novel devoid of, ahem, colorful language, this is not the book for you. If you are looking for a novel that leaves you feeling happy and satisfied, you will not find it here. If you are looking for action, adventure, science fiction, shadow governments, violence, dystopia, sex, gore, and, yes: love— you may be in the right place. If you are looking for a story that does not flinch away from abuse— physical, mental, and sexual, then this may be the book for you (if you are working to heal from these things, be prepared for this book to speak to that, and maybe wait to read it— or maybe don't. Sometimes it helps just to know that somebody understands). If you are looking for characters who are larger than life but still utterly, brokenly human, this may be the book for you. The truth is, it'd be easier to list the few graphic things that are not in this book than the ones that are. And somehow, still, despite all of that, I hope this is the book for you.

Consider this your content warning.

*This book is a work of fiction.*

*However, it contains subject matter that may be triggering, including:*

- Alcoholism (implied)
- Branding
- Child Abuse/ disfigurement
- Child Death
- Infant loss
- Domestic Violence
- Eugenics
- Emotional Abuse
- Genocide (implied)
- Gun violence
- Graphic Violence/ Gore
- Infertility/ forced sterilization
- Mental illness
- Plague
- Profanity
- PTSD
- Racism
- Rape/ Sexual Assault/ Sexual Abuse
- Sexually explicit scenes
- Suicide (implied)