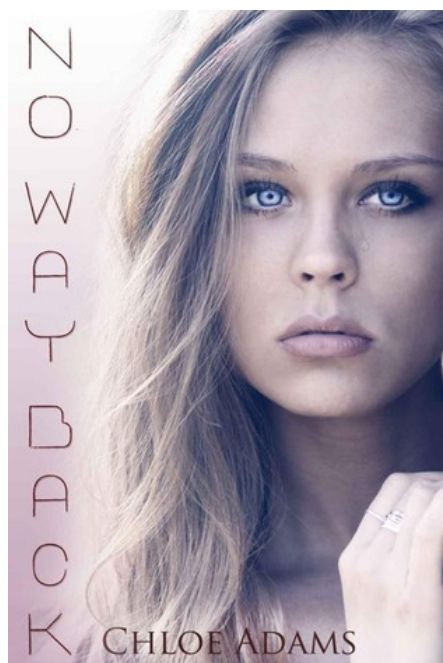




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Sometimes bad things happen to beautiful people.

The wealthy daughter of a high-ranking politician, seventeen year old Mia Abbott-Renou has everything: designer clothes, wealth, spring breaks in Monte Carlo. She lives blissfully unaware of her family's secrets, until the night she is raped by the son of her father's greatest political ally.

Her father forbids her from going to the police and threatens to throw her out if she does. It's a critical election year, one that his party might lose, if the public sours on his doting father image when they realize his daughter is an underage lush and party girl. He can't risk splintering the party in a nasty court battle that's certain to draw way too much press, even if that means sacrificing his daughter.

Mia's world is shattered twice, once by the men who hurt her, and once by the betrayal of her family. She does what her father says. But the rapists strike again and beat their next victim near death.

With the help of her best friend and a couple of unlikely allies, Mia must decide: does she risk losing everything to do what's right? Or does she turn her back on the truth and preserve the family name?

What's privileged girl to do, when her perfect little world isn't so perfect anymore?

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From Reader Review No Way Back for online ebook

Vikki ~ *squee* lite ~ says

[I mean how many 17 year olds honestly believe that you can't get pregnant from rape? (hide sp

S.R. Grey says

This was a well-written novel that has an important message. But it was not easy to read at times. The first chapter sets the tone for just how dark it's going to get, and that is very, very dark. Mia suffers terribly at the hands of two politically-connected boys, and then is victimized by family and friends after the attack. My heart went out to Mia and the tough choices she had to make, more or less on her own. A good story, but not a light read by any stretch of the imagination.

Bèbè ♦ RANT ♦ says

No Way Back is an emotional book about rape and its aftermath. This book may disturb young readers and is not intended for those who are light hearted.

Mia Abbott-Renou has never been close with her family because of her father's high political status. He always wanted his children to be an asset to his reelections. Mia knew that she wasn't cut out for that world and couldn't wait until she turned eighteen so that she could go out to the world on her own. But she still wanted her Daddy's attention and getting in trouble was one way.

Going to a party with fake ID was risky but she wanted to be and feel beautiful. Robert Connor, one of her Daddy's allies' son, was the only one she knew at the party and she finally felt hot by the way he looked at her. But by the time he introduced her to his friend Madison, she was completely drunk and disregarded the chalky pill that she tasted in her drink that Robert brought. After that it all went foggy and what she saw next felt only like a dream...

I have glimpses of my world between dark pauses. I don't know how, but my dress is gone and so is my bra. I'm dancing among fireflies while two still gnomes sit on the edge of a fountain with a dancing fish.

After the haze is gone, Mia remembers. She remembers the way she felt when she was getting raped, how they were beating her and how something metal slammed against her head. Everyone is telling her that she is lucky to survive. But she cannot stand the memories and they haunt her in her dreams.

At least she still has Daddy. But he doesn't visit her in the hospital and all of the sudden she is the person

who is helping him win the reelection. Is he using her to get more votes or he really cares? Mia has to figure out who is on her side and who is not.

Thoughts. My hands are shaking while I am writing this review. Looking back at the rape scene and reading it over to find good quotes is really hard for me because it makes me feel like I'm going through all that pain and not Mia. This book was just amazing. All of the characters were pronounced and it's interesting to see how Mia stands up to her father even when she's scared that he will disown her. I feel really bad for her and from the beginning I had hard time reading it because it was so sad and my heart was breaking for her. Go get this book NOW. I am definitely continuing with this series to see how the trial goes and what is going to happen to her family after she turns eighteen.

Adela Cacovean says

Read the review in both English and Romanian on my blog, where it was originally published:
<http://vanillamoonblog.com/2013/02/01...>

I have so many things to say about this book that I don't even know where to start from! Let's see... What made me want to read this book was actually the fact that it was recommended to me by a author that is very dear to me, so I told myself "Why not?" and, since the ebook was free, I took the chance... or so I thought. I am an air-head sometimes, you see, and when I wanted to start reading I realised I hadn't finished the buying process. I was very sad at that moment, but... guess what? The same person who recommended it to me told me not to worry and actually gifted the ebook to me through Amazon. So I want to thank her again for being an amazingly generous person!

Now... I remember posting about this book on my blog earlier this year, when the free offer was available, and some of you told me the cover is gorgeous, but that the girl has something weird about her eye. Well, guess what?! This is related to what happens in the book. And, if you look closely enough, you'll notice a tear too. The attention to detail is incredible!

Mia is everything I like in a character. Her development throughout the book is amazing, from a frightened girl who wants to hide in her closet forever, to one willing to fight till the end, no matter the consequences. There is a very powerful inner struggle in her, between her wish to forget everything that happened and that of doing the right thing. I love this kind of characters!

The first thought that occurred to me when I started the book, was that every single teenage girl should read the first chapter. They should know what can happen when they get drunk, accept drinks from strangers and go with them in secluded places. Yes, it is disturbing to read about rape. But it is also necessary to understand that life isn't all milk and honey, and that you shouldn't hide your head in the sand like an ostrich!

Apart from the rape-chapter, the rest of the book focuses on Mia's fight to get over the incident and move on. But how can she do that when she remembers who the attackers were? She has to choose between doing the right thing (which is a very long trial) and her family. Everyone telling her what she should do, playing with her emotions and setting her up doesn't make things easier either.

Another good thing about this book is that it's not all about drama, it's also about coming to terms about what is happening in your life. Everything happens for a reason and, as weird as it sounds, Mia benefits from this incident in a way that she wouldn't have imagined. She gets closer to a part of her family, she finally understands them and will learn to slowly fall in love again, something she didn't expect it.

As much as I loved this book, it needs a little bit of "polishing" before it's perfect. I wanted to give it five vanilla flowers, but the typos that I found here and there, and the fact that it ended so suddenly made me go for only four. This is the first ever book signed by Chloe Adams and I can't wait for its sequel! And if you find your way to my review, please, please, don't stop writing! It's in your blood and the YA literature needs more books like this one! And you, dear readers, what are you waiting for? Grab your copy of "No Way Back" and read it! Seriously!

Kellie Maddox-Ward says

ARC received from Netgalley

I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS A NOVELLA!!

I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS A CLIFFHANGER!!

I DIDN'T KNOW THIS WAS BOOK WAS GOING TO RIP ME TO SHREDS!!

Everything about it was a freaking awesome ride.. one I enjoyed immensely as I ugly cried...

I ~~want~~ NEED more... **NOW**

Kim says

No Way Back is an intense read, and one that goes deeply and starkly into the reality of rape and the aftermath of it. This is not a light read, but one that makes you think and feel as if you were in the story itself. Honestly, it struck a personal note with me and my own experience with this and I cried just about all the way through it. I felt Mia's heartache and pain and confusion as if it were my own, in some ways reliving my own. I thoroughly appreciated the author's lack of fear when confronting such controversial themes such as rape and politics, even religious beliefs. There was certainly no lack of social issues brought up in the book, but in no way did it feel like she was trying to influence the readers beliefs. Instead, it was the telling of one girl's story.

In an odd way, Mia becomes far more likeable after she was raped, making you, as the reader, realize that she is not the stereotypical "little, rich girl" that has it easy. But really, this character was far more than that. She had her own strength, even when she didn't realize it. I also love Ari, Mia's best friend. She was exactly who I wish I had had by my side at that moment in my life.

To say I enjoyed the book might sound a little odd, considering the theme, but I did love it. It didn't sugar coat it, but showed the experience for what it was, with all the messy feelings and emotions and trauma that can go along with it. I applaud the author for that.

Michelle says

ARC received via Net Gallery.

Broken Beauty is the first installment of a Novella Series that follows Mia and her struggle with being raped and the aftermath of the event that changes her life. As the daughter of a politician, Mia struggles with what she is feeling, what she should do and what is expected of her to ensure that her father's chances at an election aren't ruined.

This was a very emotional read. Not just because of the subject matter. It wasn't written in a graphic way that forced emotions or used words to cause you to react. It was emotional because it felt real. There is always difficulty when an author tries to capture something so real in a work of fiction. But Chloe Adams created something that felt like you were privy to the inner workings of the mind of a rape survivor. I think I had a lump in my throat the entire time it took to read this.

You can't help but want to see Mia survive this, to see her take the action that far too many are not able to do. But she comes from a family that cares more about their public image than what she went through. Her only source of support are her best friend and the cop that found her.

Chloe Adams does an amazing job capturing the emotions behind a tragic event. I loved the fact that she allowed Mia's character to find comfort in Dom more than with Keisha (the cops that saved her). Often times it is portrayed that after this type of crime that a woman can't see a man without the fear of being hurt, but with Mia, she sees Dom as a protecting figure. The fact that the author provided us with a male rather than just allowing Keisha to be the one she felt safe with was not a typical route and made it seem more realistic.

This was a hard read, and I have no doubt that the next in this six part series will be gut-wrenching. But Mia's story made me want to see how this ends for her. She is so far away from the ability to cope with what happened to her that I need to see her pull through this. I need to see her find her strength to battle for her life to exist beyond being attacked.

MELISSA *Mel Reader* says

(ARC provided by Netgalley)

(Recommended by Tiffany)

Mia Abbott-Renou is the daughter of a politician and a former French actress. She lives her life in the public eye. She is in her senior year of high school and is given just about any material thing she wants. She is of little importance to her family, and only feels loved and valued by her best friend Ari. She has been friends with Ari since they were five. Her mother is a drunk and is in rehab, and her father is a selfish, career driven man who really only cares about himself. She can't stand going to her father's political functions and chooses to go to a party one night instead. At this party she is drugged, beat, and raped by two college guys. Turns out she knows one of them, and had thought he was this nice, handsome football player. His father also happens to be a friend and ally of her father's.

After she is abused by these men, she is found by two cops. They take her to the hospital and nobody comes to her but her uncle Chris who is also their family lawyer and her dad's publicist Shea. All they care about is how they will spin this, and how it will look to the public. Her father won't let anything or anyone get in the way of his reelection. Image is everything to this family, while this poor girl is alone and broken.

The only person that is really there for her through all of this is her best friend Ari, and the young cop that found her, Dom. He instantly makes her feel safe and calms her. He is a gentle, kind man. He stays with her in the hospital, holds her, and is her hero in every way. I love Dom & hope in future books after she recovers some emotionally, that maybe things can turn into something more romantic between Mia and Dom.

This series is going to be 6 short novella's. I can't wait for more in this series, and hope that Mia will continue to get stronger, ditch that crappy family, heal & find love with Dom, and get revenge on her attackers!!!

I thought this was an excellent, very well written book! It kept my interest throughout. It was heartbreaking and tragic, but very honest and real. I felt it shed light on something that unfortunately happens all the time. Not just rape, but being drugged. In my college years I had my drink drugged, but thankfully was lucky to have a friend with me who noticed something was off & took me home. Mia unfortunately didn't have a friend with her. Also, it is often someone you know, or wouldn't suspect that will drug your drink. Ladies, don't let your drink out of your sight & don't take a drink from anyone unless you saw it being made.

(Okay, rant is over,& on a happier note, did I mention I love Dom! He is a sweetie! Here are some Dom quotes! :))

-I don't recognize anyone or anything- but the brown eyes and blue uniform. I tighten my grip on the blue uniform. I won't let go. I can't let go, not until my mind is right again.

-The man with my grandfather's low voice and brown eyes is guarding me.

-I focus on the sound of his voice, which is low, calm and warm.

-Dom's face appears in my vision. His warm arms are around me.

-Dom has me clutched against him. I don't entirely want him to let go; it's the safest I've felt since last night.

-I start to wonder if he's my guardian angel.

-Dom is taller than I remember and strong. He's really handsome. I just remember his eyes were pretty and I liked how safe I felt with him.

-His smile is slightly crooked, his olive skin and dark eyebrows and hair indicating his Mediterranean background. He looks Italian or Greek with dimples in his cheeks that only appear when he smiles.

-He's the kind of person I've never had in my life.

-It's strange to think there are people out there that are the complete opposite of my family, people who want to help others and not just themselves.

-What's it like to have someone who loves you?

Patrycja says

Broken Beauty is heartwrenching, soul shattering read that is emotional roller coaster. This phenomenal novella will break your heart over and over again. It will also touch you in the most intimate way and make you think and feel painful things that can change your soul.

I have cried, been extremely angry and most of all I hurt for Mia. I couldn't let myself put down this book. It left me breathless, shaking corpse filled with mix of feelings that were all over my mind. I don't know how to really describe me and my feelings after I finished reading. This novella is incredibly powerful and compelling story that will be painfully written in my heart for the rest of my life.

This novel opened up me in new ways. I enjoyed it immensely. This story spell bounded me like no other ever has. Broken Beauty is sensual, heartbreaking story with psychological portrait of damaged and abused young woman, that left me extremely impressed. I wished it was full length book and I could enjoy it longer.

Ash Wednesday says

Nope. Sorry. I just can't.

“Don’t ever talk to me again, Shea!” I yell. “Responsible? You wanted me to tell them it was my fault this happened? You gave them pics of what those monsters did to me! You know, what? Fuck you! I hope you get raped one day so you know how fucked up that is!”

Getting raped doesn't automatically win my sympathy (little as it was to begin with for this character), and definitely neither would this. I will never be able to find an excuse for this horribly irresponsible statement.

Deal breaker.

Challenge failed x.x

Erika Hernandez says

ARC provided by Netgally for my honest review

This book made me so mad because of the fact that it was so real, how a girl or women could go thru this.

Mia Abbot-Renou is a 17yr old high school student with a politician father. He pretty much chooses his career over her and so she is left by herself quite often. Mia goes to a party where she is drugged and raped by a guy she knows and his friend. When her family finds out no one goes to the hospital to help her. They care more about hiding it from the media.

The simple fact that everyone who is suppose to love and protect Mia has basically put the image of her rape

under the rug so that they will be out of the public eye. They choose to make her not admit to the police the name of her rapist, that she doesn't really remember who raped her. They are either blind or choose not to see how this had affected her way of life, no one should have to go thru what poor Mia has. She knows that she is doing wrong by not admitting the truth, she now knows there are others not just her. One of the cops who found her is Dom she sees him as her guardian angel, hopefully with his help she will tell the truth.

Hopefully as the rest of this series of novella's are released she changes her mind. I can't wait for the other books, I need to read more about how this story transpires.

I really enjoyed this book, is just that many women in this world who have been raped and have political ties have been in Mia's shoes, but we don't ever hear about it because like this story they try to or do in fact sweep it under the rug.

I would definitely recommend this book to my friends.

Bookish ?ne says

My first 5 star review of 2013! I am soooooo overwhelmed by this book. The first chapter alone I could feel my heart clench. This is the story of 17 year old Mia Abbott-Renou. Beautiful, rich girl missing the love and affection from her politician father and French actress mother. She is living a carefree lifestyle.

At a party without her best friend Ari but with a fake ID she finds herself being served drink after drink with no questions asked. She sees someone she knows, the son of one of her father's closest political colleagues. A handsome college boy who pays attention to her. He asks her to take a walk with him to the "garden". Trusting, naive and unassuming she agrees.....and then her world will never be the same.....She is drugged, raped, brutalized and left for dead.

This is the story of Mia Abbott-Renou and how her family, friends and strangers and how they will affect her life and the decisions she will need to make, to set things right. My heart goes out to Mia and what she went through. I found myself having to pause off and on while reading this book. Tears fell and my chest was tight at some point. I just could not imagine how something so terrible, so horrible can happen to someone or just anyone. But, I know it does, and my heart goes out. It's hard especially when she does not have the support of her family because their political careers and status which is more important than family. It's sad that it brings out the ugliness in people. Yet she finds real comfort in the two people in her life, someone familiar and another a stranger.

Ari her best friend, her loyalty, dedication, love and support for Mia was incredible. I can only wish that everyone can have a friend like her.

Dom, the police officer who first found Mia, he was her "rock", supportive and encouraging. He and Mia had a special bond. Someone who she found comfort in and peace of mind. I just fell madly in love with him!!!

I had to keep reminding myself that Mia was only 17 years old and Dom in his early twenties. There couldn't be any chance that something could develop other than friendship between the two of them. Or could they?

I hoped that there would be another book to follow. And YESSSSS, there is!!!! And instead of that cliff hanger, mouth hanging, uneasiness until the next time.....I am left with a feeling of pride, belief and hope that it can only get better.

2nd book in a series of 5 is: Dom's Way. Let's just say I'm keeping my fingers and toes crossed that this will be more about Mia and Dom moving forward.

I will not say I hope you enjoy this book because of it's sensitive issue. But, I hope you will find this very well written book amazing, awe-inspiring, extraordinary just like I did.

™From My Playlist: Christina Aguilera - Beautiful

Kayla Eklund says

For those of you that have been following my reviews for a long time, you know I'm a bit of an ebook hoarder. I have a ton of books by a lot of different authors. Lizzy Ford is one of those authors. I have dozens of her books. Even though I have so many, I have never read any. I recently decided to pick up Broken Beauty. I really enjoyed the book.

It feels weird to say I enjoyed the book. I'm not sure enjoyed is the right word. This is in the synopsis, so I don't feel like it's a spoiler to say that the book deals with the sensitive subject of rape. I thought the author handled the subject well. She drew attention to the issues without being offensive. I think she did a good job portraying some of the situations rape survivors find themselves going through. I felt heartbroken watching Mia go through everything she did while I was reading her story. I also liked that there was zero romantic involvement in this book. Mia didn't need to lean on a guy to feel whole again. I really respect the author for that.

Speaking of Mia, I could not stand her family. I wanted to reach through my kindle, and smack the hell out of her father. I couldn't believe that he could care so little for his own flesh and blood, especially after everything she went through. Mia's mom was the best one in the family, which isn't saying much. She still didn't seem like she cared too much. She cared, but it came off as indifferent or fake more than anything else.

Broken Beauty was a powerful, moving book. It dealt with a sensitive subject in a respectful and informative way. It made the reader aware of a situation they might not normally think about because it's not relevant to them. I don't think I will be continuing this series just because this book was so hard to read. I do however recommend this book to anyone that wants to learn more about the subject.

Michelle says

****ARC provided in exchange for honest review.****

Broken Beauty by Lizzy Ford is a heartbreaking and painful tale and reminder of how easy an innocent life can be destroyed and shattered forever..This book is part one of a six part novella that deals with a serious issue of **RAPE** and coping and dealing with the aftermath of being sexual assaulted.

Broken Beauty begins in the aftermath of a traumatic and agonizing ordeal that leaves 17 year old Mia Abbott-Renou beaten, blooded and truly broken. She has no clear memory of why she is lying naked in a garden. Little pieces of her memories of the attack comes back to her in muddled and confused snapshots. As she is being questioned by the police to recount her attack, it is then that Mia realizes that one of her

attacker's is the son of her father's political ally and major contributor.

In the world of her father nothing is more important than public perception and his political career. Mia's father was just a complete asshole. What father does not show up to the hospital after hearing that this his youngest daughter has been drugged, beaten, and brutally raped by two men. Instead Mia's father sends out his team of lackeys and publicists to spin the news of Mia's attack to work in his political favor.

"Daddy, why didn't you come see me at the hospital?" My voice carries a tremor of emotion in it, one I hope I could prevent.

"Mia, dear, you know I would have if I had the time. Your press conference did wonders for my polls this week. Did Shea tell you?"

My heart truly ached and bleed for Mia..She is living in an absolute nightmare everyday since her attack. She has no support from her family but only through her best friend Ari and the cop who found her, Dom. Knowing who her attacker is, she is faced with doing the right thing and telling the cops or go along with her father's advisers of not ruining his political career.

Broken Beauty showcases and depicts how Mia's life after being brutally raped has affected her well-being of moving on. Mia is no longer the carefree spirit but truly broken..it has left her emotionally scared and afraid.This book reminds us all that **RAPE** doesn't just go away when the bruises and scars heals. The physical scars may fade and heal but there are women who are living everyday with the constant nightmares and reminders of being violated and some of these women may never fully recover from their trauma.

I want to give thanks to Lizzy Ford for writing an emotional RAW heartfelt story and addressing a very important subject matter. Mia's story is one of many victim's story that needs to be heard. Lizzy Ford reminds us all that **NO ONE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR BEING RAPED..NO ONE ASKS FOR IT**. This book sheds light that no woman asked to be raped just because of what she wears, how she looks, how she acts or how drunk she is.

I look forward to reading the next novella of Mia's journey whether or not she can fully heal from this horrific ordeal.

Due to the fact this is a six part novella, readers are left with a cliffhanger in this book
Chloe Adams Lizzy Ford

Ashley Stoyanoff says

Broken Beauty was a tough read. The story is about a 17 year old girl named Mia who was drugged, beaten, and raped at a party.

Mia comes from a *privileged* family. Her father is a politician; they have money, but as the saying goes, money can't buy happiness. She has virtually no *real* family life to speak of, and to make matters worse, instead of trying to find the jerks that hurt her, her father is more focused on putting a spin on the horrific things that happened to Mia to help him win an election.

I have to admit that when I received the ARC copy and blurb from Lizzy, I was a bit leery. I'm not much for the *real life* stories, preferring to be sucked into a new world, but there hasn't been a Lizzy Ford book that I haven't liked so I decided that I needed to read it. I'm so glad I did.

Mia was so well developed in this short story that I felt as if I'd known her my whole life. I felt her pain. I wanted to reach through the pages and hug her. For the entire 78 pages, Mia was my best friend, and I ached for her every second I was reading this book.

And Dom, well, Dom was the ray of sunshine that this story needed. He was there for Mia, giving her the support that her family should have.

My only complaint about this book was the constant use of 'Daddy'. Mia has virtually no relationship with her father and she's also 17. It made me think of her as so much younger than she really was. But Mia wasn't the only one referring to her father as 'Daddy', even grown adults were. I know it's a silly thing, but it seemed really odd, and it was used so often that it kept pulling me from the story.

Even though I had a little complaint, this book was very well written. I felt everything Mia felt: heartbreak, fear, anger, loneliness. Lizzy wrote this story in such a way that you just can't help but *feel* something on every single page.

Broken Beauty is a heartbreaking read, dealing with real life topics. Although this book may not be for everyone due to the sensitive subject, it was a good read, and I would recommend checking it out.
