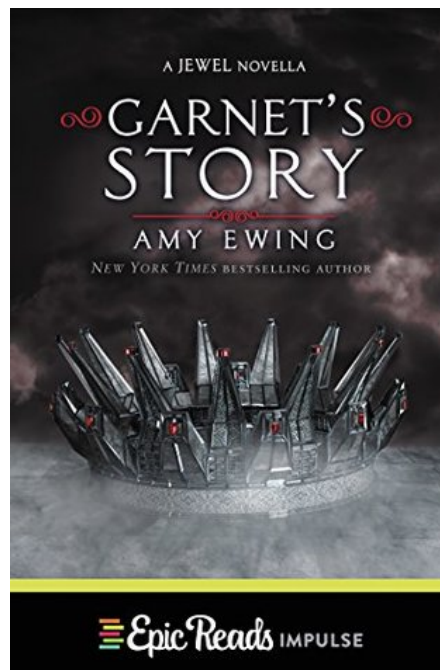




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In *The Jewel* and *The White Rose*, we follow Violet in her servitude under the Duchess of the Lake. Now we'll hear the Duchess's son, Garnet's, story in this digital novella—a companion story to the *New York Times* bestselling Lone City trilogy.

Garnet, the son of the Duchess of the Lake, has always been a spoiled playboy. But now, for the first time, Garnet is beginning to realize the horrors that his family, and the ruling community, have perpetrated. And he just may be ready to do something about it.

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Sarah says

[The only new information was about Garnet driving his car into the lake, and getting involved with a bank girl, which happened right at the start of the book. (hide spoiler)]

Annika loves Books says

Ein wirklich gelungener Zusatzband, in welchem ich nochmal richtig in den ersten Teil und die Geschichte eintauchen konnte. Da ich gerne besonders sympathisch mit seiner rebellischen Art fand, war dies wirklich toll aufgemacht.

Rebecca says

This short novella showcases Garnet in all his mischievous glory. It largely tells the same story as The Jewel, in part, but from Garnet's perspective instead of Violet's so you can see what the "bad boy" Prince is really like. You absolutely have to have read The Jewel before you read this novella, it's full of spoilers.

Whilst it might seem a bit repetitive to basically read the same story again just with a slightly different spin on it, it's actually not that noticeable - Garnet has somehow gotten himself into the position of having to inevitably help Violet so this novella shows us how he got himself into that mess so it feels quite different to the original story. And it's hilarious. It also explains some of Garnet's naughty outbursts or impromptu behaviour from the first book.

The thing I enjoyed the most though about this novella was actually Annabelle, Who you might remember as the mute girl from The Jewel who befriends Violet. Her relationship with Garnet was entirely unexpected, but so gorgeous and sweet; this novella is worth it even just for their little scenes together and I hope this is shown more in the second book!

A definite must read for fans of The Jewel - but mostly of Annabelle!

Jackie says

Rating: 4 out of 5 stars

As with The House of the Stone, I really liked getting to see a different point of view in Ewing's world. More than anything, I liked getting to know a little more about Garnet--what drives him, his personality, and what he was thinking all those times he appeared drunk. Even though the book took the same path as The Jewel, it was interesting because it was shown through the point of view of the royalty and gave an inside look into what their overall beliefs on surrogates and the culture in general are. That said, I found myself getting a little bored at times and thought the pacing was a bit odd. For one thing, I would have liked it better if certain parts were more detailed because I feel I would have gotten to know Garnet more.

Overall though, I thought this was a good addition to the world and enjoyed reading from Garnet's point of view.

Giska Anandita says

this is it,im dying to know his story, first i though he would be our main male character, but then we didnt. one thing i know for sure is i have a thing for a bad boy<3

Gervan says

I really would have preferred a novella about the Duchess of the Lake tbh.

This was a good recap of The Jewel from Garnet's perspective but... I don't really care about Garnet at this point in the series. Nonetheless, I had planned on rereading The White Rose and this put me in a good position to do that. It just didn't really add much perspective to the overall story for me.

Alina says

Tolle Kurzgeschichte. Nur ich hab sie viel zu spät gelesen. Garnet mochte ich in den anderen Bücher nicht so sehr aber hier lernt man ihn richtig kennen. Seine Fassade ist doch nicht so stabil, wie er dem äußeren Anschein nach zu urteilen vorgibt.

Trotzdem sehr lesenswert nach dem 2 Band der Juwel Trilogie. ??

Tanja says

Ich finde diese Kurzgeschichte aus Garnets Sicht sehr interessant. Garnet wächst einem noch mehr ans Herz.

Yv says

Ik hou dus helemaal niet van novella's en korte verhalen, maar dit was wat mij betreft wel echt een uitzondering! Het is niet zozeer een kort verhaal, maar wel een mooie aanvulling op het eerste boek, vanuit een ander gezichtspunt. Ik heb gelijk meteen een heel ander gevoel over Garnet :).

Op naar het verhaal van Raven :D. Hopelijk lukt die vanavond nog, want wil morgen dolgraag met The White Rose beginnen! Ook 3,5* deze.

Melissa **Just Really Loves Musicals says**

3.5 stars

I was surprised at how much I enjoyed this. Nothing amazing, of course, butThis was a great recap of book 1, told from Garnet's point of view, and it really helped jog my memory. It's been almost 2 months since I

read The Jewel, and I don't know when I'll get the chance to pick up The White Rose, hopefully soon, but I'm glad I picked this up as it cleared up a lot of confusion about Garnet, and affirmed my thoughts that I much prefer him to Ash. Excited for the rest of this series now.

Shannon says

This was a great novella and a nice addition to the series. I like novellas like this that keep me engaged in a series while I'm waiting for the next book or give me interesting information. I've always liked Garnet's character, but we don't know much about him other than he's kind of a rich, spoiled, playboy, who likes to annoy his mother the Duchess of the Lake. It turns out there is more to him and his life than partying and causing trouble. The House of the Lake is one of the original Royal Houses and his mother is cold and always scheming to be at the top of the food chain, Garney has suffered because of her wickedness. We get to know Garnet a little better in this book and learn about how he came to play the role he does in the series.

This novella takes place when the Duchess purchases Violet, a surrogate, and takes us through Garnet's side of the timeline. Garnet has done something stupid, and to clean up his mess Lucian, the Electress' (kind of like the queen) lady in waiting, offers to clean up his mess in exchange for keeping tabs on Violet. The timeline is a bit accelerated as it is a short story, but we come to understand how Garnet gets involved in the action that takes place later in the story. Ewing does a great job explaining how Garnet ties into the story without retelling the whole first book.

This was a pretty quick read and feel like it was a good addition to the series. I'm looking forward to the conclusion of the series.

Colleen says

I knew in The Jewel that there was something about Garnet. I already like him in the first book but I didn't expect to really like him even more.

Sandra "Jeanz" says

INITIAL THOUGHTS

I totally adore this series and the characters within it. I will be fascinated to see events through the eyes of Garnet as he is considered to be in a good position within the class hierarchy in the book, but it is also obvious that he is really quite deeply affected by the events occurring around him.

THOUGHTS WHILST READING

Will I enjoy revisiting the Lone City and seeing events through the eyes of the rather selfish character of Garnet.

COVER COMMENTS

There are two covers for this novella, one is quite dark and what I can only describe as having rather dismal looking background. The main feature of the cover is a crown. . .perhaps a reference to the Jewel district. The cover I have chosen to share within this review is the one I prefer which is bright red, has gold opulent writing which fits perfectly with the House Of Lakes that someday Garnet will be in charge of. The byline

fits this novella perfectly "It's time he looked beyond the glittering facades of the Jewel" and it is what happens to Garnet during this novella.

REVIEW

I purchased this novella from Amazon UK as I have read The Jewel, The House Of Stone and The White Rose, I was looking forward to reading this novella even though I knew it would be basically have some of the same story that took place in The Jewel but it is told my Garnet and contains his feelings on events. In this novella we discover how Garnet is himself living in a type of cage, though he initially my not see the boundaries of his cage, by the end of this novella, he is feeling the constraints and expectations of his mother, the person in charge of his cage quite keenly.

Garnet is somewhat sheltered and seems to have never even spared a thought to where the surrogates come from, to what they go through to provide the royal families with children,so he is in for a large shock to his system when it is revealed what happens to the surrogates during the process of them being impregnated and what ultimately happens to them when they have given birth to the treasured offspring.

Lucien really opens Garnet's eyes to what is going on in plain sight all around him. For probably the first time in his life Garnet thinks of someone other than himself.

It is interesting to see Garnet's whole way of thinking gradually change within this novella. I loved seeing his weakness for simpler things, like Violet playing her cello. It was also great to experience Garnet's frustration when Lucien at first refuses to tell him the surrogate's name, as well as when Lucien is keeping him on a "need to know" only basis in the elaborate plan to smuggle Violet right out from under the nose of the formidable Duchess Of The Lake.

Did I enjoy the novella? Yes, I thoroughly enjoyed reading this novella, seeing a side of Garnet that you don't get the chance to see in The Jewel.

Would I recommend the novella? Yes, as I found it an interesting part of the series. You not only see another side to Garnet but even get a small glimpse to a sliver of a softer side to the Duchess Of the Lake too.

Would I want to read more of this series? Yes! I'd read it right now if I had it!

Would I want to read other titles by this author? I would certainly take a close look and interest in any books written by this author. I really enjoy her writing style, her characters and world building and the detailed descriptions enable you as a reader to visualise the scenes you are reading.

FINAL THOUGHTS

I think I have seen a different, softer, more considerate of those around him side to Garnet.

To sum up my feelings about this book in just two words.....they would be . . . Loved It!! I enjoyed revisiting the Lone City and seeing how Garnet became involved with Lucien and his scheme to help Violet. It was fascinating learning how little Garnet knew about his own social circle....how little he knew of those people any lower than the banker class! This book does make you warm more to Garnet as you see the genuine love and affection he has for Cora and Annabelle. This book has made me even more desperate to read the next installment...The Black Key....I would be picking The Black Key right now to read it if I could!

E. says

Just love Garnet

Katy Mulvaney says

I was beyond disappointed to read this. Garnet as a secret member of the Resistance had the potential to be the best and most exciting character -- and a true surprise at the end of a very formulaic book. Garnet's messy

romantic liaisons and party boy attitude is not only a brilliant cover for starting a revolution underneath his disgusted mother's nose, but it would suggest my favorite theory of the book (that I suspect we're not getting) that the Surrogates have been seeding the children with empathy for the lower classes as a form of long-term revenge. It's been made clear the more skilled of them can do personality, after all.

Although I suppose Garnet could still be the revenge of a feisty Surrogate...it was just so disappointing to find out he's a party boy trying to stave off blackmail, not a clever spy maintaining his cover.
