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Calvin says

I may be old and less emotional than I used to be, but I still found this book a great read. B. Diehl is one of the best poets of his generation.

Casey Kiser says

3.75 stars.

Zeller's Alley is intense, irreverent, brutally honest and witty. Diehl zips down his life and picks apart his relationships in this impressive debut. My favorites are 'Red Lipstick, Leather Jacket', 'Overkill' and 'Chemistry Meteorology and the Art of Floating'. I recommend this fun read. No doubt his work will improve with age as he is already a demanding voice in poetry. I also recommend his chapbook 'Temporary Obscurity'.

Ciara says

Shelby says

I love this book and highly recommend it to all open-minded poetry-lovers who enjoy over-the-top angst and dark humor.

James says

What I liked most about this book is that you can tell the author didn't make the mistake of trying too hard. One thing that turns me off about a lot of poetry is that it is often overworked until the emotions are almost completely buried. For the most part, this book is raw and the messages are not masked by fancy language. You can tell what the author was feeling when he wrote these poems.

My only complaint is that it is some of the poems are little too long. In my opinion, shorter poems have a stronger impact because they're like quick punches to the gut. That's just my opinion.

Great book.

Bill says

Whiny and obnoxious. Just more garbage polluting the legacy of poetry.

Wesley says

In Zeller's Alley, the debut poetry collection by poet B. Diehl, we get over 100 pages of poetry that offer not only a combination of personal reflection and social commentary, but also an enticing memoir as we look through the mind of this young man as he recalls and processes key moments from his life. In Zeller's Alley, we live his experiences. We know his passions. We feel his pain. We burn with his angst. By the end of this collection, I almost felt as if I knew the poet personally. I certainly learned much about him through these pages, and no doubt, I learned a bit more about myself in the process. Over the course of these poems, Diehl proves without a doubt that, despite his age, he is a seasoned wordsmith with much to say. There is no fat here. Zeller's Alley is a trimmed and solid collection of quality poetry. Overall, I highly enjoyed it. It was entertaining, compelling, and thought-provoking from cover to cover. I will be anxious to see what this very talented poet does next. Heavily recommended!

Luke Elliott says

Heartbreaking yet hilarious. Disturbing yet touching. Thoroughly entertaining. 4/5 stars.

Audrey says

In my opinion this book reads more like a teenager's diary than a poetry collection. It's all over the place and barely flows. The writings are too personal to be relatable. The style is inconsistent.

To put it simply...this book is not very good.

Levi Jiorle says

There are a lot of themes in B Diehl's debut full-length that I found relatable: losing touch of one's own morality, the struggle of dealing with drudgery, or trying to understand our generation's dating culture are just a few of the ideas that he's trying to express. But what I loved most about this book is how B shows what it feels like to be lost in the modern age, all with a rare combination of angst and beauty. The mark of a good writer is the ability to reveal the unsaid secrets that we keep to ourselves everyday. B does this, sending the reader through moments of hope and despair.

Heather says

Read this book in two sittings. Very easy to comprehend and follow unlike a lot of poetry. Very shocking/surprising at times...in a good way. There is lots of stuff in here that you won't find in any other poetry book. Original and riveting.

Ted Prokash says

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Kathleen Haviland says

Looking for flowery, classic prose? Rhyming verse that harkens back to the gilded age? This is not that. This is sometimes bleak, often offensive, and always brilliant. You should buy this book, and see what modern poetry is and what modern poets can do.

Ronald Burras says

Just got around to looking at Zeller's Alley, having had first to overcome my initial revulsion to opening a new book of poetry by ANYONE, but I'm delighted by what I'm finding in it. Mr. Diehl does not share with us his "spiritual journey" or personal process of "becoming." There are few, if any, metaphysics here. What he does do is describe his struggles, joys, and torments pretty much as they happen to him, an occasionally employed and intermittently responsible Millennial who loves to write and is very good at it. His world is in many ways far removed from mine (that of a sixty-year-old government worker), but in others it is very similar, and certain experiences are universal, no matter what one's age and background. What matters, though, is the writing, which is tender and brutal and exaggerated and matter-of-fact, but always vivid and clear. Fine, fine work!

Ju\$tin says

thought it was a decent poetry book. mostly containing decent poems. then of course there were some poems i really enjoyed and others not so much. i look forward to the next book he puts out and think it will be much improved. the copy write in Zeller's Alley states the poetry inside was written from 2013-2015. i recommend following Diehl's twitter account (easily one of the most entertaining writers i follow: @iambrandondiehl) and i vaguely remember him saying something on there about how his next book will be 3x better? i believe it. #hype
