

Abuse, alcoholism, despair. Can true love really overcome all? Or will it melt away?

“Melt is evocative, emotional, vivid, and powerful.”
- Cheryl Rainfield, award-winning author of *Scars* and *Stained*

In *MELT*, a brutal love story by Selene Castrovilla, sixteen-year-old “good girl” Dorothy just blew into the small town of Highland Park, where the social headquarters is Munchkinland (Dunkin’ Donuts). Smart, perceptive and sensitive, she’s bored by her cliquy classmates. Then, she meets Joey, a “bad boy” who tells no one about the catastrophic domestic violence he witnesses at home.

Joey numbs himself with a combination of drugs and alcohol, terrified of letting his secrets out or anyone else in. But everything changes when he meets Dorothy. For the first time, she makes him feel. Can their love survive peer pressure, Joey’s reputation, and his devastating family secret?

MELT is written in dual first person, with Joey’s words scattered on the page to reflect his broken state, and Dorothy’s orderly thoughts acting as the voice of reason – until something so shattering happens that she, too, may lose her grip.

Set against the backdrop of The Wizard of Oz, *MELT* is based on true events. It is both a chilling tale of abuse, and a timeless romance. It will hit you like a punch in the face, and seep into your soul.

“Raw, lyrical and darkly humorous – and uncompromisingly honest – Selene Castrovilla’s work is poetry and prose combined to the utmost.”
- Daniel Ehrenhaft, author of *Ten Things Before I Die* and *Tell It To Naomi*

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