

LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of **Flawed** by **Cecelia Ahern**

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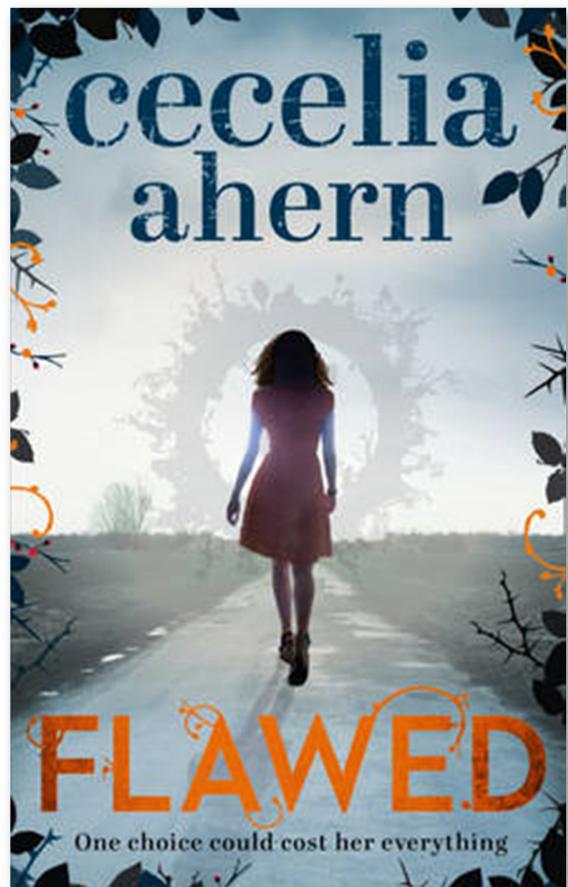
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Lynsey Brennan

*Like many people I know, I am a huge fan of Cecelia Ahern's writing and read every book she releases. So when I heard she was writing her first book for the YA community I was eager to get my hands on it as soon as possible. Let me just say that Cecelia Ahern did not disappoint. Not only is this YA fiction, it is **DYSTOPIAN YA fiction** - my absolute favourite!*

'Flawed' has been described as 'The Scarlet Letter' meets 'Divergent' which is a perfect summary of what this book delivers. It tells the story of Celestine, a bold, opinionated girl living in a utopian society run by the Guild, who's main aim is to run a morally, ethically flawless society. In order to ensure this, civilians thought to be flawed in their thinking or actions are branded with a blood-red symbol and sentenced to a life without luxury. There are many rules those branded as 'Flawed' have to follow including: eating a basic diet, sitting separately on the bus and abiding to an 11 o'clock curfew.

'No matter what you do, your Flawed title can never be removed. You hold it till death. You suffer the consequences of your one mistake for the rest of your life. Your punishment serves as a reminder to others to think before they act.'



*In this utopian world, aiding anyone branded as 'Flawed' is a crime so when Celestine selflessly helps a struggling, elderly man on the bus, her life, in that moment, changes forever. Branded with six symbols and named 'the most Flawed citizen of all time', Celestine quickly becomes the poster girl for change and an epic adventure ensues. **This dystopian story was well written and full of action that has left me hungry for the next instalment. Cecelia Ahern, I thank you for coming over to the YA side!***

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Eesha, age 14

'Flawed' is, by far, one of the best books I've read. It kept me captivated throughout the whole story. I would strongly recommend it to everyone.

This is an incredible book. The plot is gripping and the story line had me on the edge at all times. I couldn't put the book down and when I eventually had to, the story continued to swirl around in my head. 'Flawed' was something that came up in conversations with friends regularly, usually along with my recommendation. Once I had finished it (and in record time too) all I could think of was 'what happens next?' I sincerely hope that the story continues into another novel, and if it does then I will surely read on. I would recommend it to anyone and everyone as it is a captivating book and I feel as if everyone would enjoy reading it, regardless of favourite genre. This is now definitely one of my favourites. I loved it. It is relatable and extremely well written, not to mention the amount of times my heartstrings have been pulled. 'Flawed' is gripping and emotional to and past the very last word. Anyone who enjoys romance, action, something emotional and relatable and a bit of a cry will absolutely adore this. I definitely did. Congratulations to Cecelia Ahern (the author) for being such a talented writer, having extraordinary ideas and coming up with such a great story.

Edel Waugh

I loved this dystopian story told through the eyes of the main character Celestine. Her world developed after the banking crisis and recession hit and a new form of control was created called 'Flawed', where those who did wrong would be marked / flawed and would never again be able to have the same rights as regular members of the community. Their crimes would be branded on

them for all to see. Celestine is going out with the son of the head of the flawed department Judge Creven, a power mad man with a thirst for blood. To be flawed is the worst thing you can be for the rest of your life so when one day Celestine's world crumbles unexpectedly beneath her, nobody could foresee the collateral damage it would do. **This was a pure adrenaline ride of a story that I had to start and finish in one sitting.** Celestine is a brave character who stands up for her principles and what she knows is right and so is a very likeable character but those are the very traits that will do her the most harm. **I can't wait to read book two as this was truly awesome!**

<http://edelwaugh.blogspot.ie/2016/01/flawed-by-ceceila-ahern-review.html?m=1>

Alexandra

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This book is flawless. There are many plot twists and interesting ideas that are developed throughout the whole of the book, the government is one of these things filled with hypocrisy and lies are they truly flawless then? How can this perfect world function when the people who run aren't? What had me hooked was the emphasis on perfection. The way the government want the people to be, is beyond humanly possible. It is like they are asking the people to forget their natural instinct. The normal thing to do is to help those who need it not to abandon them. It shows how one thing, one person can cause things to change for the better.

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Izzy Read, age 15

Celestine North has it all: the boyfriend, the house, the family, the looks and even the brains- she is flawless. But when she does something she believes is right, in a world where moral and ethical wrongs are punished- by branding- she could be deemed flawed or imprisoned.

'Flawed' is an immersive & addictive-something I found out after staying up till 4am to finish it! This is an easy read filled with the hard topics that will make you think and a horrible character that makes you want to tear their eyes out- this all is what makes it a fantastic book! It tackled prejudice, discrimination, segregation, isolation, and bullying. For a teen book,

this was real and gripping with elements of hope.

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Eloise Mae Clarkson, age 13

*This book is about a world where people are judged by their flaws. If they are found to have a flaw they are branded with an F. This book was interesting about how the world could be different. I don't think I would like to live in that world though. **I enjoyed the characters and how they were linked together. I liked the plot and the way it ended suggests there could be a sequel. I would rate this book five out of five stars** and would read a sequel.*

Sophie Ellam

Celestine, a young lady who always abides by the rules in a community valued for perfection, finds herself in trouble after an unexplained act of kindness to a flawed citizen.

*I absolutely loved the book 'Flawed' because it exposes the fairness and freedom which the flawed government powers over the community with. It shows that making no mistakes means you aren't a perfect person because you have not learnt what others have. The book **'Flawed' is an action packed, revealing, adrenaline rushing, dramatic book which is entwined in an intense and powerful love story. It grabs you from the first page and makes you not stop reading till the end.** I would highly recommend this book to teenagers because you really get a feel of the characters emotions and thoughts because they are the same age. The only 'flaw' with this book is that there's not a second book out yet!*

Imogen Breaks, age 13

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'Flawed' is a dark, harrowing novel set in a city under power of the Guild and the Highland Castle. If you are considered flawed you are sent to the castle for a trial, and nearly always, the branding chamber. Flawed citizens must wear a red flawed band around their arm and are kept under a strict eye. Not only that

but they are branded in where their error of judgement was. For bad decisions, it's their temple. For lying, it's their tongue. For stealing from society, it's their right palm. For disloyalty to the Guild, it's their chest, over their heart. For stepping out of line with society, it's the sole of their right foot. Celestine North lives within the Guild and is perfect. Her test marks are perfect, she has the perfect family, the perfect boyfriend (whom she lives next-door to), you name it and it's perfect. However one day she steps out of line and finds that everything is far from perfect. And it's all her fault. **I absolutely LOVED this book it brought hope to where was needed, made me cry in all the right places and made me read it again and again!** I would recommend it (not a book from squeamish people though) and would rate it 15/10!

Cesca Anderson, age 14

'Flawed' is a very emotional, harrowing book about human society. In this world there are two types of people; the 'normal' civilization and the 'Flawed'. Celestine is trapped in the middle, fighting against what she knows she must do to survive and what she knows to be right. People seem to be morphing around her and she can't trust anyone. **This thought-provoking book focuses on one main point; what does 'fair' really mean?**

Amelia White, age 16

What is perfect? And what is Flawed?

Another amazing novel by Cecelia Ahern, I really loved reading this book especially because it is a dystopian novel about a society which brands flawed people. But how can you brand someone if you don't know what perfect is?

Overall I love Celestine as a character you can really connect to her emotions and feel what she's feeling. She reminds me a lot of Katniss ('The Hunger Games') and Tris ('Divergent') however I think that the novel overall is like a mix of the two, which I was really happy about. This novel really makes you question what is right and what needs to be changed. There are moments were I nearly cried and moments were I couldn't help but cheer for what was right. At first Celestine is a perfect girl and pushing herself to stay perfect and in some ways I can connect to her as I too push myself but you will often find being perfect is not being yourself...I think that's what Ahern taught me.

It also teaches that sometimes you have to do what you want to and not what others want you to do!

Emily Ridyard

About 3 years ago, I, along with loads of others, was absolutely obsessed with dystopia and read every YA dystopian novel I could get my hands on. I eagerly devoured them all, until I got to the point where I felt like they were all the same. The same evil government that everyone trusts is defeated by the same brave, rebellious teen. I'm so glad to say 'Flawed' wasn't like that at all. It managed to incorporate some of the best elements of other great dystopians whilst putting a fresh spin on the genre. It had the chance of becoming a cliché but thankfully it didn't and was instead a great read.

This novel had not only a great and intriguing plot, but also a powerful message. It makes you question what it is that makes us human. How do our mistakes define us? And what qualifies as a flaw?

I adored the great cast of characters. They all had reasons and motivations behind their actions, even if I didn't agree with them, which goes to show how carefully Cecelia Ahern thought about each character and how they were all properly fleshed out. Speaking of characters, I just have to mention Celestine, our main character. She was a fab heroine because she didn't mean to be. She struggled between right and wrong and in the end didn't let society dictate her actions but instead just made the decision she felt was right in her heart. She didn't want to be a rebel - far from it, she felt her life was perfect beforehand. And that is why I admire her. She didn't try to be brave, it just happened because she wasn't willing to stand by and let bad things happen.

This novel also has very little to no romantic subplot, which I really enjoyed, because let's be realistic whilst fighting an evil government, a girl doesn't have time to fall in love. However the way the novel is written, there is definitely the potential in the next book and I'm quite pleased about that because I like the love interest. I'm definitely interested to see where that goes in the future.

Overall it was a gripping read that I just couldn't put down. It left me with lots of questions and I can't wait for the next book!

Emily Setchell

The book takes place in a dystopian future where people are expected to be perfect, and any wrong action will leave you branded as flawed. It follows one young girl called Celestine who causes the system to be doubted when a simple action she takes causes a dangerous sequence of events.

*I really enjoyed reading this book, it was difficult to put down with the amount that happened in relatively short spaces of time. **The concept was intriguing and thought provoking**, especially as it appeared to be that actions regarded as morally correct in our society were viewed as wrong. The extremism of this concept was especially shown through the main character, and made the plot easy to follow and made me excited as to what would happen*

*through the subtle hints suggested. It occasionally felt quite similar to 'The Hunger Games' with comparisons easily drawn between Celestine and Judge Crevan and Katniss and President Snow, but **overall this book was an incredible read** and I look forward to finding out what happens next!*

Aimee Sweet

*'Flawed' is a unique book about a society where people are split into two groups: normal and flawed. The flawed are the people you don't want to be, the outsiders. Celestine thought she was safe from the government. She thought her family and friends would protect her. But when she does the right thing in a bad situation, she is put on trial and her life is literally changed forever. I really liked this book because it shows what it's like to be on both sides, and makes you wonder what our society will be like in the future. I loved the character of Celestine but I feel like a few of the characters weren't as developed. **Overall it was a gripping read and I recommend it to teenagers who enjoyed 'Divergent'!** I rate it 7 out of ten.*