

Flawed

Cecelia Ahern

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Seventeen-year-old Celestine North is perfect. She is the perfect student, the perfect girlfriend, the perfect daughter, and the perfect citizen. She follows rules, follows logic, and she has never been in trouble. . . ever. But when a close family friend and neighbor, Angelina, is accused of being Flawed, everything changes for Celestine. Unlike criminals, the Flawed are people who have been found guilty of immoral acts by the Guild, forced to then live restricted lives branded on their bodies as Flawed. But when Celestine, questioning the morality of the Guild and the Flawed system, makes a seemingly logical action to help a man, she is faced with the possibility of being declared Flawed herself. Her case sparks an imbalance as people begin to challenge the Guild's decision, threatening to overturn the whole system of right and wrong

What would it be like to live in a world where everyone is perfect? Where everyone follows the rules, where everyone is moral, where everyone is flawless? Cecelia Ahern explores such a world in her captivating dystopian novel *Flawed* in which a society strives for perfection by rooting out those deemed as Flawed. The author's dystopian society introduces an intriguing new take on the element of perfection in society that will leave you hanging on the edge of your seat. Celestine's story sheds light on the question of what it really means to be perfect illustrating the implications and risks of a 'perfect' society. Her story, though fiction, highlights very real aspects of truth, compassion, and order that are present in our own world, blending them together into this thrilling journey. Ahern perfectly captures the struggle for perfection through the lens of a determined young girl in order to highlight the faults in a mindset driven by a need for perfection and depict the power of standing one's ground.

Ahern's writing vividly captures every twist and turn of emotion in this book, building the suspense and tension of this dystopian world. She wonderfully develops Celestine's determined and courageous character to stand out from the rest as the teenager struggles to adapt to her new reality. However, the book does end quite abruptly with a very open-ended ending, so make sure to have the next book of this handy. Celestine's story is not heavily actioned filled, focusing instead on her mental struggle between the rules, her heart, and logic, so I would not recommend this book to those looking for an action adventure. Instead, this book seems best fit for those who enjoy the thought experiments of dystopian novels and the deep meanings they illuminate. I would recommend this book be borrowed from the library for teens ages 13 and up.

Recommended Titles

Perfect by Cecelia Ahern (*Flawed* #2)

The Giver by Louis Lowry

Delirium by Laure Oliver

Perfection by J. L. Spelbring