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*Flipped* is a romance told in two voices. The first time Juli Baker saw Bryce Loski, she flipped. The first time Bryce saw Juli, he ran. That's pretty much the pattern for these two neighbors until the eighth grade, when, just as Juli is realizing Bryce isn't as wonderful as she thought, Bryce is starting to see that Juli is pretty amazing. How these two teens manage to see beyond the surface of things and come together makes for a comic and poignant romance.

## Flipped Details

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## From Reader Review Flipped for online ebook

**Alienor ✕ French Frowner ✕ says**

**Edit : I just watched the movie and it was SO FREAKING CUTE! ❤**

Please don't laugh. Or do. I DON'T CARE. I'm just gonna smile like a big moron all day.

**? Don't you ever want to say "this is JUST me!" and then realize that maybe, just maybe, you'd better keep your mouth shut because it might change how people see you? Yeah? Because that's what I feel right now.**

Okay let's go. Ready?

**"She didn't just barge into my life. She barged and shoved and wedged her way into my life."**

**? Juli is just like me!** Like I was, anyway.

The girl can't take a no for an answer? ✓

The girl can't take a hint? ✓

The girl is an annoying, know-it-all prep pupil? ... ✓

The girl can be clingy as hell when she decided that *that* boy was amazing? Hmm ... sorry the nameless guy at this summer camp

Okay give me a break, this was me from 6 to 13. Fortunately I learnt in high school that if you didn't chase boys, they chased you. But that's another story.

Anyway, what I'm trying to say is this : in my honest opinion **Juli has such a refreshing, believable and relatable voice that I couldn't help but love her from the very beginning.** She is clingy, annoying as fuck, yes, but loyal, funny, daring and did I say that she was relatable? Yeah? I think I suggested it. Somehow. No?

? Moreover, **her family was a real breath of fresh air** - especially her parents, who were - wait for it - **present** (I know, astounding) and in my opinion they share great morals and values, without never being moralizing. Oh, and Bryce's granddad?

Best. Human. Yoda. Ever. (or something)

? **Bryce now.** Oh, *Bryce*. What an amazing evolution you showed us! From the judgmental (but hilarious) little boy who's afraid of Juli (yes, I said *afraid*, deal with it boy!) to the ... Well, a little less afraid teenager? Now, let's face it, he was really believable. I remember my baby brother being teased about a (girl) friend he had in elementary school - he hated that. Like, hated-*hated* it (he remembers). So, the "Juli and Bryce are kissing in a treeeeeeee"? Yep. I can understand. Anyway, I loved how we get to see the slow changes in his personality and found them gradual and believable.

? **The chapters are organized in alternative POV**, and we basically get the same events related first by one of them and then by the other one. Frankly, whilst I found often interesting to see how the same events could be perceived differently (really, really, differently, trust me), it was tiring at times and I had to stop me from skimming some parts. I mean, **I see what the author is trying to do and it's a success most of the time but it's difficult for the story not to drag**.

Oh, but maybe you want me to talk about **the plot?** Yes? At first sight, it seems pretty simple :

- ✗ Girl meets Boy (at 7)
- ✗ Girl is obsessed with Boy
  
- ✗ Boy tries to escape Girl's attention...

... a very long time.

- ✗ Boy realizes that Girl is pretty great, in fact

*End of story?* Hahahaha NO.

- ✗ Because Girl gave up on him on the road.

**"All my life she'd been there, waiting to be avoided, and now it was like I didn't even exist"**

? I loved this story. **It was exactly the good level of cuteness and laughter without never being cheesy.** For real, that's one of the first time where a book is making me want to see a movie (apparently its' really famous? Lmao, I ask because I have almost no movie knowledge. Not that kind of movie anyway).

? **This book is young-adult but on the middle-grade side**, and I know it will stop a lot of readers, because we're all grown-up and all that stuff, but under the fluffy cute layers, what we find are **questions about difference, appearances, judgments** : why do we like people? How our parents' or friends' opinion can influence us? **Are we always looking at the bigger picture?** (no) To be frank, I was ridiculously impressed and surprised to see how meaningful this story could be. How endearing and moving.

? While I could understand Bryce's reactions (okay, Juli can be a little overwhelming - emphasis on overwhelming, not on little. Well really, I only wrote little to be nice. Kind of. Oh, whatever) Juli shows so much kindness to him that even though I was mostly smiling throughout my read, I suddenly reached a point where I found myself the stomach in knots because the bastard didn't want her eggs.

? All that is to say that **if the entertaining side of the story is obvious from the start, trust me, the story has more layers than it appears** and manage to feel so real at some point that you can't help but feel *involved*, you can't help but *care*. Deeply.

**"I tried to convince the kids at the bus stop to climb up with me, even a little ways, but all of them said they didn't want to get dirty. Turn down a chance to feel magic for fear of a little dirt? I couldn't believe it"**

? **This book made me so happy, I would recommend it to everyone** : you, teenagers, adults who want to smile - yes, it's a middle-grade book. So what? Do you think that New Adult is deeper? **I don't**.

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**???s Xamante de los spoilersX says**

Por lo general no me gustan los libros que son de chicos chicos (12, 13 años) que se enamoran. Me parecen tontos o patéticos pero este \*suspiro\*, este libro hace que deje todos mis malditos prejuicios de lado y lo disfrute.

Las primeras páginas me tuvieron riendo a carcajadas Juli acosando y tratando de acercarse a Bryce y el haciendo todo lo posible por sacársela de encima.

Amé a Juli y Bryce, como ambos crecieron y maduraron a lo largo del libro, me gustó que a pesar de que Juli gustaba de Bryce después se da cuenta que ella tenía esta idea de él y que él no era la persona que ella creía y como Bryce pasa de "odiarla" a apreciarla por quien ella es.

Y los POV's de los dos estaban re bien hechos 1)porque a pesar de que los dos contaban lo mismo era completamente diferente porque Juli y Bryce al ser opuestos, "X situación" cada uno lo veía con ojos diferentes 2) No había manera de que estuvieras leyendo un capítulo desde el pov de Bryce y pensaras que lo contaba Juli y 3) Aunque ambos contaban la misma situación en NINGÚN momento me resultó aburrido o repetitivo.

Adore este libro, me llego al corazón y es de esa clase de libros que me hacen desear enamorarme.

PD: La película también es genial, amo a los actores (ni siquiera me importa que Bryce sea rubio y tuviera ojos marrones) y es igual al libro!. Es la adaptación de un libro mas fiel que vi en mi vida.

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## Michelle says

### Flipped

By Wendelin Van Draanen  
212 pp. United States of America  
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A seven year old girl, Juli, falls for a boy in her class, Bryce—well, maybe more for his amazingly beautiful blue eyes. Perhaps this might not sound as interesting as your favorite romance series, Twilight, or illustrate true love like Romeo and Juliet. But, Wendelin Van Draanen's new romance novel, Flipped, will definitely flip you off your feet. She has her own unique way of demonstrating a few importances in life.

The way Flipped is viewed definitely differs from most books for two main reasons. First, it's written alternately between Bryce and Juli's perspective on themselves, each other and their families. Second, the word choices Draanen chooses are so vivid that it'll make you feel like the actual character! For example, in the beginning, Draanen describes the first time Bryce and Juli laid eyes on each other. Bryce says, "All I ever wanted is for Juli Baker to leave me alone. For her to back off—you know, just give me some space." While Juli says, "My heart stopped. It just stopped beating. And for the first time in my life, I had that feeling. You know, like the whole world is moving all around you, beneath you, all inside you, and you're floating. Floating in midair. And the only thing keeping you from drifting away is the other person's eyes. They're connected to yours by some invisible physical force, and they hold you fast while the rest of the world swirls and twirls and falls completely away." Draanen definitely has readers get into the characters' head and feel exactly what they're feeling. Even though Draanen writes the characters' thoughts right on the page, you'll be constantly inferring, predicting, and asking questions. This might sound very school-like but I guarantee you won't even realize you're doing it!

I guess it's safe to say first impressions usually impact people the most though are often inaccurate. Not only does this intervene with Bryce and Juli, it also intervenes with me. This is because as the pages starts to build up, the experiences they both face does too. And as the experiences make their way through each of their lives, I soon remember to never judge someone without getting to know them first—especially Bryce and Juli. You'll see how drastically they change when they become teenagers.

When the curtains finally close, the characters soon realize the true light of themselves, each other, and their families. Bryce, a deceitful coward, who's only goal was to get away from Juli and have nothing to do with her, flips into someone completely different. While Juli, a courageous individual, is overly obsessed with her ideal Bryce and doesn't know how he is truly like. Juli will soon see that there's more to Bryce Loski than she might know. But after all those times he's mistreated her, how could she ever find it in her heart to accept him? Well, that's for me to know and for you to find out!

It's not until you've finally finish the book until you realize how much you're able to take out of it. The idea of being you—being genuine and brave—being able to live out loud, is nicely demonstrated in this novel. If you're looking for some encouragement and inspiration for living out loud, go pick up a copy of Flipped! It might not even be close as the length of The Odyssey, but it's definitely filled with lots of sparks!

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## Amy (Foxy) says

Flipped reminds me of a younger/innocent version of Neighbor From Hell series. **Juli** and **Bryce** are neighbors who attend the same school. Their rocky relationship portrays the struggles between boys and girls in elementary and middle school.

Both learn to look beyond the surface and search for something deeper in the human nature. In doing so they discover themselves as they continue mature.

*"One's character is set at an early age, son. The choices you make now will affect you for the rest of your life."* -Chet

This book was made into a movie in 2010. I haven't seen the movie yet. Once I figure out where I can find this movie I plan to watch it. The trailer looks good. Flipped movie trailer.

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## Standalone

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## Pooja says

It's one of my favorite movie and I liked everything about, everything.  
Sycamore Tree to Roosters, Champ to Boa Constrictor, and on the top of that Bryce and Juli.

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## Beatrice Masaluñga says

Reread: June 1st 2018

Rereading *Flipped* for the third time. I will never get tired reading this book. After all these years, I'm still in love with Bryce and Juli's story. It was unforgettable and their romance still gave me butterflies. A love so pure and innocent. It never gets old and I love it. ?♥? My forever favorite ♥?♥?♥?♥?? I have to say this is one of the most underappreciated YA books. It deserves the hype, one hundred and ten percent????

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Reread: May 5, 2015

I'm proudly obsessed with this book and this has a special place in my heart. I don't know how many times I've read or watched the movie (nth time), I can't remember but it's absolutely good and I still *flipped* all over it. Definitely one of the **Best Book to Movie Adaptation of All Time** and I'm dead serious.

I highly recommend this book to everyone. If you haven't read this, you better read it because you're missing a good contemporary romance. It's so damn adorable.

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### **First read: June 2, 2011**

When I first watched it online, it reminds me of my elementary days of having a crush just like Julianna Baker. I flipped when I saw that guy whom I really liked when I was in 6th grade.(But I didn't stalked him) :) ahahaha!

At first, Bryce Loski hated Juli ( in a way he was really annoyed at her), But Juli likes Bryce so much, then.. it flipped! :D Bryce then likes Juli, and Juli ignores Bryce. I just love it! It's cute and it's really an essence of a true teenage love story. It's so beautiful. It may happen in real life, you'll never know.

Totally recommended for everyone. :)

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### **Aishu Rehman says**

I absolutely love this book. It's soo cute because it talks about a seven year old boy and a seven year old girl that just moves into his neighborhood. She likes him alot but he just wants to get as far away from her as possible. Later on, he starts to realize that she might not be that bad and that he might actually like her BUT, she starts to realize that he might not be the one she was looking for after all! It's all FLIPPED!

I LOVEEE THIS BOOK. I DEFINETLY RECOMMEND IT FOR EVERYONE.

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### **Amelia Mapstone says**

the way it brings Bryce and Julianna together is just spectacular! I recomend this to all who love good childish humor! It is soooo "LOL"!

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### **Fuzaila ~ is on hiatus says**

First things first – **that cover is so good!** And now that I've read the book, I'm even more in love with it, knowing its significance. I mean, look at it? It's just a chick, there's nothing else. But I love its simplicity and the idea in general (I know you're gonna judge my poor choices or something, but I love what I love, get over it ;)

**Flipped is not a romance**, despite what the book might want you to believe. It's more of a coming-of-age story about two different kids, with problems and personality of their own. Bryce Loski is a shy teenager, and has hated Juli Baker ever since the first day he saw her when they moved to her neighborhood and she fell for him, or more like his blue eyes. The outgoing, enthusiastic girl that she is, Juli still fails to impress Bryce. But then, Juli starts to realize that Bryce is more than his blue eyes, and Bryce starts to realize that what matters are the matters of the heart.

- Bryce's pov was really impressive to read. He talks to us like it matters to him how we see things, and it felt refreshing to be included and considered.
- Juli seemed a little too over-enthusiastic and idk, over-the-top in almost everything she does, in her crush

on Bryce, her love for the sycamore, her daily actions in general.

- Both of the characters aren't particularly likeable. But I did like reading Juli's view on everything. She looks 'at the big picture'.
- Idk, but Juli's and Bryce's family were weird. Like **very very weird** and unrealistic.
- Like, take Juli's brother for an instance – owning a boa constrictor? Isn't that illegal or something? Also, Bryce's dad was a dick and Bryce himself was a coward. But I loved Juli's dad and Bryce's mom – they were the only sensible people in the book.
- The whole 'Basket Boy' thing was really weird and funny and idk, unbelievable. Selling boys and their handsome face for money? It was kinda cruel if you ask me. I mean, if it were 'Basket Girls' the whole world would have been chasing the school authorities with pitchforks. But alas, those poor unfortunate boys have nobody to speak up for them.
- **The Ending** in my opinion was unsatisfactory. True, the author succeeded on giving us a mental picture of how things might go on. But it felt abrupt and scraped off a bark. There wasn't much of a conclusion, any confrontation of sorts or anything pleasing in general. I wasn't ready to buy it.

This book is just another coming-of-age book. The characters are unique in the sense that, they're weird and don't try hard to be relatable or anything. But the message as a whole was promising and hopeful. I wish I could've read this as a child. Definitely something I'd buy my kids though. It's got a lot to teach young kids. Recommended.

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### **Martin C. says**

I must say, Flipped is a great book and also has a great teaching, as well as being huge amount of fun to read because of the author's fabulous techniques. One of the techniques the author uses in the book is showing different perspectives throughout the book, to be specific: the way he describes the point of view from Juli's and Bryce's perspective, also a very fun technique since you're always wondering what the other character in the story thinks too. Another entertaining technique is the quite fancy way the author makes suspense in the story, like slowing down time, he shows the characters feelings and exposes his or her thoughts toward the event. One last thing that makes this book a must is that the author creates a tremendous amount of conflict building up all the time that makes a intense background for what's happening right then. The teaching of this book is a very good one, that "A painting is more than the sum of its parts" which means that all the pieces that make up something are not what make something special, but what they make up is what's special.

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## Pearl Angeli says

***"The first time I saw him, I flipped."***

Wow, what a fun read! Everything in this book is loaded with all kinds of cuteness. I like the setting, the premise, and the whole idea of this book. I was kind of, in some way, in love with it.

Flipped is not just purely fluff, it's deeper than what I've expected because it conveys great messages that serve as an inspiration to the readers.

***"One's character is set at an early age. The choices you make now will affect you for the rest of your life."***

I like the characters in this book, especially Bryce's grandfather. I really learned a lot from his words of wisdom. Definitely worth pondering!

All throughout the book I was entertained, especially by Juli and Bryce's love/hate relationship which was totally adorable! My only concern with this book was that I kind of had a hard time going through the same events from both POVs.

But overall, it was a great and refreshing read. I highly recommend this to all YA contemporary fans who are in a search of a light and cute read.

Rating: 4 Stars

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## C.G. Drews says

**That was so stinkin' adorable.** I was a bit nervous at first and I *did* have some quibbles, but, PEOPLES! It was so cute! I love the hate/love relationship and the writing was super beautiful and had some really poignant lines and just: YES. THIS IS GOOD STUFF.

**It's dual narrated by Bryce and Juli.** And they're voices are *so* addictive to read! Also very different! I could tell from their tones whose chapter it was, but I loved Juli 100000% and Bryce, like, um, 2%. He was awful okay?!? He was really just...mean. And, even to the end, I don't really like Bryce. But Juli is like this tree-loving, energetic, bouncy, exuberant person who I JUST ADORED. I wanna be Juli when I grow up. She climbs trees and gets dirty and isn't afraid and most of all -- she loves Bryce from the moment she laid eyes on him. Too bad he ran away. HEH. But, I did love Juli too much and kind of thought Bryce didn't deserve her at all. BUT ANYWAY.

**It's VERY family orientated too!** Juli's family is poor and kinda messed up and have a few skeletons in the closet -- and Bryce's family is all rich and neat and...kinda poisonous. His dad, though?!!? Like he was so passive aggressive and downright uncomfortable to read about. And I ADORED Bryce's grandpa. Without him, I think Bryce would still be a delude fish-brained melon. I liked the contrast of the families. I liked how

"functional" and "dysfunctional" were explored.

**Ohhh, but one thing did annoy me: every chapter was repeated -- but from a different perspective.**

AGH. I just can't handle this, okay?! I've read other books that do this and it drives me nuts every time. Bryce would say it from his POV and then Juli would. And it was interesting seeing their perspectives, but, sheesh, I always felt like I got the scene TWICE. Tedium abounds.

**But basically THIS IS A CUTE LITTLE EGG OF A BOOK.** I was 94% sure I'd adore it since my bookish-twin Zoe loves it. And I liked the cute, quirky writing, and the characters that fairly leapt off the page. OH OH BUT THAT ENDING THO. I don't know whether to scream or cry at it. It's one of those endings that leave you going, "UM, AHEM?? AND THEN WHAT??!??!" And I kinda love that...but I did take a moment to rage. BECAUSE ANSWERS. OMG. AND IT'S A STANDALONE.

Now I'm going to go away feeling like a warm, mushy omelette of happiness.

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### **Scarlet Cameo says**

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### **Lola says**

#### **A-D-O-R-A-B-L-E**

**3.5 stars.** This is the story of two beautiful kids who learn the true meaning of loving someone through an inventive panoply of mishaps and events. Now this is not your usual boy-meets-girl story and I cannot wait for you to discover why! ... Let's just say that the farm thingy is a vital element!

I had a lot of fun reading this book. It is short (true) and a middle grade story (again, true) but it can be enjoyed by readers of all ages! A timeless topic is being tackled and this novel's underlying themes are certainly worth paying attention to.

Juli's adoration for Bryce doesn't have much foundation until a good part of the story, and that's, I think, where the book let down a lot of people (it most certainly feels like an infatuation at first). However, Bryce's emotional responses toward Juli are a blast to follow! First, he hates her. Then, he hates her. Then, he's annoyed with her... **Really, it's incredibly cute when a little boy claims he dislikes a little girl who is crazy about him.**

The plot itself isn't repetitive and is written with much proficiency: the prose and dialogs give the characters great authenticity and realistic, believable features and personalities. It is such a lovely book to read. It took me more time than necessary, expected to read it, but that has nothing to do with the book itself... because "Flipped" by Wendelin Van Draanen is a delight of a read, despite its flaws! I hope the movie lives up to it.

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## **Rebecca McNutt says**

This book had me interested at first, but deep down it's just a lot of melodramatic teen romance. This is not a bad thing especially if you're a fan of the romance genre, but I'm really not much of a romance reader.

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## **Lady Gabriella of Awesomeness (On Hiatus) says**

**P.s: I have Both, Read and watched flipped...But in my opinion the movie was utterly charming ! I'm glad I watched it first so it was much easier to visualize the sences from the book :)**

***THIS MOVIE WAS AHMAZING !!!!.....***

***I laughed...***

***I cried...***

***AND I fell in love with the idea of ♥ all over again....:)***

(This movie is a definte must see for everyone ! trust me ! its just WOW ♥Even the soundtracks ahmazing ! )

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## **Jo says**

***"Some of us get dipped in flat, some in satin, some in gloss..." He turned to me. "But every once you will find someone who's iridescent, and when you do, nothing will ever compare."***

### **Initial Final Page Thoughts.**

\*Eyes tree outside window\*

I wonder...

### **High Points.**

Juli. The entire Baker clan! Why don't all YA characters have fun families?! Authors, you're missing a trick! Bryce (eventually). Chest. Front yards. Eggs. Chickens. Basket boys. Pie. Girls with iron backbones. Tree climbing. Newspaper articles. *"There's a bee in her hair, stupid."* Paintings. The sum of all parts. Mystery Pisser. Science projects. Retractable pointers. Champ. Boys who smell of watermelons. *"Proper lighting is everything"*. Sycamore trees.

### **Low Points.**

Even though I adored this book, I would have liked to have seen Bryce and Juli's reactions be drawn out for

a bit longer. This book was so short and it didn't exactly feel *rushed* but I think it would have been really fun to see how both Bryce and Juli felt about each other when they were in high school.

Also, this is definitely because I'm a Brit and, after god knows how long I've been watching/reading American high school stories, I still have no idea about the schooling system.

Middle school? Grades? Sophomores? GRADUATION AT 18?!?!

So, with that in mind, I did get a bit confused as to how old these kids were.

But I still loved it, even if it did make me, you know, *think* a bit. \*shudders\*

### **Heroine.**

I wish Juli would be my best friend. We would go climbing trees and we'd do the gardening and I could watch her as she tended to the chickens while standing at a safe distance because birds make me twitchy. And then we'd drink juice and talk about perpetual motion and science projects and then we'd turn, as one, and scowl at any dazzling-eyed boys who dared come near us.

Sure she was *a little* bit crazy when it comes to said dazzling-eyed boys but, well, even the best of us can get momentarily distracted by a boy who smells like watermelon.

### **Hero.**

Oh Bryce, you plonker.

My friend, in the first few chapters I just wanted to throttle you. OK, maybe not *throttle* you, but push you off your bike so you landed into some nettles or something.

You were so cruel and blind and, yes, you were a *chicken*.

“*Bwark, bwark, bwark.*”

Indeed.

But you got there in the end, didn't you?

And you made me smile like a dopey girl, didn't you?

Yes.

But if you hurt Juli again, there'll be more than egg on your face.

\*scowls\*

### **Theme Tune.**

I really hate to do this to you guys, but I have to.

There's no other way. This song was in my head before I even opened this book and then Juli goes ahead and sings it!

So yes, this is your warning.

I'm officially sounding the alarm.

*The My Girl alarm.*

If, like me, you cannot think of that film without sobbing like a small child then look away.

LOOK AWAY NOW.

My Girl by The Temptations.

If you ignore the overwhelming flood of angst, this song is one of the sweetest songs in the entire world.

Oh and also, THOMAS JAAAAAAAAAAAY.

### **Cuteness Scale.**

9/10. Oh this book was absolutely adorable! I wanted it to go on forever and ever but it ended.

There's nothing I love more than a 'he-said-she-said' kind of story and first loves and girls with fluffy hair and boys with dazzling blue eyes.  
And that ending?  
I sighed the girliest sigh .

### **Recommended For.**

Girls who have ever been head over heels in love with a blue-eyed boy. Boys who have ever ignored a girl because she has puffy hair and sniffs them when they think they won't notice. People who like to look at the bigger picture. People who like to barge and shove and wedge themselves into people's lives. People who see huge trees and have to resist the urge to climb them. People who would like to bid on the chance to have lunch with a boy who watches Bogart films. People who accept they're the kind of person who would get a bee stuck in their barnett.

You can find this review and lots of other exciting things on my blog [here](#).

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### **Aaron Vincent says**

Originally posted here.

I've been reading a lot of dark and violent books lately. I recently joined two challenges, both of which requires me to read those kind of books. Not that I'm complaining or anything because it's those kind of books I enjoy reading the most. I just thought I need to read something different, something light and positive, something –as my friend Tina prefers to call them–*fluffy*. As it turns out, Wendelin Van Draanen's *Flipped* was the right book for the break from gritty novels that I needed.

The moment Juli Baker sets her eyes upon the blue-eyed Bryce Loski, she fell in love with him. Bryce, on the other hand, thinks that she's a dangerous maniac and wants nothing but for her to leave him alone. From 2nd grade up to 7th, they had this stable relationship wherein Juli is chasing after Bryce and Bryce is trying his hardest to avoid her. Eight grade came, they found themselves in reverse situation. Juli realizes that Bryce is nothing but a tactless arrogant jerk while Bryce started to notice Juli's *iridescence*.

If John Green have written an 8th grade he-said she-said coming-of-age novel, it would have been something like this. Strong-willed female lead? Check. Brilliant character development and interesting minor characters' storyarc? Check. Spot-on portrayal of being young; hence, giving the reader a sense of nostalgia? Funny yet poignant story? Perfect and optimistic ending? Check, check and a check. The only element missing is the geeky guy which is quite prominent in Green's novels.

Now, I'm not saying that Van Draanen is a John Green rip-off. To be compared to John Green who ranks high on my favorite authors is probably one of the best compliment I could ever give. The difference between the two of them is how they start their novels. John Green will make you laugh really loud, whereas Van Draanen will make you smile from ear to ear. *A smile that is so optimistic, it can cure cancer*. I guess the other difference is that Van Draanen's novel was already adapted into a film while Green's, for the moment, is only optioned.

*Flipped* is also a good companion novel to John Green's *Paper Towns*. It touches the same theme *Paper Towns* discussed—the idea of misimagining someone. At the beginning of the novel, it's clear that Juli loves

her idea of Bryce and Bryce hates his idea of Juli. They grew up developing those ideas they have instead of actually knowing one another. It goes to show that we really have that tendency to idealize a person rather than actually knowing him or her.

And just like Q in Paper Towns, Bryce also had this revelation when he finally see Juli which leads to my favorite line from the book which is a pretty simple line but, in my opinion, says everything(not verbatim):

*She looks more like her photo in that stupid article that the photo itself. If that makes any sense.*

Damn, if only these books about empathy could only make me a powerful empath.

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### **Liz\* Fashionably Late says**

Can't do words \*\_\_\_\_\*

Trees, eggs and kisses :3 What else do you need in life?

Love was the first thing July felt when she met Bryce, her new neighbor. Panic was the first thing Bryce felt. Oblivious to this fact, July intimidated Bryce with her forthrightness and curiosity while Bryce tried to hide from her as much as possible.

The first thing I loved about Flipped was the warm feeling of simpler times and their innocence and ingenuity. It reminded me of my first crush and how honest it was. If you need to know, no, I didn't get the boy in the end. (Your lost, Marcos!)

Also, the characters are perfect. Both July and Bryce have perfect voices, each POV is genuine and they're brilliantly portrayed. I loved how clueless she is about how he feels about her but at the same time how the little things eventually win him over. The tree scene is so sad, I can't believe I was almost crying over a fictional tree!

Shout out to the twins that made my day ^\_^ (Fred and George, anybody?).

Now, don't let the cuteness fool you. Yes, they're kids and yes, this is sweet and fun but the core of the story is the whole being greater than the sum of its parts. Both families, as different as they seemed, had many things in common. And I think one of the hardest lessons Bryce learnt was how being better, even better than your parents, is a painful choice but possibly the best one.

In a simple and wonderful way, Flipped is a story that will warm your heart and draw a smile upon your face.

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## Reynita Maharani ★ The Night Reader ★ says

**edit : rounded down to 4 Stars**

~~REVIEW TO COME SOON.~~

**"One's character is set at an early age, son. The choices you make now will affect you for the rest of your life."**

I don't know where to start to talk about this book but first of all, I want to tell you that this book changed my life. I will never be the same anymore and I'm not being exaggerated. I'm going to tell you this now :

few months ago, I had a crush that I liked so much and he's older than me. he's 19 years old and I'm 18 years old and we started getting to know each other and I thought he was sweet and he's pretty cute and pretty handsome so yes, I was attracted to him and that time I felt like I was falling in love so we chatted through our phones until past midnight for a few days and then I realized that the more we chatted, the more I realized that I was the only one who fought for him and I tried to talk about everything so our conversation would always go on but he didn't do the same for me so by the time I realized that he didn't feel the same for me and I was the only one who fought for him, I felt heartbroken and he also made me feel worthless, So I stopped trying to make our conversation long because I was just so tired for fighting for him alone and we finally stopped chatting each other.

a few months passed and I moved on but not completely, I still quite felt hurt and sad until this book came into my life. When I finished this book, I realized that I didn't love my crush and I wasn't falling in love with him or maybe I was, but only to his appearance and I finished this book, I felt completely moved on. now, I no longer feel hurt or sad or disappointed or anything because the more I think about him, the more I realize that he's not as cute or amazing or whatever I used to think about him.

so many quotes I love from this book and one of them is this quote because this quote changed how I think about that guy I used to like.

***"Get beyond his eyes and his smile and the sheen of his hair-look at what's really there."***

if you haven't read this book, I highly recommend you to read it because this book was really great and the romance was also sweet.

***Man, I'll dive after her into a chicken coop full of poop if that's what it takes. I'll ride my bike all the stinkin' way to school for the rest of eternity if it means being with her.***

isn't that really sweet?! Seriously, the romance between Julie and Bryce was so sweet that my eyes even got teary over how sweet it was.

actually, I intended to give this book 4 stars but I gave one extra star because it helped me to move on and to be a better person.

**this book changed my life and I know I'll never be the same anymore and I'm truly glad that I read this book. This book taught me to not see from the appearance but to see what lies on the inside**

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