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Life used to be simple.

I was a city girl with humble dreams. Then Dylan O'Dea broke into my flat, held me against the wall and told me to stay quiet.

It was like in the movies, where the universe zeros in on a single scene. I looked into his eyes and knew he was going to change me.

For Dylan, the sky was always falling. He showed me how our world is a contradiction of beauty and ugliness. How we choose to ignore the awful and gloss over it with the palatable. How you need just a tiny drop of something unsavoury to create every great scent.

Pretty deep for a pair of teenagers living in a block of council flats in inner city Dublin, right? Probably. But we weren't typical. We both had our obsessions. Mine was growing things, Dylan's was scent. He taught me how to use my nose, and I introduced him to the magic of flowers.

I had no idea that one day he'd build an empire from what we started together. But before that, there was love and happiness, tragedy and epic heartbreak...

My name is Evelyn Flynn and I'm going to tell you about the crack in everything.

A Crack in Everything is Book #1 in L.H. Cosway's Cracks duet.

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LIVE Amazon: <http://amzn.to/2DvxZc5>

5 Unique Stars <3

"Because I can only see my dreams clearly when I look through you first."

I'm speechless wow I have no words! Let me just tell you that I loved this book so much! It was heartbreaking, sweet, romantic, intense, passionate and emotional. *A Crack in Everything* was a compelling and original story!

"and my mind raced, thinking of him noticing me before I ever really noticed him."

It was an epic love. Dylan and Evelyn will take you to an emotional roller coaster. Their love story is unique and so realistic! Their romance is heavy and beautiful. Even the secondary characters were awesome! There were moments I couldn't stop myself from crying. I really don't want to give anything away about it but I hope you will feel the same as me while you are reading it!

"This isn't the end for us. I promise. This is just the in-between. I'll find you in the after."

This author did an amazing job with her fantastic storytelling and flawless writing! She created an unforgettable story! Now that I read both books in the series I can highly recommend this duet! It's a must read, if you are looking for a refreshing story that will touch your heart and make you melt this is perfect!!

Olga therebelreader says

A Crack in Everything is a wonderfully solid, emotional novel by a highly talented author.

L.H. Cosway writes her characters with assured realness. It was not my typical genre that I read (YA romance), so for me to like it as much as I did was quite brilliant.

The plot was absorbing and uniquely crafted.

I liked Evelyn's relationship with her aunt.

I liked Dylan who appeared more mature than his age.

I, also, liked how this book talked about bullying, its consequences and the impact of sexual identity labels on teens. High School is such a time of change, growth and insecurity. All of that was captured beautifully and unflinchingly.

What I didn't love about this book was the single POV which was more introspective and explored only Evelyn's experience, and the slow pacing which lessened the conflict and tension for a while. This is a book full of heart and dealing with a difficult subject with huge sensitivity and sense. I really enjoyed reading it and I highly recommend it!

In short:

Hero 4/5 | **Heroine** 5/5 | **Plot (Point, Originality)** 4/5 | **Writing Style** 4/5 | **Steam** 3/5 | **Romance** 5/5 | **Angst-Suspense** 3/5 | **Darkness** 0/5 | **Humor** 2/5 | **Secondary Characters** 5/5 | **Drama-Conflict** 4/5 | **Mystery** 0/5 | **Twists** 4/5 | **Pacing** Slow | **Action** 3/5

ARC kindly provided by the author in exchange for an honest review.

Paige says

5 "Cracked" Stars

Oh my broken and bleeding heart. LH Cosway at her best. The young adult book hooked me in a way that very few adult romances have lately. I didn't even realize I was reading about characters so young because their world wasn't easy and Ms. Cosway portrayed them in such a light that it was impossible not to become completely absorbed.

Evelyn is optimistic for living a life that isn't exactly living it up. Dylan is the complete opposite. Everything is falling down around him. And yet these two find something in each other that they cling to. Both growing up in the not-so-good part of town and only knowing of each other in passing, they are thrown into each other's sphere's when Dylan needs a place to hide. After that Evelyn finds that she is drawn to the moody older boy. Neither was a typical teenager and as their two obsessions combine to make something great, everything falls apart. And no one is left unscarred.

This book enraptured me. I fell for both characters and their friends. I fell for their brokenness, their blind optimism and their wretched darkness. As the climax came to a head, I was left a broken, sobbing mess. This story was not easy. But it showed that the differences in people can bring people together instead of tearing them apart. And I was so glad I could jump right into book two because I needed to know how anything could be good again after that. And yet the underlying idea of hope was ever present giving me peace in the midst of the storm.

I voluntarily read an ARC of this book. A is for Alpha B is for Books

Penny Reid says

What a lovely story. Just... lovely.

Some of my favorite lines:

*"It was doing things to me. *Things* I tell you."*

"Never mind butterflies, there was a flock of sparrows i my chest, beating their persistent wings."

"I felt like some Victorian-era gentleman, who got a stiffy from the sight of a bare ankle."

"It'll save me the broken heart"

"People who think they're happy aren't thinking hard enough."

"Who made you?"

"His mouth was like drinking a whole bottle of vodka. You blacked out, but you knew you had a bloody good time."

This book is perfect. It is perfectly paced, the characters and the story are beautifully crafted. It reminded me a lot (in the best way) of 'Still Life with Strings' and 'King of Hearts,' sincere and heartbreaking; at times funny, clever; always effortlessly told.

Gorgeous.

Now I have to wait for the second part.

cries

Jeannine Allison says

10 stars!!!! (Second Read 10/12/2018)

10 stars!!!! (First Read 1/16/2018)

How I feel when I start a L.H. Cosway novel:

Every. Single. Time. There are so many things I love about Cosway and her novels:

- She takes everyday stories and seemingly average characters, and makes them feel magical. I love the simplicity of her stories. Because the feelings behind them are never simple.
- The girls aren't catty. There is still a normal amount of jealousy and teenage drama, but it's not OTT or unbelievable.
- The characters are insecure, but they own it and they aren't self-deprecating or self-pitying. And they're constantly working to improve themselves.
- She doesn't write the hero's POV, and yet I don't care. I really enjoy dual POV and I find myself enjoying books less (not always, but more often than not) when there's only a single POV. I NEVER feel that way with hers. Would I like it? Sure, it gives me more opportunities to swoon ? But I don't feel like I'm missing something without it.

Dylan and Evelyn BLEW ME AWAY! I devoured their story. I never wanted it to end.

I freaking LOVED Dylan!!!! He has to be one of my favorite book boyfriends EVER. I'm a big, HUGE sucker for the "bad" boy with the secret heart of gold. I just love guys who are rough around the edges, but when it comes to their girls, they completely adore them! ??? And I love that he wasn't afraid to let her know it...

"Just mentally berating myself for not befriending you sooner."

"Believe me, Ev. Any way you want to touch me, I'm certain I'll like it."

"Can we talk?"

"What's there to talk about?"

His gaze didn't waver. "Us."

I cocked a brow. "Is there an us?"

"There is for me," he replied gravely.

"Because I can only see my dreams clearly when I look through you first... any achievements are pointless unless I have you by my side."

He's everything I want in a book boyfriend. And with this line, he completely won me over...

"Yes, I'm going, though if I had my way there'd be several miles and a body of water between me and any variety of organised fun."

I think he was talking about a pep rally or school dance, and that was exactly how I thought in high school ? Dylan O'Dea is the perfect man.

And I can't even explain how much I love Cosway's heroines. I crush on them just as hard as the guys. She writes real women, strong women, but they're still flawed and searching for their place in the world. Evelyn was especially lovely because she was so optimistic. She wasn't expecting Dylan, but like most things in her life, she took him with stride. She saw the best in him, and wanted to show him all the good she sees. And even though she was happy and felt whole, she quickly realized there was something in Dylan she needed. His dark, depressing thoughts appealed to her in a way she wasn't expecting.

Kissing him made me feel whole, even though I'd never known there was a piece missing.

I loved watching Dylan and Evelyn change each other and how they see the world. I think that's what love should do, change us for the better. Unfortunately tragedy pulls them apart, and everything they were building comes crashing down around them. What happened would be sad no matter what, but watching it harden Evelyn's optimistic heart, crushed me. I bawled and bawled and *bawled*. I had a headache from crying so much.

The world could be ugly or beautiful, depending on where you found yourself. You could create a little beauty in an ugly place, but in the end, the ugliness would eat it up... There was a crack in me now, and someday it was going to expand and swallow me whole.

This broke me, but *How the Light Gets In* healed me. This duet is why I read romance. I laughed, cried, swooned, and everything in between. I can't wait to read this again, probably multiple times, because it's one

of the most beautiful stories I've ever read. It was an easy decision to put this duet on my "best of the best" shelf. I thought I'd read Cosway's best. Not because I thought she'd get worse, I just couldn't imagine her getting any better. But she proved me wrong with this duet. It was perfection. I'll read any and everything she writes, and I can't wait for what's next! ♥? If you haven't read anything by her, you really need to. You won't regret it.

*Technically this ends on a cliffhanger, but I wouldn't call it brutal. It doesn't leave any lingering questions, but you're definitely going to want the rest of Evelyn and Dylan's story right away. I'm impatient myself so I can understand not wanting to wait, but I'm also extremely grateful I had book two at hand.

Dylan's departing promise to Evelyn is PERFECT...

"This isn't the end for us. I promise. This is just the in-between. I'll find you in the after."

KAS says

I Am Amazed By The Crack Left In Me!!

I went into this totally blind, also never having read this author before. I was solely relying on GR friends I trust for an awesome romance. All those 5 star ratings tempted me. I can tell you my trust was well placed.

It is certainly a fabulous romantic read, but what surprised me is how beautiful this story is!

It is also a YA read rarely experienced, and filled to the brim with characters who are actually intellectual, thoughtful and mindful.

Here is my brief synopsis and begging you to go in blind ...

Dylan wants OUT!! Out of living in an oppressive neighborhood. Out of having to deal with gang members threatening his life. He wants out from beneath the dark cloud of St. Mary's Villas, Ireland.

Eighteen and graduation just around the corner, Dylan's mind is made up he must leave town knowing full well there is much more to life than the one he is currently living.

But a wrinkle has cropped up to thwart his plans. Dylan meets his ray of light, his hope in the darkness, his future, his Ev. The problem... Evelyn (Ev) doesn't plan on getting OUT. No way is she leaving her sick gran. She won't even contemplate the idea.

? Dylan's attention came to me, starting at my boots and then making a slow ascent up my body. The way he looked at me so thoroughly gave me butterflies, a very rare and specific type. Dylan O'Dea butterflies were the kind people trapped and displayed in picture frames.

Yes, ladies, Dylan is quite swoon worthy!

Then there is Evelyn's best friend, Sam. Sam is the most unforgettable character ever!!

Ms. Cosway, the talent of your storytelling has me stunned!!

Because I went in totally blind, I had no idea this ended in a cliffhanger. I loved it so much and can't wait to read part two, "How The Light Gets In." Thank the stars it is already available ;)

Jenny••Steamy Reads Blog•• says

I don't ugly cry over books too often. Nope. But holy shit, this book tore me up.

Every once in awhile real life rears it ugly head and makes it known that, in fact, we are not in control of our paths. Life can be ugly, it can be down right awful, but in real life, we pick up and move on. Right???

This book completely takes hold of you and brings you along a path of building and losing that once in a lifetime love. Dylan & Evelyn find themselves embracing their love for one another. They live in the same apartment complex in a low income family area. Dylan, striving to be something big, he's smart, he's so beautiful, he's kind, he is a boy willing to do anything for his girl, and he is building a life for himself so he can get him & Ev out of their current living situation. He wants them both to have so much more in life.

Evelyn has experienced a lot of loss in her young years. Having her mom walk away from her, she's 17 and living with her aunt that she looks up to and adores beyond words. She is full of optimism, she sees the good in almost everything. Always giving the benefit of a doubt to even those who don't deserve it. She has her best friend Sam at her side, and now she has the man she has given her heart to. She has it all until she loses everything.

Tragedy strikes and it strikes by taking away almost everything in Ev's life. Without giving away what happens and how, grab a box of Kleenex and read this one. And then make sure to have Book 2 on order. I can not wait to find out what happens next in Ev's life. I have a feeling the next journey is gonna be even a bigger ride then this one

Patty Belongs To Kellan~Jesse~Lautner~Miller~Jack~Racer~Rafe~Liam~Prince Nicholas~Hayes~Simon~Gianluca & Archer says

*****4.5 STARS*****

{ARC Generously Provided by Author}

The way he spoke made me feel a sense of urgency, like I was watching a person race somewhere far beyond the horizon. I could try to follow, but I'd never be fast enough. Maybe that was the allure of

Dylan O'Dea. He wasn't meant for a place like this, and he wouldn't be here long. I could feel it in my bones.

The "*Cracks Duet*" is a tale of first loves, loss, and second chances. As always L.H. Cosway has created a story that reeled me in and held me captive. There are some amazing characters, but my heart completely melted for Dylan O'Dea. He's a book boyfriend who will undoubtedly sweep many readers off their feet!

Dylan and Evelyn are two high school students who live in a low-income housing development in a town whose inhabitants are working class citizens who are barely making ends meet. There's very little hope for a promising future for kids born into these circumstances, but Evelyn is filled with light and optimism. She looks for the good in everything. Evelyn makes a beautiful oasis by cultivating a rooftop garden where she plants her favorite flowers. At seventeen years old, she's never had a serious boyfriend and when the mysterious and beautiful boy who lives in her building starts to show interest in Ev, it's unfathomable to her.

Ev had only three people whom she held dear to her heart, her Gran, her Aunt, and her best-friend Sam. Dylan starts to become an integral part of her life and while it excites Ev, it also terrifies her because she knows that there is no way their love can last. Dylan is a brilliant student with a superhuman sense of smell. On the weekends, he works at a department store, selling high-end perfume. His dream is to someday create his own fragrance line. Dylan wants to leave Ireland and move to the U.S. so badly, there's no question that he's going to make his dreams come true. But there's one thing he wants even more, and that's for Ev to come with him. Ev is stubborn and adamant about staying where she is so that she can care for her Gran. She's hiding behind that excuse because deep down she's afraid to take a chance and a personal tragedy has burned out the light that used to radiate from within her.

Here are my overall ratings on the book:

Heroes: 5

Heroine: 4

Plot: 4.5

Angst: 4

Steam: 4

Chemistry Between Hero & Heroine: 4.5

The first installment ends in massive heartbreak. You will need a box of tissues and be prepared for the ugly cry.

Will Dylan and Ev find their way back to each other? One can only hope. ?

A CRACK IN EVERYTHING is currently available! A definite one-click worthy book!

Amazon: <http://amzn.to/2DvxZc5>

iBooks: <https://apple.co/2BsghVg>

Nook: <http://bit.ly/2n7Od4k>

Kobo: <http://bit.ly/2Gd10ez>

KAT ? Kitty Kats Crazy About Books ? says

A CRACK IN EVERYTHING: Is the first book in the (CRACKS DUET #1) contemporary romance series by L.H. Cosway. In this we meet Seventeen year old Evelyn Flynn and eighteen year old Dylan O'Drea.

This kick starts off in the year 2006: You couldn't really say that Evelyn and Dylan were friends, they knew the other existed but they had never spoken a word to the other before..

UNTIL NOW.

So when he's banging on her apartment door frantically which she shares with her Aunty, seeking cover from thugs wanting to recruit him into gang life to say she's surprised is an understatement, but surprised she is, out of all the apartments on her floor he could've chosen anyone of them but he chose hers. He begs her to keep quiet until the danger has gone.

An unconventional friendship ensues, until Dylan admits he's noticed her for a while, *"I've always watched you. I can't remember a time when I didn't."*

and then slowly something simmers in the background between them. A love like no other has them in their grip but she knows deep down that he's destined for better things.

"Someone like you shouldn't stay in a place like this. If you do, you'll harden. Your attitude will sour. I

hate it here. Every day I think about leaving. "

She sees rainbows, and unicorns through rose coloured glasses, he sees the world through the eyes of a much older man, cynical beyond his years, fearing he will never leave this place he calls hell.

"What if I was following the yellow brick road, while he was embarking on a journey into the deep dark woods."

You can tell straight off the bat that L.H. Cosway is a seasoned author because how she reeled me in that very first page seemed effortless. I was hooked,

As you progress into the story more you fall even more under this authors spell as she weaves a beautiful, emotional, heartfelt story of first love, loss, and meaning full life learning sentences that will stay with me for a long time, a thought provoking journey, this put me through a wringer full of emotions, I swooned, giggled, sighed and cried, nothing prepared me for the sadness that would grip me over a death of a character that lit up the pages. Then I reached the end and I was sad all over again wondering what's to come next.

Rachel Reads Ravenously says

5 stars

"You're sunshine, Evelyn, and there's nothing but clouds around here."

I'M NOT CRYING. THERE'S JUST WATER LEAKING OUT OF MY FACE.

Boy am I glad I waited to read this book until part 2 is out. I'm gonna try and squeeze in a semi-comprehensible review here but it's probably just gonna be me screaming all over the place.

Evelyn is a teen living in a bad part of Dublin. One day when he's running away from a gang, Dylan rushes into Evelyn's apartment for a place to hide. From then on the two become friends and then more. But there are sinister forces working against the two of them that threaten to tear them apart.

"It was warm here. And safe. I loved kissing him. I could kiss him forever. If only I could."

I basically spent the first half of the book like this:

And the last fourth of the book like this:

What can I say, I love this book! And then it ripped my cold little heart to shreds. LH Cosway is Queen of the Feels and I will forever be her devoted servant, taking her heart lashings with every book.

I would say more but honestly I need to dive into book two ASAP so I'm off to do just that!

"I loved Dylan O'Dea. And probably would forever."

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Nazanin says

3.75 Stars

Well, these characters were so mature for their age! I know a seventeen or eighteen years old person is almost an adult but not that much grown up! They made me like a petulant/moody child at that age! Okay, I expected a bit angst in this story, at least towards its ending! With all the things that happened they still chose the best decision, even though that made my heart break! I liked their goodbye be more emotional, a bit angsty and heartbreaking! But my issues aside, the story is well-written and a bit slow! I liked the secondary characters more than the main characters but alas the one I loved more can't have any happy ending! Told in a single POV, 1st person. It's the first installment in the Cracks duet and it ends on a cliffhanger. All in all, I enjoyed it and hope you like it as well!

L.H. Cosway says

'A Crack in Everything' is LIVE on all platforms :-D

You can pre-order 'A Crack in Everything' and 'How the Light Gets In' for just \$2.99 each on all platforms! The price will be raised to \$3.99 upon release!

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Alex ☆ Comets and Comments ☆ says

“This isn’t the end for us. I promise. This is just the in-between. I’ll find you in the after.”

I'm a goner...

Time to bring out the metaphorical vacuum cleaner and clean up the house, because my heart has shattered all over the damn place.

If you could just look around and see if any of my other vital organs are around you, that would be great, thanks. Because as of now, I can't breathe, I can't feel, I can't even begin to put my feelings into words. But, I'm going to try.

“I’ll miss you,” he said, a catch in his voice. Those three little words held all the emotion of a hundred lifetimes, and we were both in danger of drowning under the weight of them.

you were red,

I think I should start by saying that this book is a true tribute to young love and the punch to the gut with how real life comes in the way of everything we hold dear.

The world could be ugly or beautiful, depending on where you found yourself. You could create a little beauty in an ugly place, but in the end, the ugliness would eat it up.

Evelyn and Dylan's story is not one that's spectacular, or amazingly different, or even something that would catch your eye. **But that's the beauty of it**. The plot was character driven and it went through the mundane realities of life and how not everything has to be out of the ordinary to be beautiful. I didn't stop reading, which was a mistake because I started this one at 9PM and the time slipped through my fingers.

Today at work, the bags under my eyes shall be Gucci.

"You are odd, Evelyn Flynn. If I'm the king of gloom, you're the queen of randomness."

you liked me because i was blue,

The writing in this novel is phenomenal. There's more to the words than what's shown on the surface and I swallowed every little bit up. I smiled through the tears and loved every single minute of it. The transition and flow of the story isn't one that happens slow, the romance and the series of events that occurs happen to start from the first chapter. But there still managed to be a twist at the end that I did not see coming and I did not want!

It was a picturesque world, one that would never exist for us.

Not to mention, the dynamic between the kids and the different personalities at play had me laughing most of the time. I think what I loved most about everything was how fucking real it was. **It was something that so many people could relate to and that's what made it so stellar** The characters weren't flawless, their lives weren't glorified but they managed to love and live through the simplicities. Even if the simplicities weren't enough.

"My mam says this was the fifth-last place God made. It's bad, but it's not the worst," said Sam. "That's a good way of putting it," Conor agreed."

Yes, there were a handful of things that I thought could have been done better. I'm a stingy reviewer and little to nothing gets 5 stars for me. To be completely honest, I was going to give this 4 stars too, and list out a couple of things that bugged me about the premise and the structure of the story.

But it hit 5AM in the morning, and I was sobbing my little heart out with a box of tissues by my side. And all I could think about was how imperfectly perfect this was.

"Because I can only see my dreams clearly when I look through you first."

you touched me

The characters in this book whether side, main or even irrelevant managed to wriggle their way into my heart while I was reading it.

"Believe me, Ev. Any way you want to touch me, I'm certain I'll like it."

Especially Sam, I loved him from page one. I love him now. I'll keep on loving him.

On our way to the cafeteria, we passed by Shane. Unlike usual, he wasn't scowling at Sam, but grinning. However, much like usual, he threw an insult at him.

"Hey fag."

"Hey dickface," Sam shot back.

"Suck any cocks today?" Shane retorted.

"Why? You interested?" Sam asked back and Shane grinned wider as he continued down the hall.

The friend group reminded me so much of my own time at high school. How you had so many different types of people and personalities, yet something so simple can string everybody together. I loved reading the scenes with the whole gang, and the mischief that teenagers are up to. I think the nostalgia in this book killed me.

I would say that this had so many coming of age elements to it and it worked beautifully with the romance. "Growing up" acts as a catalyst to initiate 'real life' and it was woven so intricately with the love between Evelyn and Dylan, and every other relationship in the book. Be it family, friends or lovers.

"Yes, who indeed. Something unfurled inside me, a fleshy, curly, tangled thing. It twined itself around my heart, my lungs and other organs, twisting tight until I felt like I couldn't breathe too well. And it sucked, because he'd never stay here. With me. Dylan was meant for more than this tiny city on the edge of a little island surrounded by the sea. And just like a rock hurtling off that very edge, I fell for him hard."

I love books that show that although the world isn't pretty at all, we all go through it the same because we all *go through it*. This story showed how people need people. No matter what the consequences, in happy moments, in sad, in lonely and even when you feel like you're an invincible teenager and nothing can come in between you and your dreams. **People need people.**

Today we'd grieve together.

and i became a lilac sky

I loved the love that was shared in this book.

Without a doubt, the undertone of how two people can change each other. Be it even for the worse, was so so illuminating and not a lot of new adult books cover that. Because love *is* messy and when you have that with someone else, you can get affected by it and sometimes you change. You grow.

If you look at the subheadings of my review, it's a quote that so heavily reminded me of the love between the two main characters.

Dylan struck me as the type to hate fiercely, but also to love just as fiercely. He felt all of life's emotions with everything he had in him, and there was a captivating sort of appeal about that.

This is going on my all time favourites shelf, and I know that I'm going to come back to their story many times in the future. I need to get my hands on book two, so thank fuck it comes out soon! If you haven't already read this story, it's beautiful and I have no idea what you're waiting for.

I needed to make this last, so I could etch his taste into my memory, fold his smell in crepe paper and save it for a rainy day when I needed some sunshine. That's what he tasted like—bottled sun. Golden, like the flecks in his hair.

Astrid - The Bookish Sweet Tooth says

Review @ Vanilla & Spice Books

Dreaming big is the only way to get away from the harsh reality of living in a neighborhood in Dublin, where bleakness and gang violence rule the daily life of their inhabitants. It's what Dylan does - he is determined to leave this part of his life behind.

Evelyn doesn't have aspirations like that - her mom had her when she was 15, pretty much the average age for girls to get pregnant in that quarter of Dublin. Her aunt, a very young woman with hopes and dreams of her own took her in. This is the setting when A CRACK IN EVERYTHING starts.

Evelyn has a sunny, optimistic personality. While she realizes that the place she lives in isn't ideal she always looks for the good things in her life. Always on her side, having her back, supporting and loving her are her aunt Yvonne and her best, gay friend, Sam. When Dylan crashes into her life she not only finds a friend but a love so deep it could last a life time.

Dylan is the realist to Evelyn's optimist. Her positive outlook on life is what draws him to her. He looks at the bleak life ahead if he stays in the same place but Ev is the light that breaks through the clouds for him.

I am completely in love. Totally and 100%. Evelyn and Dylan experience first love like any teenager. Like any teenager they feel that it will last forever and in their case I would even agree. It's all-encompassing and deep.

... I can only see my dreams clearly when I look through you first.”

My insides blared on loudspeaker, while my voice was barely a whisper. “I don’t understand.”

Dylan gave a sad laugh. “I just feel like any achievements are pointless unless I have you by my side.”

In a heartbeat, I saw an entire life, a timeline of seventy or more years, with the only constant being Dylan’s hand in mine.

However, life and tragedy don't stop, not even for love. I loved, laughed and cried with the characters of this story. Sam, Evelyn's best friend, in particular stole my heart. He was an amazing friend, didn't have a filter and called people out on their BS. Just as wonderful was Yvonne, Evelyn's aunt. What a good heart this woman has.

Dylan, oh my, good to the core, honest, serious, an old soul if you will - he adored Evelyn, it was plain to see and he never held back to show her. He stood up for her and protected her. Dylan shot up the ranks to one of my favorite heroes, he is so incredibly special. His talent, to be able to smell the finest nuances of fragrances, is also unusual and makes him stand out of the mass of main characters.

Finally, Evelyn - her talent is gardening and it complements Dylan's perfectly. I loved the bright light she shone on her friends and especially on Dylan, who often fixated on the gloom and doom in his life. She was so good at pulling him out of it. Until she broke too.

One thing I wanted to mention which didn't make complete sense to me...Evelyn waited to have sex atypically long - Dylan is her first and they don't use protection. They don't even talk about it. It's Sam who actually raises the issue. It wasn't exactly plausible and completely out of character for somebody as cautious as Evelyn to have unprotected sex.

It didn't make sense to me given the time she waited for her first time and what she knew about her mom and other girls in the neighborhood who became pregnant as teenagers - however, that is nitpicking, because the first installment was otherwise perfection.

“God, we make me sick sometimes.” I chuckled. “We make me sick sometimes, too.”

A Crack in Everything is the first installment about an epic love that is unbearable to watch being torn apart because it's not the main character's doing that makes it happen. L.H. Cosway captures the atmosphere of the dreary, a little hopeless life in a working class quarter in Dublin. I wish I could tell you every little thing that I loved about this book but my review would become so long you wouldn't read it - that is if I haven't lost you already.

The story ends on cliffhanger and what a cliffhanger it is. ~~I ugly-cried~~ - My heart broke for all of the characters - not a single one was unaffected by tragedy and I'm only pulling myself away from the book long enough to type out my review. I can't wait to go back and see things set to right. So...later!

There was a crack in me now, and someday it was going to expand and swallow me whole.

Jacqueline's Reads says

5 My Heart Stars

The things I love about A Crack in Everything

ONE: The Cover

TWO: The author

THREE: The storyline

FOUR: the Characters

FIVE: the pacing, tension, flow and dialogue of the story

I loved everything about this book. I would say my most favorite thing about A Crack in Everything is the dialogue. It's a heavily based dialogue book and I love that the author lets the character play out the story, rather than a descriptive book telling me the story. It's just a preference of reading style and this one was my jam.

This book is about teenagers but it's not a YA book. The other thing that I love about this book is that it's not only about the main characters, Dylan and Evelyn, there's the best friends, who I love too and I hope they get their own spinoff books.

So the book is a bunch of misfit kids living in the poor parts of Dublin. Did you know there is Dominos in Dublin? Who knew, learned something. I love it when non-American authors writes books, I feel like I've traveled across the country.

So the book is about relationships, love relationships, friendships and hate relationships. It's about young kids powering through and going to school. **It's about finding oneself and working through issues. I loved loved loved it.**

Evelyn is a typical girl. She lives with her aunt and she has pretty realistic goals for herself. She wants to live life and that's it. She loves her family and friends and she's pretty content where she is.

Dylan is the boy that changes everything for her. He's different, sensitive, smart and he's a cute flirt. I LOVE LOVE LOVE Dylan. He's the best and I want only happiness for him.

When Dylan and Evelyn meet, they forge a cute friendship. Within that friendship, his friends become her friends and her friend becomes his friend and it's all around cute to read.

This is an endearing book. I love the quiet undertones of the book. Within the cuteness there are serious issues that do arise within the read and it adds tension and kind of pulls you in.

I'm also a fan of duet books. I LOVE that the story isn't over and I get more of my favorite read. I highly suggest A Crack in Everything. It will pull at your heart and melt it into lovely bits.

An ARC was provided

A Crack in Everything <http://amzn.to/2FJcuWW>

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