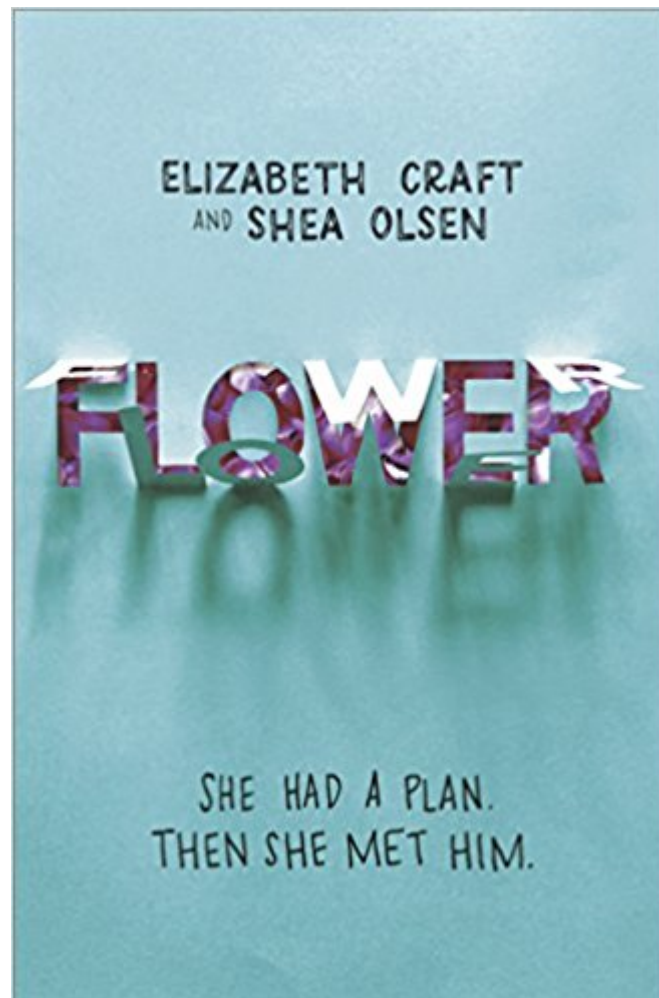




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Synopsis

These are the things that I've always wanted:~ ~ To get the top grades in my class.~ ~ To make my grandmother proud.~ ~ And most of all, proof that I could succeed where the rest of my family had not: a Stanford acceptance letter, early admission.~ ~ My mother and my sister were obsessed with boys and love and sex. So obsessed that they lost sight of their futures, of what they wanted. And in the end, they lost everything.~ ~ I'll never let a boy distract me. I promised myself that.~ ~ But that was before Tate.~ ~ Before the biggest pop star on the planet took an interest in me.~ ~ Before private planes and secret dates and lyrics meant for me alone.~ ~ There's so much I don't know. Like why he left music. Where he goes when we're not together. What dark past he's hiding. But when we kiss, the future feels far away. And now…l'm not sure what I want.

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Customer Reviews

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Audio CD edition.

Go on...Admit it...No matter who you are. No matter what you do. No matter your age or sex or relationship status....At one time or another in your lifetime, you dreamed about being the one, the only, 100% true love of (insert name of your generation's biggest rock star.)So when I read this delicious & charming debut by newcomer Shea Olsen, I flew immediately back to those glory days of dreams and music. And the main character in FLOWER, Charlotte, isn't in the slightest like most of us. She loathes silly girls who lose their heads over the male species.That is, until she meets Tate (Flower's version of Rick Springfield--oops, COUGH, revealing my age here!)Seriously, though. This book is so gorgeously-written, every sentence so yummy and decadent, that the fast-paced plot and love story is simply the icing on an already scrumptious cupcake.Can't wait to see more from this VERY-talented author!!!

It gets 2 stars for being well written. However (and there will be spoilers) the story and characters are unlikeable and unrealistic. The rock star is nothing more than a tortured jerk and the girl is self-centered. Additionally her family is poor yet except for the de rigueur makeover scene it really has no impact. The drama becomes melodrama and by the 3rd or was it 4th time the guy dumps her you think you're reading the equivalent of an overlong kdrama. She's accepted into Stanford Biology but defers, spending her gap year and money on travel to Europe. I didn't know poor people had so many options. Of course she really wants to be an artist, not one of those silly STEM girls who might actually accomplish something. What's most frustrating is that this is very well written, it flowed, but the cliches and inept characterizations and complete inability to deal with social class overwhelmed the good.

This book is a page turner! I love stories about when someone super famous recognizes how cool the girl-next-door is. The ending was a surprise to me and I was guessing what would happen until the last page!

Trite storyline, predictable plot, and unlikeable characters. I was so excited for this book, as I love Elizabeth Craft and her podcast, but I was sorely disappointed. I am the queen of teen romances from my high school days, and I understand this genre, but there were so many things wrong with this book, I don't know where to start. The premise of the story could have been played out in a much more original way, but it followed the typical rock star falls for regular girl. There's little plot to

build the connection between the two characters, and they seem mainly driven by sexual chemistry. Lots of "I want you"/"I don't want you" which is frustrating and unfulfilling in terms of building a case for the relationship. Then there's the "Pretty Woman" scene where rich rockstar gives average girl makeover and fancy new wardrobe. Yuck. I finished the whole thing but just felt like I wasted my time. It's 2017 and time for teen romances to show more originality and inspiration for today's youth.

I enjoyed the push and pull of the couple, nothing I like more than a flawed hero and/or heroine. My only complaint is that I would have loved an epilogue telling me how they are doing.

I can't put this book down! It is juicy and addicting!

Bought for a young teenager. I think she will like it.

For fans of the PRETTY LITTLE LIARS series or recent best sellers like THE THOUSANDTH FLOOR by Katharine McGee, this is the perfect read. If you are looking for a fun, light, fast-paced read, this is it. I really connected with Olsen's clean writing style which lent a delightful quality to the story. Yes, there may be a bit a predictability to the story, but it's perfect for those times (plane ride? waiting in the doctor's office?) when you want an easy read not cluttered with extraneous plot details and a myriad of minor characters. Kind of like skipping dinner and going straight for dessert! Highly recommend!

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