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Who knew falling in love with my best friend had the potential to single-handedly destroy my entire family?

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Will the love and desire I feel for the one man I've ever truly wanted destroy me? Am I willing to risk it all, for a chance at everlasting love?

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I haven't gotten to where I am by always doing what's right. She's Back. I want Her. I have every intention of making her Mine.

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From Reader Review Imperfections for online ebook

wendy Shelton(obsessedbybooks) says

* * ARC given on behalf of obsessed by books for an honest review * *

I don't know where to start, cause I don't want give to much away. I never expected it to end the way it did. This is Shaniel Watson debut novel and what an awesome job.

Cat is finally coming home from college for good, she's not been home in a year, so she's more than ready to see her family and what everyone has been into. When she gets home she so excited and then her best friend comes by and those feelings she's always had resurface. Growing up Cat always hung with her brother chris and his friend nick who soon become cat's best friend as well, it was always the 3 of them. Cat grew feelings for nick, but knew he would never see her as anything other than Chris's little sister. nick has always had feelings for cat but would cross that line due to chris and the rest of cat's family, but she's not so little now and nick sees more that Chris's little sister, but has their chance past. This story is about first loves that are true love. but when things don't work out the way you wanted and mistakes are made can true love be enough to stay together or will it cause Cat to lose everything, even family. I loved every character in this book Ava is awesome, she's a spit fire and I hope to see her and Chris's story but first I want more of nick and cat. omg the sex is hot, I felt myself blush and smile. Great book, but with a cliffhanger. I'm already anticipating the next one. a must read definitely.

Lorena Garcia -- Brittany's Book Blog says

Received an ARC in exchange for an honest review

Bravo to this new author because she did such an outstanding job with this first book in the Imperfections series. I was hooked immediately. I absolutely adored it!

Cat and Nick have been friends since they were really young. Cat used to love hanging out with Nick and her brother Chris. They were four years older than her but she didn't care and neither did they. Cat has had a crush on Nick all her life and Nick started developing feelings for Cat once she started becoming a teenager, but he knew that he couldn't act on his feelings because of her brother and really, he knew he wasn't right for her and would eventually break her heart. Although Nick always knew in his heart that one day he would end up with Cat, one way or another.

As time passed and they became adults, Cat decides to come back home after being absent for four years and she comes back to find the shocker of her life, the man of her dreams is engaged to her sister. How messed up is that!! Cat came back home with the intentions and illusions of winning Nick's heart.

Nick knows he made the biggest mistake of his life by hooking up with Katie, Cat's sister. A manipulative, vindictive, piranha. Katie has always envied Cat and she's always wanted what Cat had.

Cat and Nick are in a predicament because not only does Cat and Nick have feelings for each other, but now he's tied to Katie even though he doesn't love her.

What can Nick and Cat do in order to be happy together? Can they make it work or will it be impossible for

them to even try now that he's tied with her sister?

This relationship is definitely complicated I'll tell you that and one that will have you smitten throughout the whole book.

This book had me from the beginning and I'm telling you, I fell in love with both Nick and Cat. They were a perfect match made in heaven. They definitely had a tough road ahead of them and they definitely had their ups and downs and people trying to get in the way of their love.

Congrats to the author on such an amazing book!

Gemma Weir says

Check out more of my reviews on my blog <http://gemmareadstoomuch.co.uk>

WARNING!!!! This review is nasty mean and contains loads of spoilers,

read at your peril.

Imperfections is the first book in this series and the first book I have read by this author, I was gifted a copy of the book to read for Gemma reads too much.

Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhh

Yep that was me screaming!!!!

I'm sorry to say that this is possibly going to more of a rant than a review. But I have to get this out so it doesn't fester and taint the other books I plan to read this week.

Arghhhhhhhhhhh

Yep that's me screaming again at just how much I hated this book!!!

I can honestly say I don't think I have ever read a book where I passionately hate the characters as much as I do in this book!!!

This isn't just a 'God there annoying' moan, this is a I wish had never signed on to read this book I hate them so much!!!!!!

Seriously what the hell is wrong with these people!!!!

Cat is in love with Nick that's cool I can relate to that. But then she finds out that Nick is engaged to her Sister Kate.

Now as far as I'm concerned girl code, sister code whatever you want to call it would say ok so he's my sister's fella hands off??

But no that doesn't even act as a deterrent to cat and Nick in fact I don't think it's mentioned more than a couple of times at the start.

What I don't understand is why Cat would even consider having sex with a guy who had already shoved his dick in my sister first!!!!!! I'm sorry but that's just fucked up!!!!

Nick is scum, that's not a word I use often but it feels fairly apt in this circumstance.

First he has a one night stand with his best mate's twin sister, then he finds out that she's pregnant. Then he agrees to look after Kate and the baby financially but still says NOTHING when Kate announces to her family that they have got engaged!!!!

Nick pursues Cat and never really thinks twice about the fact that a few short weeks ago he was banging her sister!!!

He is obnoxious and aggressive to the point where I was half expecting him to become violent with Cat. I'm glad to say there was absolutely nothing even remotely sexy about him.

What I think makes it worse is that he shows little to no remorse at the situation he is putting Cat in. He says he loves her but honestly how could he possibly love her when he is prepared to annihilate her life so he can get his end away!!?

Kate and her mother were like poisonous spiders creeping into the story and generally making you want to hit them with something hard. I hated Kate with an absolute passion!!!

I feel like Cat was portrayed like a doormat, but what's worse is that she allows herself to be treated that way. I wanted to feel some empathy towards her but I just didn't like her.

I think if she had actually thought about what she was doing rather than being influenced by everyone she spoke to I may have found a redeeming quality in her!!!

What I don't understand is why Nick even went along with Kate's bizarre lies. I mean yes it would have been a bit weird had he have hooked up with Cat whilst Kate was pregnant with his kid but surely that would have been better than allowing Cats whole family to believe he was cheating on a loving committed relationship.

Personally I think the next book should be Cat moving away from New York and never seeing Nick again. As far as I'm concerned this couple don't have a happy ever after in their future.

Nick is toxic!!

I know that there are people out there that will think this book is brilliant. I probably seem like a nightmare and truthfully I have never had an issue with cheating themes or taboo/forbidden love before. But I just hated this book on every level, had I not committed to reviewing this book I never would have finished it.

It's been a long time since I so passionately hated a book so much that it made me angry. But with every cell in my body I want to throw my kindle across the room every time I think about Nick!!!

I've never rated a book as zero stars so I'm going to be generous and say this book gets 1 star from me.

Kathleen R. says

Overall Stars: 5 STARS

Family Drama
Childhood

Just because Cat has loved Nick since her teens doesn't mean she gets to keep him on her return from Canada

For as long as I could remember, I'd been in love with sexy, lawyer extraordinaire Nicholas Alexander. We'd always had a certain chemistry growing up, especially after we shared one passionate, forbidden, perfect kiss as teenagers. For years, I'd hoped he could look past my overprotective brothers and our age difference so we could be more than friends, I was wrong. Four years ago, I left New York and my heart behind. Now I was back to stake my claim on the only man I'd ever loved. But unbeknownst to me, things were way more complicated than I could've imagined when I learn he's engaged—to my sister.

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Even though I have a few guilty pleasures, I'm finding myself loving the secret love for the partner who's engaged to the brother/sister, but (and it's THE big but) turns out that the partner and the one in love with them are attracted to each other to a point where they really can't keep their hands off each other. The difference in Imperfections is that Nick wasn't 100% on board with the engagement and couldn't keep his hands off Cat; the sexual tension and chemistry rolling off each other was almost tangible. Had they been in front of me, I'm certain I could have felt it, if not cut the tension with a butter knife and still shiver in awe, hoping my man was close simply to calm my racing heart! Any reader looking for drama, romance, sexiness, and everything in between, then Imperfections is the perfect book to literally the book to crawl in bed with or without a fan and ice, and spend a few hours or a day or two simply enjoying how enticing Shaniel Watson has made this first novel of the Imperfections Series.

Received a copy in exchange for an honest review. Read and reviewed by Kathleen for Alpha Book Club

DawnMarie Carpintero says

5 stars

This is the first book in the series and the characters were so relatable I wanted to jump into the book once I started the book I could not put it down I was up till all hours of the Wii morning.

There's just nothing else to say that other than that the book was simply phenomenal.

Happy sexy rating

Cocktails and Books says

3.5 Cocktails

Nick flirted between being perfect and an outright a-hole, but still I kept reading because I wanted to know if Cat was going to toss him to the curb. And now i'm stuck waiting until the Fall in order to get (hopefully) the final answer.

Full review to come.

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Judy Lewis says

CAPTIVATING, SEDUCTIVE AND DELIGHTFULLY ENTERTAINING !!!

Title: Imperfections

Series: Imperfections

Designation: Book One, NOT A STANDALONE, CLIFFHANGER AHEAD

Author: Shaniel Watson

Reading Platform: Kindle Edition

My Rating: Four Delightfully Entertaining Stars****

Wow! Stunning Debut novel from Shaniel Watson! Since this is Shaniel Watson's debut novel, this is obviously my first time reading her work but I can assure you, it won't be my last. As a matter of fact, as soon as I finished reading this book, I raced back to Amazon to purchase the second book of the series, Imperfections Come To Light. I even preordered the third book, Imperfections Take Me As I Am, which will be available November 29, 2016. That's quite a recommendation in itself. Please allow me to state up front, this is a full-length novel but it is NOT a standalone and does end in a cliffhanger. I was not aware of that fact when I began reading this book and was somewhat irritated upon discovering this little morsel at the end. I have nothing against novels that continue over multiple releases but this fact was not disclosed in the blurb. This information should always be included for readers who prefer not to read stories with cliffhangers

or would rather wait until the story is complete. Here's a fact: a sure-fire way to lose potential fans is not to make it clear upfront what the consumer should expect from your book...like a disheartening cliffhanger after 536 pages. I always research my books before I purchase and after reading the blurb and several of the reviews, even I was caught completely off-guard. I suggest you amend your blurb. I don't want to beat a dead horse so let's talk specifics about the mechanics of the book. Imperfections is a riveting, sensual, well-crafted and well-edited contemporary romance with a beautifully written first-person narrative featuring clearly defined perspectives from the two protagonists, handsome, legal eagle and total womanizer Nick Alexander and beautiful, kindhearted kindergarten teacher Catherine 'Cat' Reed. I was immediately drawn into this story by these two characters who completely stole my heart. Yes, Nick was arrogant and a total player but he was also charming and had quite a few redeeming qualities. *swoon* Cat was just a real sweetheart and my heart literally broke for her. Watson not only tugged on my heartstrings with this story, she ripped my heart right out of my chest. I went through the entire gambit of emotions through the progression of this story, from excitement to anticipation to hopefulness to happiness to disappointment to sadness to anger, and finally to utter and complete heartbreak. By the end I was sobbing and flat out ugly cried. Folks, it wasn't pretty. Yet, even as the drama and turmoil continued to escalate, there was also a liberal amount of humor woven into the story and I found myself laughing out loud on several occasions. As the story unfolded, I was drawn deeper and deeper into the lives of not only Nick and Cat, but also the entire Reed and Alexander families. There was a large cast of remarkable characters included in this story and I loved them all. I became quite attached to several of the secondary players and found myself wanting to know more about them as well. I suspect we may be reading a future book or books about some of them, or at least I hope so! I would love to read more about Chris and Ava. *hint-hint* I found the characters to be intriguing, captivating, engaging, well-developed, realistic and relatable. The concept for this novel is not a new one. I've read similar versions on several occasions, but I found the presentation and progression of this story to be creative, imaginative, unusual and brave, especially for a first novel. The author truly surprised me on more than one occasion when she chose to take the road less traveled with several of the plot threads. I was completely gobsmacked. I would love to give details but I can't without giving spoilers and I don't do spoilers. The dialogue was smart, snappy, natural, well-executed and flowed effortlessly. The book was a whopping 536 pages long but the pages flew as did the time as I became totally mesmerized by these people, their lives, and their story. Watson skillfully combines every single one of these elements to craft a delightfully entertaining read. If you're looking for a deliciously seductive contemporary saga filled to the brim with heartbreak drama, agonizing angst, heated attraction, fiery passion, sweet romance, dreamy sex, saucy humor and a cast of magnificent characters, then this is most definitely the book for you.

Twenty-four-year-old Catherine Reed has finally decided it's time to return to the fold. After finishing college, proving her independence and making her own way for four years, she's ready to move back home to New York City and start a new life. And who knows, maybe that life will include the only man she's ever loved, her older brother's childhood best friend, Nick Alexander. She's known Nick almost her entire life. Nick and her brother, Chris, had been friends ever since she could remember. They were four years her senior but they still allowed her to hang around with them which was not always a good thing. Cat was the baby of the Reed family and the Reed men have always been a little overprotective of her, especially her brother Chris and friend Nick, particularly with the boys she dated which had been few and far between since Chris and Nick always scared them away. But what her family never knew, Nick had actually been her first kiss and to this very day, the only man with whom she dreams of spending her life. Unfortunately, Nick has never seemed interested in any kind of relationship with her other than one as a little sister and friend...except that one kiss. She'd made a lot of changes so maybe it's not too late to finally snag his attention. She never really counted on seeing him her first night back home and she certainly wasn't prepared for her sister Kate's big surprise announcement. She, and I don't mean Cat, and Nick are engaged...as in to be married. Wait...What? Kate and Nick had never been close. They'd never even gotten along. How could this be? Cat was stunned. Nick acted like he was actually glad to see her...almost as if he were interested in

her...not Kate. Apparently, the engagement announcement has come as quite a surprise to everyone...and I do mean everyone! What's a girl to do when the man of your dreams will soon be marrying your sister? I guess we'll see!

Did I like this book? Yes, very much! Would I recommend it? You bet and I am but only for adult readers since it does contain some dreamy sex scenes and a few naughty words. There were a few minor boo-boos but nothing that distracted me from the story. Overall, it was well-crafted and edited. So why did I deduct a star from my rating? I think you already know the answer. You should have disclosed the book was not a standalone and ended with a cliffhanger...and that I would have to read two more books to get to the end of the story. Will I read this author again? Absolutely! I've already purchased the second book and intend to start reading it as soon as I finish this review. I've also preordered the third! I don't want to miss a thing in this family drama! lol... And finally, was I entertained? Totally! Fabulous entertainment and an awesome read.

Jennifer Pierson says

WOW JUST WOW! Catherine Reed has been in love with Nicolas her whole life, and she knows they have strong chemistry from the one forbidden kiss they shared when she was a teenager. She kept hoping he would ignore her overprotective brothers, and age difference, but he never did, so she left for New York with a broken heart. Four years later, she's moved back home, and this time she's determined to get her man. However, she's greeted with the news that her sister is engaged to the love of her life, the first night back. Successful Attorney, Nicolas Alexander, couldn't have the woman he wants. She's his best friends' baby sister so off limits. But none of the beautiful woman he's spent time with over the years could make him forget her. Now she's all grown up, and back home, but he's in the middle of huge complications in his life that could destroy them both. Will Nicolas finally get the chance to make her his? Or will Catherine become collateral damaged?!

This story broke my dramatic girly girl emotions switch, and I haven't been able to turn it off since. My heart was ripped out, set on fire, stomped on to get flames out, and I'm still waiting for it to be put back together again. Shaniel Watson's super talented writing style (can't believe this is her first book) has landed her a spot on the list of authors trying to kill me! Her twists and turns made for all kinds of jacked up OMG moments that nearly brought me to my knees. Oh the feels, the emotional feels and insane angst had me all twisted up, and I couldn't decide if I was mad as hell or going to cry like a baby, so I had tears flowing while calling her very bad names. The character development is great, with a highly entertaining cast of secondaries. Super sexy simmering chemistry ignites to SCORCHIN' HOT sexy scene goodness that added hot flashes to all the rest of my dramatic emotions. I'm so glad I have both books together or things could have gotten serious, as I would have never been able to wait without stalking the author with colorful metaphors! HIGHLY HIGHLY HIGHLY RECOMMEND!

Toniann says

I received this book on behalf of obsessive pimpmettes. I give this 5 stars
This got me from the first chapter. Cat comes home from behind away to her family. That first night her best friend nick comes to see her and immediately they are attracted to each other but that same night he announces with her sister they are getting married. Cat is devastated. They can't hold their feelings back so as

things heat up people get hurt. Things are said that they can't take back. Family is hurt, friendships are ruined but is love enough to save them? There is a cliffhanger so be prepared. Can't wait to see what happens.

Cranky - The Book Curmudgeon says

**** 4 Cranky Stars ****

Catherine (Cat) Reed has loved one man her entire life. All she wanted was for her brothers best friend Nick to see her and want her as much as she wants him. They shared one kiss as teenagers but Nicks friendship with her brother Chris kept more from happening.

Cat leaves New York and her heart for college. When she returns 4 years later she's ready to claim Nick as hers. What she didn't expect was to find out that he's engaged to her now pregnant sister.

Lies and betrayal run rampant in this book. Kate (Cat's sister) is a nasty and conniving Bi*#*. She will stop at nothing to get what she wants. She is evil incarnate and ends up turning Cat's whole family against her.

Then Cat realizes that Nick feels the same way...

While reading this book I felt like I was watching Jerry Springer and Maury Povich wrapped up in a train wreck that I couldn't look away from.

With that said I LOVED this book. I couldn't put it down. This is not your normal HEA, in fact it does end in a steep cliffhanger.

I highly recommend you purchase both books at the same time.

Fiction Vixens Blog says

This was my first time reading anything by Shaniel Watson and I must say that I thoroughly enjoyed this touching story. Ms Watson has given us a touching story that will suck you in and keep you there from start

to finish ,and then will leave us wanting more from this author. This is Catherine "Cat" Reed's and Nickolas "Nick" Alexander's touching romance story. Cat is coming home after 4 years being away, but she's coming back to claim the man that she loves. And that is the one and only Nick ,because he's the only man she has ever cared about. And Nick has always loved her also but he ever do anything about it, because he was her brothers best friend and he knew he wasn't good for her, because he though he would break her heart sooner and later. But deep down Nick knew that one day she would be his. But when she arrives home she soon finds out that Nick is engaged to her sister Katie. But soon Nick realizes that he's made a mistake hooking up with Katie,because Katie has really always begin envied of Cat and she has always wanted everything Cat had. Katie is a piranha ,vindictive, and really knows how to manipulative anyone she can . Cat and Nick has a predicament now . So what will become of their love for each other?And Nick marry Katie or Cat? I could tell you what happens next ,but that would spoil it for you. I highly recommend that you read this touching story ,you won't be disappointed.

melanie says

I am sorry but I could not like this story to much baby mama drama especially since he slept with her sister really he knew he had feelings for her but still slept with the sister. Then at the end slept with another woman cause he thought she slept with Matt whom she should have been with he would have really loved her. Sorry did not like this. Warning warning

Three Chicks says

Review by Nicole Lorenzo

Cat has loved Nick for as long as she can remember. But him being her older brothers best friend made being with him near impossible. For years she wished and waited while she watched him move through women like candy. Other than an amazing kiss when she was 13 he has never showed any interest in her other than being one of her best friends. He made sure he kept any prospective guys away from her as well. After being away at college for four years Cat decides it's time to go back home. And maybe, just maybe she can finally get what she's always wanted. Nick. But upon returning home she finds that being with Nick may not be in her future after all. He's engaged to her sister.

Nick didn't think Cat was coming back. If he did he would have never gotten himself involved with her sister Kate. Now he's in a terrible war with himself to either do what's right or do what he wants. And what he wants is Cat. He's always wanted her but she was the one girl he couldn't touch. He kissed her once when she was 13 and that moment had been branded in his memory forever. Now Cat is back and it's like getting hit with a freight train. The chemistry between them is off the charts and he knows he can't keep his feelings to himself any longer.

"I should have been her first and only in every way. I let her get away and it won't happen again. She's going to be mine....."

Cat is devastated by the news that Nick is engaged to her sister. What she can't figure out is why he doesn't seem too happy about it. When they finally have a moment alone their feelings for each other come to the surface and they share a hot and incredible unplanned moment together. That's when the truth comes out and

it's worse than Cat thought. Now torn between her family and her love for Nick, Cat must decide if hurting her family for love is worth it.

“I want him. No matter how hard I try to fight it, I want him.”

Nick convinces Cat to give him a chance, and she agrees. After an amazing weekend together they convince themselves that they can make this work. But then everything comes crashing down around them and they are left dealing with the aftermath of the heartache and betrayal. Cat realizes then that maybe love is not enough after all.

“You need time, I’m going to give you time. But that does not mean it’s over between us. I love you, I am not giving up on us.”

Imperfections is a story about love, heartache, betrayal and fate. Cat and Nick had amazing chemistry that they hid from one another for years. The time was never right for them. Since staying away from each other was no longer an option for them they now have to deal with the consequences of hurting their family and friends. Will love be enough or are they destined to be separated by their actions? Stay tuned for Book Two to find out what happens with Nick and Cat.

Reviews from the Heart (Kimberly Anne) says

For a new author to write this kind of exceptional story is truly inspiring. I have to say I found myself on the edge of my seat throughout most of the book. There were a few times I was hurrying through some of the story, it didn't drag to much. For me I was just ready to see what was going to happen. The way the characters are brought to life are phenomenal. Truly a great piece of writing and I can't wait to see what happens next. Yes it does have a cliffhanger so be warned! I'm not a fan of them, I normally wait until all of the books are out before I start a series.

Cat is coming home. She has been gone for 4 years, she needed to go away to school. She had to get out from under her family and show everyone (mostly herself) that she could do it. Now school is done and she misses her family and friends. She also misses Nick. He is a family friend, her brothers best friend and the one she has always wanted but never had the courage to say anything. When you are the younger sister your brothers tend to be overly protective as well. Once she comes home though she sees how much has really changed. Considering her older sister Kate is engaged to Nick.

Nick has always wanted Cat from afar. He knew she was off limits because he was her brothers best friend, but that didn't stop him from watching her grow into an amazing woman. When she goes away to school their friendship has a bit of strain but they still tried to keep in touch. When Nick learnt that she was involved with someone that made him realize that he may have lost his chance. Thanks to Kate's info this leads him to make a huge mistake. His one night stand with Kate turns into them being engaged and that's not all!

The struggles Nick and Cat face bring them together but also tear them apart at the same time. Once they find their way into each other's arms it will be a fight to stay together. But can Cat continue to feel like the outcast? Can Nick really be her first? Only time will tell with this story! HAPPY READING!!
