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It's the story of weeds and wishes, and the definition of a flower.

## **The Definition of Fflur Details**

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warhawke says

**Genre:** YA/NA Contemporary Romance

**Type:** Standalone

**POV:** First Person - Female

**Rating:**

Fflur's heart was shattered when she found out her supposedly happy family was nothing but an illusion. Her parents' divorce bred contempt that quickly eating her from the inside. That was until the boy that was supposed to be the enemy started to warm up her heart.

Galen was everything that Fflur was not. With an infectious grin that could brighten up any dark day, his charm and talent helped him breezed through life. Their animosity turned to friendship and begging for more, but what brought them together could very well be the reason that could pull them apart.

*I've let him take comfort in our friendship. Because that's all it is and can ever be. Despite the gnawing ache in my heart.*

When I first met Galen, I thought he was going to be a typical cocky asshole. But that notion was quickly squashed by his kindness and patience.

*"Wishing is for naïve kids that blew on dandelions and whispered their dreams to the breeze. Wishing is for a boy and a girl who picked buttercups with glowing yellow skin. We aren't kids anymore, Gal. We don't get to wish."*

Fflur was quiet and quirky. Some of her actions were downright kooky, like her "flowers and secrets" thing [insert awkward smile gif lol!] but somehow I could relate to her view of life - specifically the dandelion significance.

*I may have laid myself bare for Galen before, but this is him doing it for me now. Every word. Every syllable. Every soul deep note.*

The story was weaved with pain and angst throughout the book which is something I've always enjoy in my

reading. I like how their relationship developed organically. There was more friendship than romance, but that's what made their story meaningful.

The Definition of Fflur is an evocative family tale of acceptance and forgiveness. It would appeal to readers looking for a semi taboo slow burn romance.

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### **Darlene Avery says**

The Definitions of Fflur by ES Carter is an absolute masterpiece. And I don't say this lightly. I was so invested in these phenomenal characters and storyline that I did not want to move. I just wanted to immerse myself in their world and watch the whole picture unfold.

Carter is a rare gem. She is one of those authors who can make you relate to any character she writes. She draws her readers in to the point you feel as though you can envision the scenes taking place around you. And she doesn't just pretty it up. She gives you the raw truths with honesty and brute and depth. And most of all she gives you the feels. The kind that when you finish her work, you still feel as though it's a part of you.

That's what The Definitions of Fflur now is. It's a part of me, and it will continue to make an impact of my life for years to come.

So, do not wait. Grab this stunning book, and immerse yourselves in the lives of Fflur and Galen, and all the supporting characters who come to life in this extraordinary book.

"Sometimes flowers grow in cracks. Some people call them weeds. I don't. They're the strong ones. The resilient ones. The ones who survive anything. And I need a strong flower, a warrior flower to help me right now."

5 Huge Stars!!!

#SunshineAndLife

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## Jen~KU Book Reviews says

4.5 stars!!

E.S. Carter is a new-to-me author and when I read the synopsis of *The Definition of Fflur*, I was intrigued. This is a heart-breaking, twist your heart story and I adored Ms. Carter's writing. Filled with the elements of love, family, hope, and finding your way through this crazy thing we call life, *The Definition of Fflur* was a beautiful story.

Fflur was an amazing character, I loved her immediately!! I wasn't sure I'd like Galen at first, but God, he turned out to be one of my favorites. The secondary characters added so much to the story. Once I started, I couldn't wait to see how it would all turn out. Again, fantastic writing, a unique plot, and the perfect amount of angst.

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## Christy says

4 stars!!!

"Sometimes flowers grown in cracks. Some people call them weeds. I don't. They're the strong ones. The resilient ones. The ones who survive anything."

*The Definition of Fflur* is an emotional coming of age story that has an addicting quality and a fair bit of angst. I really loved this character driven story.

Fflur's life gets turned upside down as a teenager when her parents divorce. She and her brother Rhys start spending every other week with their dad, and the other with their mom, along with her new beau Max and his son Galen. Galen and Fflur have an instant connection. Once they get over the awkwardness of their situation, they become fast friends. Galen is a little older than Fflur, but they are a pair. I loved some of the scenes when they were younger, watching their friendship build. It was one of my favorite things about the book. ??

As they get older, things get more complicated. The feelings of friendship they've always had turn into more. It's always been more right there beneath the surface. When those feelings come out, it's confusing for them both in different ways.

"I know you didn't choose to have me in your life. I know all of this was out of your control, but if I had a choice, Fflur, if anyone had bothered to ask me what I wanted, I would have picked you."

?A romance between Fflur and Galen would be forbidden in more ways than you're aware at the start. But they can't help the feelings between them. Instead of giving in to them, Galen starts to distance himself. As his music takes off, Fflur starts college and they start to grow apart. A tragedy in their family will bring them back together.

The romance element of this book wasn't my favorite part, it was the friendship and the family ties. Families come in all shapes and sizes and I loved this family. There were a few things about Galen and Fflur's romance I wasn't crazy about, which is why this wasn't a 5 star read for me, but overall I still really enjoyed the book! I'm looking forward to reading more from this author.

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**SueBee★bring me an alpha!★ says**

## **LOOKS GOOD!**

Stand-alone.

Blurb:

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**Sara► Ink Is My Sword says**

**4 “So unexpectedly addictive” Stars**

*“Bright blue meets lawn green.”*

**► FULL REVIEW NOW POSTED:**

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**This is one of the most drama-filled, cute, angsty, taboo, mind-fucking romances I have read in a long, long time. But most importantly it was a story about family, which really had me feeling stuff.** I don't think this story will be for everyone out there ~~as most romances out there do~~, and the author knows it, but she owns it and I love how unapologetically she was saying she knows there are gonna be people who love and others who hate it. I happen to fall with those who highly enjoyed the book.

We follow Fflur through her teen years until she is an adult, after her parent's divorce and family secrets come to surface. Is the story of a very unconventional family, based on lies and how after many obstacles the people in it make it work. Now the secret (view spoiler) made me connect to Fflur so tightly, I went through the same journey of confusion, anger and finally acceptance. **It has been a long time since I have connected so much with a character from so different background and situation from me.**

**This book for certain has a very unconventional romance, partially because is a taboo romance between step-siblings, and actually it has more mind-fucking twists on top.** Twists I was not exactly a fan of but I did applaud the author to surprise me when I didn't expect it (view spoiler). This is also my very first new adult book with the male character being bisexual, which I was pleasantly surprised by. I will say although the tension and angst this relationship gave me was like a drug I was not a huge fan of how long the whole thing dragged. And as always I always wish our heroine was a bit more independent and detached but I could see why she wasn't. I did enjoy how the author executed the hate-to-love trope, in which I could actually feel the hatred and the reason why, and how their friendship finally developed to love.

What the author did so well for me was connecting me to the characters and the story as a whole. Her writing was descriptive and touched my emotions. I *felt* and that's always my requirement to like something. This book is not entirely focused on the romance between Fflur and Galen. As the author explained in her, not at the end, this is not only one love story but three. Fflur & Galen, Flur's mom and Max and finally the unconventional love story of a family. And I loved this, I was invested in the storyline as a whole. All this makes the novel a very refreshing and unique storyline from all the books I read this year.

Finally, some punctual stuff that I disliked will be tagged with spoilers because well they have to do with some twists. (view spoiler)

For me is very difficult to recommend a taboo read without having a general knowledge of the taste buds of the person I am recommending it to, and I know all of my friends have such different tastes but I will try. **If you like an addicting step-siblings/ taboo romance, you are a fan of drama and family shenanigans, stories that follow characters through an extensive period of years, then I would tell you to pick this one up.**

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### **E.S. Carter says**

Exciting news about Fflur!

TDOF is no longer available as an ebook and paperbacks will no longer be sold after Sept 11th.

TDOF is a new adult book, but the reworked version coming soonish will be for young adults.

Keep your eyes peeled for THERE WAS THIS BOY. It will have additional scenes, some new characters and a few chapters from Galen's POV.

This isn't a whole new story, but a reworking of the original.

If you've read TDOF you will not need to purchase TWTB.

If you're part of my reader group, Eli's Elite, you will know this has been coming for a few months. There are some very valid reasons for the update, and, dare I say, very exciting reasons ;)

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### **Lo Bookfrantic says**

**4.5★★★★Stars**

**Genre:** *YA/NA Contemporary Romance*

**Type:** *Standalone*

**POV:** *First Person - Female*

*"Sometimes flowers grown in cracks. Some people call them weeds. I don't. They're the strong ones. The resilient ones. The ones who survive anything."*

*Fflur* grew up in a happy home until it wasn't. At age fourteen her parents split up; the new changes and her mother's betrayal was so bad that left *Fflur* and her brother angry and upset. After a while they finally started to accept that now they had two families and not just one.

*"Sometimes everything has to break for something new to be made, something better, something stronger."*

*Galen and Fflur* were both complete opposite from each other. *Galen* was older and his charm won *Fflur*'s friendship over. As much as she hated to feel happy when she was with him she couldn't help it. Soon their friendship becomes much more than they expected and everything becomes complicated when they are forced to go apart.

*"We're both connected by this fragile thread, yet both going in opposite directions."*

I really enjoyed this story; it takes place from when *Fflur* is fourteen and then up until she's in her twenties. The path's for her and *Galen* was very long and very painful. I was actually kind of upset with her; I wanted her to be stronger or more independent but I understand why she was that way. I was angry at *Galen* for all the wasted time but again I understand him and so this book ended up causing so much pain and heartache but overall it was very well written with so many awesome feels I wouldn't have had it any other way.

*"When your foundations are rocked so irrevocably, it's not something you get over. Even years later, the aftershocks can still be felt."*



*The Definition of Fflur* is about family, forgiveness and accepting to learn how to deal with life struggles and changes in life. This book would be appealing to readers looking for a angsty romance story.

*This was a F(BR) with War*

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### **My Own Bookshelves says**

First, I will allow you to let that sink in what you read above. Because truly, if a blurb checks off all my no-no rules when selecting a book, it's right there in front of your eyes.

~ It's a story of someone under the age of 25. YA and me are a no.

~ It's a story that is going to have some pretty heavy angst. No hearts and rainbow unicorns, and I'm out.

But what if I get off the high horse of self imposed pickiness and actually gave the book a chance? Seriously, didn't I JUST complain about insta-love haters in a blog post? Now, in full disclosure, I did beta read the story, and Ms. Carter gave me the opportunity to say no. Yet, I decided to take a chance on this awkward old soul who is the center of probably the most wonderful story that will grace your heart and mind. My earlier initial thoughts were radically changed:

~ It's a story of a girl trying to understand her world after it all comes apart. How it molds and shapes her as the reader experiences her life in coming of age.

~ It's a story that will evoke a lot of feelings as you read: anger, shock, sympathy, loss, understanding and most of all great love.

Many have asked and I have answered firmly: Yes, there is a HEA. I know as a reader, Ms. Carter put me through hell - read that as yes she ACTUALLY made me cry - but there is a happily ever after in the end. I would never steer my fellow book friends into a non-HEA.

But did you catch that? She made me cry. The person who watched Titanic and asked when the people drown. That piece of information should make you rethink any decision not to read this story. If someone's words can touch me so profoundly to move me to tears, it is well worth your time.

ES Carter creates a world where your mind travels there. The characters play out their lives with vivid imagery. Her words are beautiful and brilliant. As a reader, you want to reach out to Fflur, counsel her in each misstep, hold her when she breaks, and praise her when she grows resilient.

I think I'm done. Because honestly, there is nothing else that I can find that will tell you why you should read this story. It is something to be experienced, treasured, and most of all - shared with all your book friends. In short...Buy The Book.

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### **Jennifer Kyle says**

**3.75 - 4 Stars**

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### **Melanie Moreland says**

This book is about a girl.

Family. Forgiveness. Acceptance. Life. Finding your place, and belonging.

This book is about Love.

There are all sorts of love, but that one love, the one that seeps into your soul and makes you complete, that endures despite everything—that is what this book is about.

Emotional.

Special.

Beautiful.

That is what this book is.

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### **Cathy says**

This is an emotional read, looking at relationships, love, loss and forgiveness. There are a lot of elements to the story, the family as it grows and develops and the different forms of love that bloom within it.

Fflur is quirky, and sweet but she has an inner strength that shines, I admire how she knows who she is even at a young age. Her friendship with Galen comes from a shaky beginning where lies are exposed and they are surrounded by conflicts, from this friendship strong bonds are created and you can see the difference between this and her relationship with Rhys.

For me, some of the most poignant moments were between Max and Fflur, they have some conversations that really hit you in the feels.

I cried. A lot! That's unusual for me with YA/NA but ES Carter always seems to reach a depth of emotion with her stories and this one was no different. I loved it!

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### **Irma says**

**"Sometimes flowers grown in cracks. Some people call them weeds. I don't. They're the strong ones. The resilient ones. The ones who survive anything."**

Speechless is what I am right now.

Beautiful! Flawless! Perfect!

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### **Na says**

*""Do you regret it?" I ask him. His forehead rolls against mine. "No, I could never regret anything with you.""*

While writing this review, I'm still shaken and thinking about this book my gut still wrenches and my heart still aches. It's only a few ours between finishing the book and writing this review. And I know, no matter how hard I try, I probably can't do this great book justice with my review. But I try.

*"He holds onto me so tight that it hurts. I can feel it all; his pain, his fear, and gives it over to me willingly. I am Galen's flower."*

The Definition of Fflur has all the feels, stirs all feelings you can possibly think of. Right from the beginning I got caught in its delicate woven webs of emotions. Throughout the whole book my heart ached and I had constantly burning eyes threatening tears to fall.

*"One night will never be enough. One night will have to last us a lifetime."*

The story of Fflur and Galen and their family pulled all my emotional strings and played them well like a rock star plays his guitar. My mind was in a constant state of denial, because it couldn't believe what it just read. So many things happen on so many different and sensitive layers, touching your soul deeply.

*"We kiss. We touch. We grasp. We pull, We stumble. But he never lets me fall."*

E.S. Carter worked magic with this book. She handled so many topics so perfectly well, created a family with different and deep layers of love. The characters come to life so vividly, you feel every heart ache, every moment of happiness as your own.

*"Let's blow wishes on the wind and try to make them a reality. Let's see beauty where others see weeds."*

Fflur is a quirky and easily lovable girl which loves flowers, they are her sanctuary as much as music is for Galen. Their family doesn't meet any standards or ideals, but it's packed with deep and true love as much as understanding for each other. Their story is about loss as much as it is about love and what should be important in life.

*"My Fflur, my every flower and the definition of all that's good in my world."*

The Definition of Fflur is heartbreakingly and breathtakingly beautiful and it put itself easily on my All-Time-Fav-List. Thank you so much Eli for this deeply soul touching story. I can't even tell you what this book did with me.

*"Love, even if that someone can't love you in return. Live, don't waste time on the little things."*

I voluntarily reviewed an Advance Reader Copy of this book.

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### ☆ Bianca ☆ BJ's Book Blog ☆ says

I've had this book on my kindle for ages - and with no new ARCs over the holidays, I finally had the time to read it. And I loved it!

I just found out that it's not available on amazon anymore because it's being released as a slightly changed YA book soon. THERE WAS THIS BOY will be the new title, and there will be some little extra thingies in it, like a bit of Galen POV! I think I might read it again once it comes out.

But back to this book.

I didn't have any idea what to expect when I started.

And what I got was a very sweet and adorable and heartbreaking young/new adult/coming of age rock star love story.

I loved Fflur and Galen and all the others too. The parents were amazing - even though they hurt their kids a lot with everything in the beginning.

I loved the friendship between Fflur and Galen and how he just gets her and her need/love for flowers.

I kinda hated Galen a bit here and there for his decisions. And I also kinda hated the second thing that stopped them from being together. I'm totally okay with the step-sibling thing, but the other thing was a bit too much for my tastes. (view spoiler)

BUT I still loved how it all turned out in the end. I cried a lot. But it was a really sweet book.

I can't wait to see this on Netflix or the big screen one day!!

The only thing that bothered me a bit - stopped my reading flow - were the many many typos and mistakes. Another editor should've gone over this book. Also - not a mega fan of the über-british expressions like SHE WAS STOOD BY THE TABLE. Ugh, no idea why I hate it so much - and we are in Wales, so it should be totally ok for me, but I just hate it.

I would've loved the book sooo much more as an american love story!

