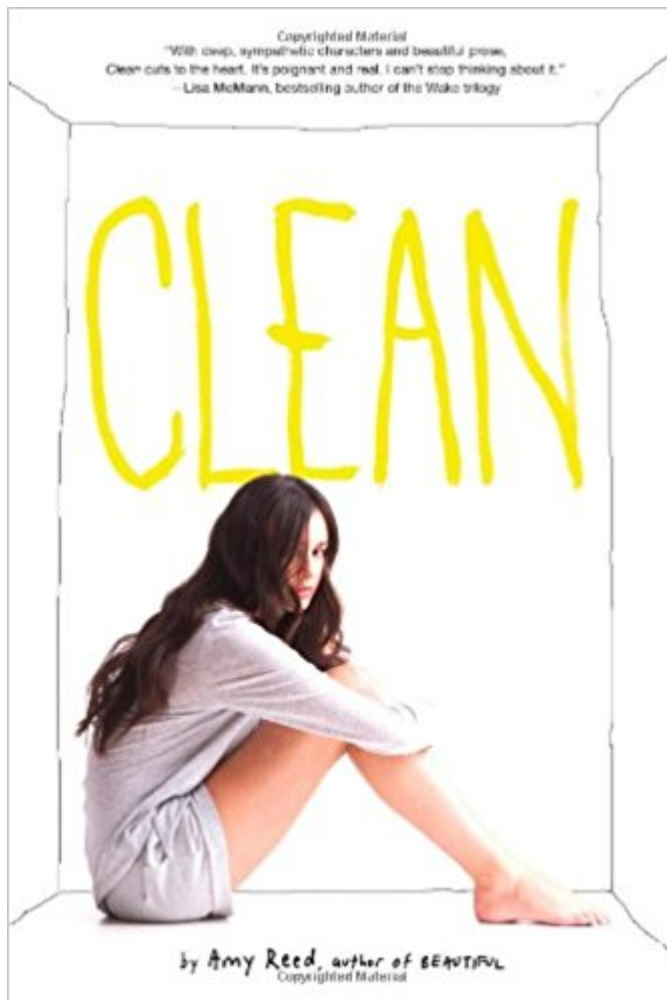




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## Customer Reviews

"With deep, sympathetic characters and beautiful prose, CLEAN cuts to the heart. It's poignant and real. I can't stop thinking about it." --Lisa McMann, bestselling author of WAKE and CRYER'S CROSS  
An affecting drama about five teenagers in an upscale rehab facility for drug addiction. The author handles complex issues deftly and honestly, from family dysfunction to attempted rape. The hard-hitting scenarios and abundance of white space make this a perfect suggestion for Ellen Hopkins fans.  
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"A quick, frank read, with humor, information, and action that will keep teens interested. Those who read Reed's Beautiful (S & S, 2009) and even those who haven't will be drawn to the great cover, and fans of Ellen Hopkins will love this novel." - School Library Journal

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3 stars because the characters only somewhat became three dimensional near the end. A lot of them were pretty stereotypical or tropey and even though they went through changes as they recovered from their addictions, it wasn't the most believable in terms of dialogue. This book felt like it had a lot of potential but also like it skipped around too much. I enjoyed that there were different characters from "different walks of life" but it is often easier to have one main character or narrator than to have many all on one page. Perhaps I am just getting older and growing out of the teen book category but I felt that this book was lacking a lot.

Grade: B  
CLEAN follows five somewhat clichéd teenagers through several weeks of drug rehab: Christopher the closeted christian kid, Jason the angry abused guy, Olivia the perfect rich bitch, Eva loft after her mother's death and Kelly invincible since the birth of her special need twin sisters. Amy Reed tells the story from the POVs of Kelly and Christopher as well as group therapy sessions, essays from each character and a letter from Olivia. While the characters were somewhat stereotypical they also had unique personalities and the story wasn't a typical rehab story. I rooted and liked all the characters. Olivia and Jason were my favorites. I never felt a huge emotional investment in the story or the characters, I didn't know any of them intimately due to the format. I appreciated the way Reed told the story despite my lack of attachment. CLEAN is better and more realistic than most stories in this genre because Reed avoids the pitfalls found in most recovery books, no one dies, no one runs away and relapses. We simply have 5 kids in various stages of accepting and trying to overcome their addictions without fake drama. Reed's writing style is extremely readable and engaging. CLEAN lacked tension for me and I'm not sure I'd reread the book, which is the difference between a good and a great book. THEMES: substance abuse, drugs, alcohol, rehab, abuse, family, friendship, addiction. CLEAN is a realistic story about five teens struggling through addiction and rehabilitation,

I love Amy Reed so when I bought more of her books I was excited cause she's usually a great writer. I loved this book and there were no characters I disliked. And I love that all of these characters were relatable on some level to myself. They have very human problems despite being in a situation I've never been in. Trying to impress parents, dealing with sexual abuse, body image, dealing with the major loss of a parent. You don't have to have been a drug addict to understand the problems of these characters. I found myself tearing up at one point from the relatability. I would

forever lend this book to anyone who loves stories like this. I finished it in four days, that's how much I enjoyed it. It encourages growth and self help. Because loving yourself is important, especially if you're a young person. Kudos bitch. Amy Reed is that bitch.

Every now and then there is a book that pulls you in from the very first page with no intention of letting you go. "Clean" is that book for me. What's so fantastic about "Clean" is that it's real, it's raw - it doesn't shy away from anything. "Clean" tells the stories of Kelly, Olivia, Eva, Christopher, and Jason during their stay in rehab. Each of their stories is different, but all so important. Reading "Clean" took me back to high-school. I remember what it felt like to be broken and how it took everything to recover from that feeling. To me, "Clean" should be a recommended book for all teenagers. Yes, the story is told in a rehab center. Yes, the characters have addictions. But the story is also much more. It's a story of self discovery, of finding the voice within one's self. I enjoyed every bit of this book and I'd highly recommend it.

I feel like there should have been more to this story. It seemed as though it was cut short. I wanted to know the back story of Christopher's mom and I wanted to find out more about their lives when they returned home. It was a page turner but it was very short read in my opinion. However, I feel this is something a troubled teen should definitely read and think on.

It is one of the best books I have ever read!!!! I kind of wish the book went a bit longer to tell us how they continued to be sober or if they didn't, or how Olivia's new treatment home is, or how Jason is in the military, or if Christopher ever saw Todd again, or how Eva and her father turned out. . So many questions left but it will always be a favorite

I really did enjoy reading this book and getting to know the characters but I couldn't help but feel a little disappointed at the end. I would have liked to have known what happened to the rest of the characters after leaving the treatment facility. I would have liked there to be letters from all of them a few months after leaving. Other than that though I do have to say I really did enjoy the book.

Couldn't put it down! Would love to read a continuation! I've been through a similar situation and the way you described in such detail brought me back with such nostalgia

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