

The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky



“The Perks of Being a Wallflower” by Stephen Chbosky was in my opinion a five-star book. In the novel the main character Charlie is writing several letters to an anonymous friend throughout the entire book, in these letters Charlie talks about his life, relationships, and his past. Charlie starts out as a wallflower, a quiet, introverted boy who really is observant and caring. Charlie eventually meets Patrick who we later find out is gay and his step sister Sam who Charlie develops a crush on, Charlie joins their friend group and they become his best friends. They help bring Charlie out of his shell and he experiences the up’s and downs of high school life, by the end of the book memories from Charlie’s past start returning and helps leave the reader thinking about the ending. I decided to give this book 5 stars because it’s one of my favorite books that I’ve ever read in my spare time. The book covers a lot of different topics like homophobia, depression, abuse, abortion, graduation, normal drama. I really liked the portrayal of Charlie, for a freshman Charlie has a sad past. His best friend in middle school committed suicide and he lost his aunt that he spent a lot of time with at an early age, Charlie through the book suffers from things like anxiety and depression and I feel this makes him a very interesting character to follow and very relatable to some people. Another thing I enjoy is his relationships. The book really shows how much Charlie cares for the people around him, whether he’s fighting for Patrick or helping his sister eventually with her relationship. Even though the whole book is amazing, my favorite part was the ending. At first, I was confused by the perks of being a wallflower’s ending and was left disappointed with no idea what was going on, luckily after I asked my friend who recommended me the book I realized how great it really was. I immediately went back to re-read and really understand what happens. I highly recommend this book to anyone, especially if you relate to any of the topics that this book goes over. I think that it is definitely worth a five-star rating and would keep any reader’s attention from front to back.