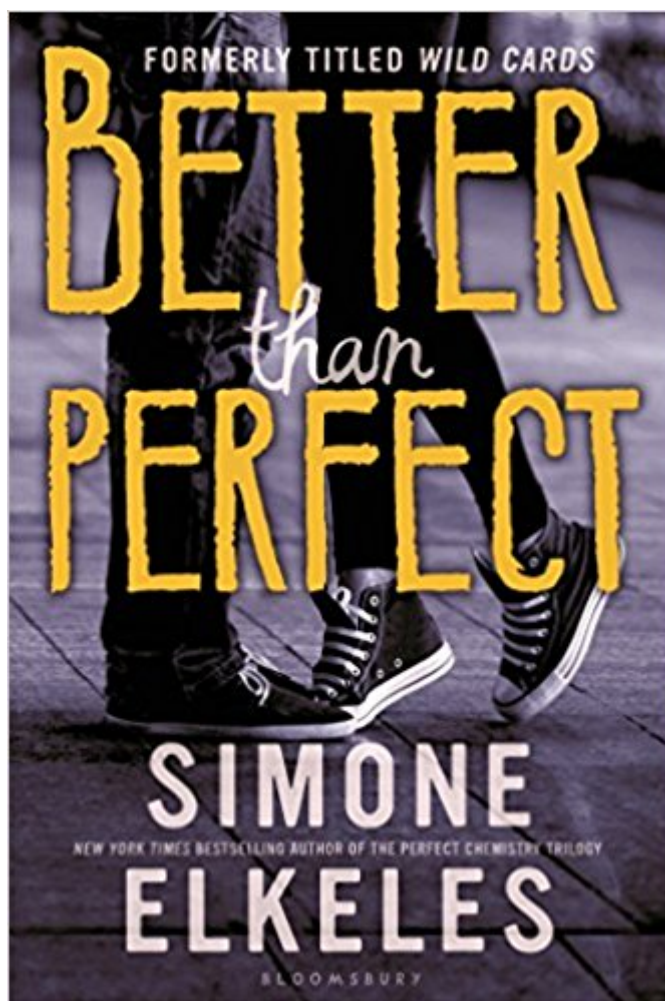




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Im sorry to say that this book was blah for me. I was expecting more coming from Elkeles. Ive read her other books and loved them. The characters were okay, the best one for me was the grandmother which is sad to say since shes only in the last couple of chapters, but she made me laugh and cry.

I enjoy this author but the story line here has been done before and better. Rich next to poor kid. Smart straight laced next to troubled wild child. Sexy and popular with unknown but all of a sudden attractive kid.

Dang it! I already had Wild Cards and didn't notice that this one was that book rereleased with a new title. Rats.

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