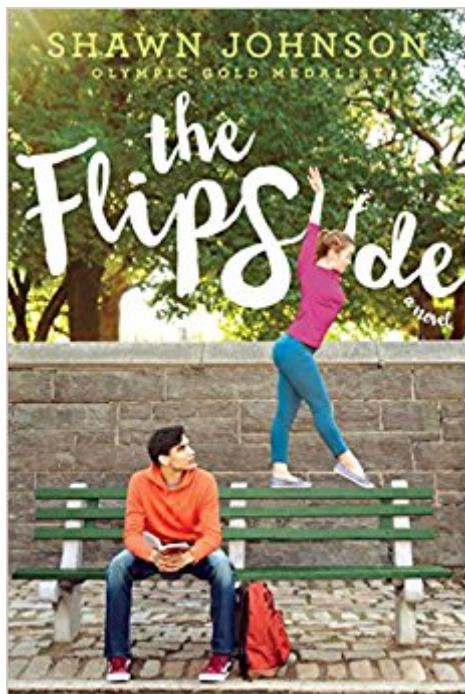


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# The Flip Side



## Synopsis

From gold medalist and reality TV star Shawn Johnson comes a debut YA novel inspired by her own experiences as an elite teenage gymnast—just in time for the Summer 2016 Olympic games. Charlie Ryland has a secret. She may seem like your average high school sophomore—but she's just really good at pretending. Because outside of school Charlie spends all her waking hours training to become one of the best gymnasts in the world. And it's not easy flying under the radar when you're aiming for Olympic gold—especially when an irresistible guy comes along and threatens to throw your whole world off balance. Inspired by her own experiences as a fifteen-year-old Olympic gymnast, gold medalist Shawn Johnson writes a delightfully entertaining novel about chasing big dreams and falling in love, all while trying to keep it real.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 7 Up—Olympic medalist Johnson makes her YA debut with a romance novel about a young gymnast trying to balance her dream of obtaining an Olympic gold medal with her burning desire to be a "normal" teenager. Charlie Ryland lives a double life—as Charlie, she's a serious contender, just one trial away from making the Olympic team. As Charlotte, she attends classes at a high school where no one knows who she is. She's been doing this for four years, but things come to a head right before her final Olympic qualifier, when she winds up serving as

temporary secretary in the student government alongside champion wrestler and all-around good guy Bobby Singh. Johnson gives readers a sweet, conventional romance—â•one predictably heavy on high school drama and surprisingly light on the gymnastics. Details about training, moves, and the basic routines of an elite gymnast are frequently skimmed over, robbing the story of what could have been something special. Charlotte is a likable narrator, though, and her strong desire for privacy and normalcy in a far from normal existence makes her sympathetic. This work, despite its occasional lapses into some noticeably wooden prose and dialogue, moves well, and romance fans seeking a quick fix will speed right through. VERDICT A good addition to any library looking to expand its romance section.â•Bobbi Parry, East Baton Rouge Parish School System, LA

"Johnson adeptly captures Charlie's life as an elite athlete and effectively addresses the more familiar teen issues of first dates and first romantic relationships. She skillfully builds the emotional intensity of the tale, culminating in a suspenseful finale at the Olympic trials. Johnson's first novel for teens is an absorbing portrait of a young athlete's quest to achieve her Olympic dreams." (Kirkus Reviews)"[R]omance fans seeking a quick fix will speed right through." (School Library Journal)"Readers interested in gymnastics and what it takes to succeed should find this illuminating, while gymnastâ• Johnsonâ•'s experiences as an Olympic gold medalist add additional insight." (Booklist)

I am 26 and read this book because I am a big Shawn Johnson fan, I wanted to read her book! It was a good book. A super easy read for me since it was a YA book. Even though it was a YA book I was constantly wanting to turn the page to keep reading. I thought it was well written and a great summer read!

I love this book! I got it the day it was released, and I was super excited to read it because I'm a gymnast training level 10, and I've pretty much read every gymnastics related book out there. I have to admit I was a little surprised at how well this book was written. Shawn is an amazing writer! I love the flow of the book and the fact that the plot is very realistic. I love the detail of the situations and the addition of more challenging words, not just flat description words or verbs. Overall this book is great, and I'm very happy that I read it. I would love more gymnastics books just like this one!! Keep up the great work, Shawn!

Loved this book! It was a great novel about the pressure young athletes feel and how they cope with

life. One of the best books in have read all summer.

Cute book!

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Shawn quite good. Written again, excellent cover, book. Keep writing girl.

Great read for any gymnast.

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