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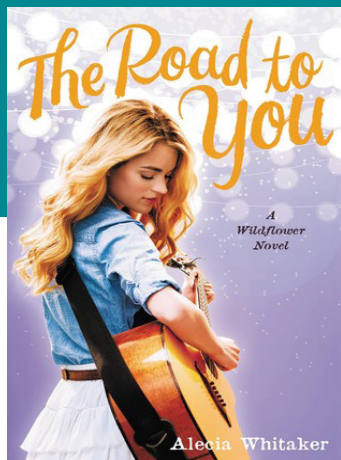
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Book Review

Wildflower #2: The Road to You

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Rating

Excellent

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Young Adult

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333

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Poppy

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Bird Barrett is a rising star in the country music world. She is invited to tour with Jolene Taylor as the opener. With this opportunity, Bird has it all—fame, a loving family, a tour romance. The only thing she could wish for is what she's not sure she can have—Adam, the boy whom things never quite ended with. With the mounting stress of the label asking for new songs, a rivalry with another star, and a long move to California for half the year, Bird isn't sure how, or if, everything will work out. Her motivation and inspiration are lacking. In the end, and with the help of many dear friends, Bird finds her voice and creates an album that gets her nominated for awards and pushed further into the spotlight. But this time, she doesn't mix up her priorities.

The Road to You is a fantastic story about fame, music, and what's most important. Alecia Whitaker gives depth to her characters, drawing readers in and motivating them to finish the story. Bird is portrayed as a regular teenage girl who has regular teenage girl problems. She is a character that many readers can relate to as she goes through the struggles of dating, focusing her priorities, and finding her own voice. Readers will travel through her story and find that this is a character that is not so unlike them, despite Bird being a famous musician. However, the author uses terminology that some readers may not understand without at least a basic knowledge of music. There are also a few instances where expletives are used, though they do not seem necessary to the story line. But overall, the author does a wonderful job of resolving the story line and making readers fall in love with Bird.

*Contains mild language and mild sexual content.