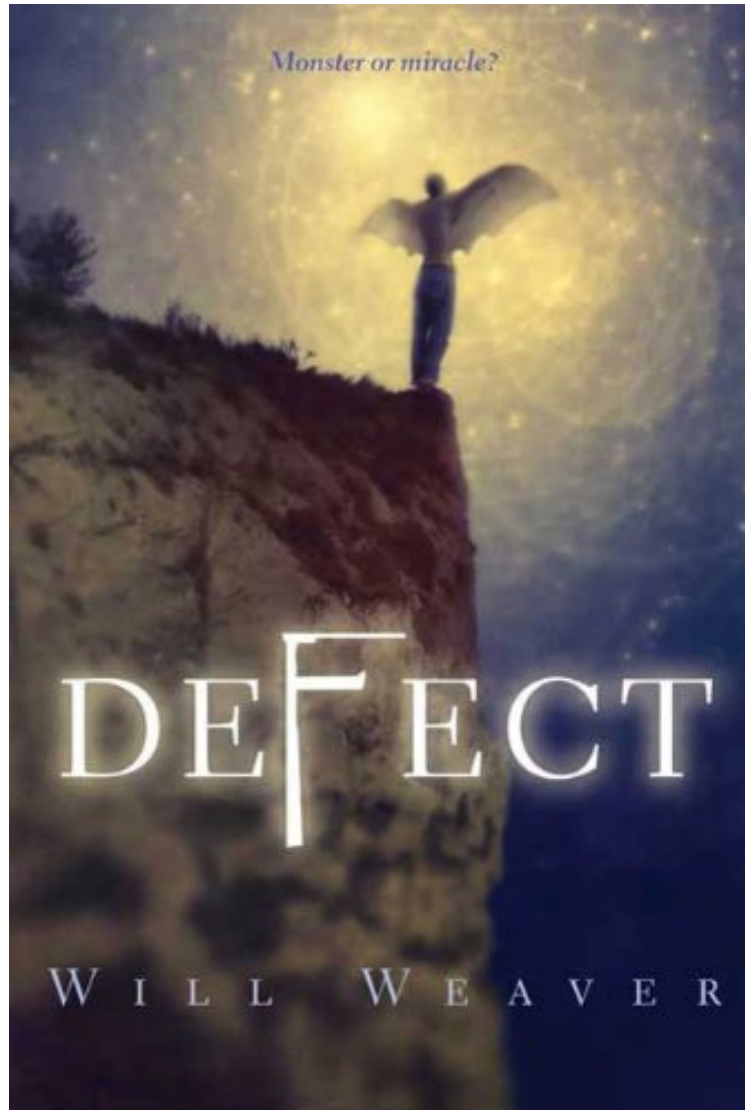


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Courtesy of Teens Read TooVon TeensReadTooDavid is more than just odd, or strange, or different. David is kind of a genetic anomaly, truly a freak of nature. His "hearing aids" actually minimize sound, under his hat are bat-like ears, and under his sweatshirt, well, that's the craziest part of all. David actually has wings. Not big feathery things, but a thin layer of tissue that allows him to coast through the air if he jumps from a high point.Anybody in high school knows that being

different isn't usually a good thing. Even the wrong haircut can lead to months of torture. For David, his differences could be life threatening. He's already been shipped from foster home to foster home, from school to school. When he gets in trouble at his most recent school, he prepares to start all over, again, somewhere else. This time though, the only thing that changes is the school. Amazingly, this time he might actually be okay. Sure, he's still not telling anybody about the hearing and the wings, but he's not getting beat up, either. And, he might actually have a girlfriend! David accompanies his maybe girlfriend, Cheetah, to the Mayo clinic, and finds out some surprising information about himself. Along with a few creepy flashbacks. With this new information, David is going to have some very tough choices to make, and some harder lessons to learn. I was expecting something completely different from this story, but I couldn't have been happier to be completely wrong! This story is incredibly touching and powerful, and honest. All of the characters are amazing and strong and realistic. The choices David makes may not be the ones you would make, but you feel the weight of them right along with him. And the lessons he learns are the simple but huge kind that everyone needs to be reminded of from time to time. It's a beautiful, simple, incredible thing. Reviewed by: Carrie Spellman

Kurzbeschreibung Maybe it was bad karma. Maybe it was just bad luck. Whatever the reason, fifteen-year-old David was born defective. His bug eyes, pinched face, and hearing aids are obvious, but there is a secret David keeps from everyone, even his foster parents. Because of a thin layer of skin hidden under each arm, David can fly well, glide is more like it. Terrified of doctors, wary of letting down his guard, David is determined to hide his secret at any cost. But then David meets Cheetah, a girl whose own defect doesn't diminish her spirit, and suddenly his life begins to take wing. In this arresting new novel, Will Weaver creates an unforgettable character on the path to discovering that some blessings can be a curse and some curses a blessing. From Booklist David's odd appearance makes him a target for bullies, but what sets him apart most is his secret: he can fly. After persistent hazing, he is moved to an alternative school, where he meets Cheetah, a girl with epilepsy. David and Cheetah, both medical anomalies and social outcasts, begin a strong friendship and, eventually, a romance. When David's flying is observed in public, everyone wants a piece of him: doctors, religious fanatics, the press. With the steadfast support of Cheetah and his compassionate and loving foster parents, David must decide whether to undergo corrective surgeries to remove his collapsible wings, giving him a more "handsome" appearance. The eerie cover and enticing premise will draw readers in for a big payoff. David struggles with his ability: Is it a gift or a curse? Will he be different if he looks different? Does God have a plan for him? Teens struggling with social stigmatization and medical issues will find a champion in David. Booth, Heather Pressestimmen "The eerie cover and enticing premise will draw readers in for a big payoff." -- "Booklist" "Told with sensitivity and insight, this exploration of a young man's journey to self-acceptance seems particularly compelling in a world of extreme makeovers." -- "Kirkus" "Weaver . . . skillfully interweaves the improbable with twenty-first-century realities in this provocative novel." -- "VOYA" "The eerie cover and enticing premise will draw readers in for a big payoff." -- "Booklist" "Told with sensitivity and insight, this exploration of a young man's journey to self-acceptance seems particularly compelling in a world of extreme makeovers." -- "Kirkus" "Weaver . . . skillfully interweaves the improbable with twenty-first-century realities in this provocative novel." -- "VOYA" "Weaver's message of acceptance of differences comes through loud and clear." -- "The Horn Book" "A touching story that has a lot to say about whether we wear our bodies or they wear us." -- "The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books" "Readers will have much to ponder." -- "IRA" "Artful melding of fantastical elements in a realistic setting... Moreover, David and Cheetah are such empathetic characters and their relationship so palatable that the larger message about tolerance and self-acceptance will not be missed." -- "School Library Journal" "The eerie cover and enticing premise will draw readers in for a big payoff." -- "Booklist" "Told with sensitivity and insight, this exploration of a young man's journey to self-acceptance seems particularly compelling in a world of extreme makeovers." -- "Kirkus" "Weaver . . . skillfully interweaves the improbable with twenty-first-century realities in this provocative novel." -- "VOYA" "Weaver's message of acceptance of differences comes through loud and clear." -- "The Horn Book" "A touching story that has a lot to say about whether we wear our bodies or they wear us." -- "The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books" "Readers will have much to ponder." -- "IRA" "This book should prompt interesting and productive discussions about differences, identity and tolerance with high school students." -- "The ALAN "