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## Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Grade 10 Up—In this sequel to *Perfect Chemistry* (Walker, 2009), Elkeles once again delivers a steamy page-turner bound to make teens swoon. After getting involved with a dangerous gang in Mexico, Carlos Fuentes is sent to live in Colorado with his older brother, Alex. Unwilling to straighten up and abide by Alex's rules, he soon gets into trouble when he is framed for narcotics possession by a drug lord with powerful gang ties. Carlos avoids expulsion from high school by living with Alex's former instructor, Professor Westford, and his family, and attending an after-school program for at-risk teens. Romance ensues when tough-talking, authority-flouting Carlos finds himself inexplicably drawn to Kiara, the professor's studious, outdoorsy, and vintage-car-loving daughter. Unfortunately, love is complicated, because while Carlos wants to be with Kiara, he is also struggling to extricate himself from the grasp of the drug lord who framed him. After he is seriously beaten up, he, Alex, and Professor Westford concoct a plan to bring the drug lord to justice. As in *Perfect Chemistry*, the brothers' dialogue is infused with plenty of Spanish, but it's clear in context. The ending is somewhat contrived and rushed, and minor characters are not as well developed. However, the passion between Carlos and Kiara, who tell their story in alternating narratives, is compelling enough to engage teens, especially those who were taken with Alex and Brittany's romance in the previous book.—*Lalitha Nataraj, Chula Vista Public Library, CA*

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“Engaging characters, two of whom share a love that cannot be denied, along with more than a few humorous moments.” *?VOYA on Rules of Attraction*

“Elkeles pens plenty of tasteful, hot scenes . . . that keep the pages turning.” *?Kirkus Reviews on Perfect Chemistry*

“Smoldering doesn't quite do justice to the romantic banter.” *?School Library Journal on Perfect Chemistry*

“Teens with a taste for romance will eat this up like ice cream on a hot day.” *?Bulletin for the Center of Children's Books on Perfect Chemistry*

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## About the Author

**Simone Elkeles** is the *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author of *Better Than Perfect*, the Perfect Chemistry series, Leaving Paradise series, and How to Ruin series. All three books in the Perfect Chemistry series have been YALSA Top Ten Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Readers, and the Illinois Association of Teachers of English named Simone 2008 Author of the Year. Simone's funny way of looking at the world shines through in novels that are bursting with sarcastic wit, edgy characters, and exhilarating drama.

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