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Rejected by her mother and excluded by her school, Flip is a little girl desperate to be loved.

‘Am I ugly, Mummy?’ are the first words that little Phillipa says to Mike and Casey as she stomps into their lives on a hot August afternoon. She has a Barbie doll in one hand and a pink vanity case in the other and the bemused Watsons can only stare in amazement at this tiny eight year old girl who is being guided into the room by her social worker.

Phillipa, known as Flip has Foetal Alcohol Syndrome and life with her single mother has come to an abrupt end after a fire burned the house down. When Casey meets Flip, the child seems remarkably unfazed by what has happened and the thing that seems to worry her is that Casey might find her ugly.

Casey has come across children with FAS in her previous job in a high school behaviour unit, but is now realising that fostering Flip is going to be full of challenges which will test her and Mike’s skills to the limit.

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# **From Reader Review Skin Deep: All She Wanted Was a Mummy, But Was She Too Ugly to Be Loved? for online ebook**

**Ami Wager says**

Another tear-jerking, heartfelt book by Casey Watson. Couldn't put it down!

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**Aveen says**

This was the first book of Casey Watsons that I have read and I was glad to find it very similar to the books of Cathy Glass - my favourite Author. This story is interesting and both heart warming as well as heart breaking at times.

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**Georgia Bartlett says**

**Positive and uplifting**

Quite a detailed read. Can drag on a little but is still enlightening and keeps you interested to see the outcomes of the fostering and care given to the child.

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**Traceylee says**

**Why**

I like a lot of this auto hors book. It's about a family that takes care of foster children. I tell hard when they move on.

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**Jill Robbertze says**

I thoroughly enjoyed this account of one the fostering experiences that Casey Watson experienced. Casey and her husband are trained to foster children who have special needs. I was a little concerned that this was going to be very sad and yes, 8 year old Flip comes from a very sad situation but this story is also very heartwarming. A quick easy read that kept me engaged to the end.

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### **Patricia Kaniasty says**

Once again, Casey Watson writes an "Epic" story. You'll get the pun when you read the book. This one actually brought tears of happiness to my eyes at the end of the story. We need more people like the Watsons in this world.

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### **Kellie Mackrell says**

I kept waiting for this book to actually go somewhere but it didn't, I did enjoy it regardless but would not read it again

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### **Jennifer Reynolds says**

Good to know there are people that will care for children that have been so utterly ignored and abused. Just don't understand how people can do things like this to their children. How did Meghan avoid being put in jail???? I hope Flip has had a wonderful remaining bit of her childhood.

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### **Kara Ayres says**

I listened to this book on Audible and while I enjoyed the book enough to read a second by the same author, I fell asleep for parts of it but didn't feel the need to rewind to catch up.

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### **Jesse Simon says**

Flip was a pretty interesting character. Casey Watson is a bit annoying but this was a good read

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### **Kirsty Noah-whitlock says**

Another great read from Casey Watson x

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### **Elizabeth Ray says**

This book was incredibly heartwarming. Sweet and affectionate Flip comes to live with Casey after a house fire. She has fetal alcohol syndrome (FASD) and is sure that she's ugly. She attaches to Casey immediately, calling her mummy. Casey thinks it's a part of her FASD- forming shallow attachments with people because she struggles with empathy. It turns out that Casey's mother is an alcoholic who inadvertently started the house fire. More secrets about Flip's difficult home life are revealed as she stays with the Watsons. We also

get to read more about the Watson family, including Tyler, who they are fostering long-term.

I really enjoyed this book. It felt like a quick read and I fell in love with little Flip. I love Casey's openness and honesty about fostering, the challenges she faces, and the mistakes she sometimes makes. I plan to read a lot more of her books!

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### **Julie says**

I have read her books before and have really enjoyed them but found this one took awhile to get the little girls story across. It just felt a little too drawn out but still an ok read in this genre.

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