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Editorial Review

Review

Praise for The Possibility of Now

"Culbertson has once again crafted a cast of relatable teen characters and experiences and constructed a story reinforcing the idea that perfect isn't all it's cracked up to be. Both a cautionary tale against convention as well as an invitation to take uncharacteristic strides forward, this will hit close to home for many teens." -- Booklist

"Anyone who has felt the pressure to be number one will empathize with Mara's struggle to accept setbacks, move forward, and feel the joy of spontaneity." -- *Publishers Weekly*

"A solid read for realistic fiction addicts." -- School Library Journal

"Culbertson throws enough romance and party fun into her story to keep readers engaged, but the main thrust of the story is how Mara comes to terms with who she is, what her relationship will be with her father, and discovering her real goals in life." -- *Kirkus*

"Culbertson has created a realistic view of middle-class teen life today. This is a quick read that may help some teens deal with high school stress." -- VOYA

Praise for Catch a Falling Star

"Culbertson writes with sensitivity and sympathy, crafting an entertaining but perceptive character study." --Kirkus Reviews

"Culbertson is a capable writer, and she gives Carter a good heart that shines through." -- Publisher's Weekly

"[R]eaders will enjoy every minute of Carter and Adam's revelatory moments and conflicts." --School Library Journal

"Thoughtful and romantic, *Catch a Falling Star* shines with insight about the choices we make and the worlds we create." -- Jessi Kirby, author of *Moonglass*, *In Honor*, and *Golden*

About the Author

Kim Culbertson is the author of *Catch a Falling Star*; *Instructions for a Broken Heart*, a Northern California Book Award winner; and *Songs for a Teenage Nomad*. When she's not writing young adult novels, she teaches high school creative writing. Kim lives with her husband and their daughter in Northern California. For more about Kim, visit www.kimculbertson.com.

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From The Possibility of Now

I make lists to survive. I'm not alone in this. You can't Google anything without getting hit in the face with a list.

The Now List

- 1. Learn to ski: green runs, blue runs, black runs??
- 2. Internet cleanse (no social media, no news, Skype okay!)
- 3. Meditation-at least 10 min/day!!
- 4. Sleep until 8 on a school day
- 5. Essential oils for relaxation-lavender, chamomile, orange
- 6. Simplify & downsize!!
- 7. Kiss a cute snowboarder!! (Josie's suggestion)
- 8. Breathe! (obviously)
- 9. Be brave (from Will) 1
- 0. Read for fun? (see attached suggested book lists)

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Michael Johnson:

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Elisa Dumont:

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