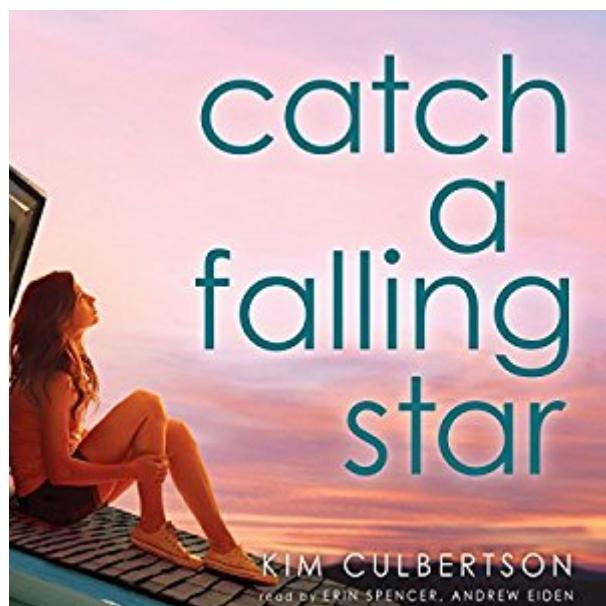


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# Catch A Falling Star



## **Synopsis**

A deliciously charming novel about finding true love...and yourself. Nothing ever happens in Little, California. Which is just the way 17-year-old Carter Moon likes it. But when Hollywood arrives to film a movie starring former child star-turned public relations mess Adam Jakes, everything changes. Utterly annoyed, Carter feels like the only girl not buying what Hollywood's selling. Then Carter gets an offer she can't refuse: Play the part of Adam's girlfriend while he's in Little, to improve his public image, and take home a hefty paycheck, which her family desperately needs. So instead of a summer hanging out with friends and working, Carter begrudgingly poses for the tabloids but soon finds that Adam isn't who she thought. Worse yet, she might actually be falling for him. As they grow closer, their relationship walks a blurry line between what's real and what's fake, and Carter must open her eyes to the scariest of unexplored worlds - her future. Can Carter figure out what she wants out of life and get the boy? Or are there no Hollywood endings in real life?

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## **Customer Reviews**

Why I Picked It Up! I adore novels that involve movie stars or anyone famous, really. And I love the cover and fake to pretend romances. This was just full of things that I loved. Plot Catch a Falling Star follows Carter Moon as she takes on the job of being Adam Jakes' fake girlfriend. Her family needs money to take care of a debt her wayward brother owes so Carter bites the bullet and takes on the job to get the monetary compensation. However, Adam's exterior thaws and feelings start to evolve. But Adam's filming is coming to an end and that means the arrangement is coming to an end. Are their feelings strong enough to last past their expiration date? I really enjoyed

this novel. It was well written with a great plot. I love the way that Kim spun the novel with the bad boy movie star being won over by the good small town girl. There was a lot of personal growth for both characters that kept the novel interesting. Other than that, the plot was pretty tame but engaging nonetheless. Leading Lady Carter Moon was your typical small town girl. She was sweet, caring, and selfless if not a little naive. She really cared for the ones that she loved. But she also had a backbone. She wasn't a mess over a movie star like any other teen would be and she tried her best to stand up for herself. Leading Male Adam had layers, which is typical in this type of story. He had his bad boy persona that he broadcasted to the media. But on the inside he was sincere and actually friendly. He had some things that he was working through. I rather enjoyed his character once the exterior was shed. Romance The romance in this novel was one of my favorite types: fake to real. It was well done in this novel. There was a progression of feelings that made it realistic. The two of them were from completely different worlds yet they were still compatible. I was definitely rooting for them. Other Characters Parker was Adam's manager. He was hardcore, a bit mean, and very strict. But he eventually warmed up a little bit so I didn't mind him after that. But he was a constant in the novel so I figured I'd mention him. World Building This novel was set in a small town where Adam was filming his newest movie. I really enjoyed the homey feel that the setting gave off. I think that it was the perfect touch for the character's story. Conclusion Catch a Falling Star was a very well written and romantic contemporary novel that I would definitely recommend.

I've been on a contemporary YA kick lately looking for sweet, summer reads. Catch A Falling Star is just that! Small town girl Carter Moon lives in Little California and works in her parents' sandwich shop. She's perfectly happy with the way her life is now. No need to go off to New York or explore the world. She has roots in her town. Carter teaches the elderly dance classes and is not at all fazed when movie star Adam Jakes rolls in to town to shoot his latest movie. Adam is your typical arrogant child star turned young adult. He gets what he wants and he has an attitude. Carter's best friend Chloe is the adoring fan, with poster plastered all over her walls. So no one is more shocked when Adam seems to take a liking to Carter. How did her friend make the radar and the cut to become Adam's girlfriend? Delicately yet realistically exploring addiction and the masks we all wear, Catch a Falling Star is a clean, sweet YA. We get a very clear picture of Carter, but not much fleshing out of Adam or the other side characters. I would have loved to know more about each of them! Carter had a functional relationship with her parents, she is down-to-earth and likable. She has the hard decision all seniors must make in the summer

after high school. What to do, where to go to college, to take a gap year or to stay at home? In the vein of Wish You Were Italian and Jennifer E Smith books, Catch a Falling Star ended with a twist, and left me with a smile on my face. A cute read with some great poetic passages peppered throughout. Thanks to Scholastic and Netgalley for the sneak peek!Content: suitable for younger YA readers— boy taking off his shirt a few times, drinking at a party and kissing.

This was adorable. I loved our main character, Carter. I thought she was so genuine, and that so many people her age would be able to relate to some of her problems. She's a small town girl, who gave up something she loved, because other people's expectations ruined it for her. She's a teen, who doesn't like being outside her comfort zone. She's a girl dealing with a family problem and trying to help in any way she can. She's a girl, who loves an addict and is trying to figure out where to draw the line. That last issue is what thrusts her into Adam's orbit. This super private girl takes on fake dating to help her family, but it ends up being a life changing experience. Carter grows so much during the story and makes so many discoveries about herself. I was quite proud of her at times. Our other main character, Adam, is super complicated. He is very annoying at times and very lovable at others. Overall, a fun, cute read with quite a bit of heart and some swoon-worthy moments that made me smile.

Catching a Falling Star is a pretty fantastic example of how and why YA fiction - particularly, contemporary YA fiction - continues to be such a powerful, popular genre for all readers. This isn't just a breezy summer romance, with strong writing and engaging characters.(Though it most definitely is that!)This is a thoughtful, contemplative look into how each person finds their place in the world, even as they move beyond their original sphere to discover who they truly are and who they're meant to be.I think that readers will find Carter and Adam relatable and likable. Their struggles with defining themselves, trying to find their place in their mutually respective and chaotic worlds, are probably feelings that readers have had themselves as they've gotten older. Readers will undoubtedly connect with them and feel validated by their journey.As for me, this is my first Kim Culbertson novel, but it definitely won't be my last. I'm looking forward to seeing what other YA fiction she produces in the future, while going back and checking out what's already out there.

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