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So when things start looking up and she has another shot at her dreams, Hudson is equal parts hopeful and terrified. Of course, this is also the moment a cute, sweet guy walks into her life—and starts serving up some seriously mixed signals. She's got a lot on her plate, and for a girl who's been burned before, risking it all is easier said than done.

It's time for Hudson to ask herself what she really wants, and how much she's willing to sacrifice to get it. Because in a place where opportunities are fleeting, she knows this chance may very well be her last....

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### Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 9 Up—Three years have passed since Hudson Avery's parents divorced and her dream of skating professionally disappeared as quickly as her father's exit to the southwest. Now she's living in the snow-ravaged, dead-end town of Watonka, NY, and baking cupcakes at her mom's diner. As she enters her senior year of high school, the teenager's desire to skate again resurfaces with the announcement of a cash prize competition and a strange twist of events that lead her to coach the varsity hockey team in exchange for ice time. As she becomes more involved with the team, the two co-captains vie for Hudson's attention and she has to choose between the charismatic and charming Will and the sweet and sensitive Josh. Hudson has a lot of decisions to make, and making one often leads to a bittersweet ending and another opportunity. Ariadne Meyers does a great job of voicing all the characters in Ockler's novel (Simon Pulse, 2012) and conveying just the right tone for Hudson's innermost thoughts and daydreams. She nails the sarcasm and snark of the teenagers, their preferred method of communication in the novel, and she easily switches her tone to convey Hudson as vulnerable and sensitive. A good pick for libraries looking to add to their realistic teen romantic comedy collections.—Jennifer Mann, Cromaine District Library, MI ©(c) Copyright 2013. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

Review

"An entertaining read with an engaging, relatable protagonist. Hudson's lively first-person narrative is both wry and sympathetic, and it incorporates issues ranging from self-discovery to family and relationship complexities, along with identifying and following your dreams." --*Booklist*

"Ockler concocts an appetizing blend of personalities, drama, and passion in a story of bitter disappointments and sweet successes... [Hudson's] love of the sport is deeply felt, and her regrets about the past and her fears about the future are heart-wrenchingly real." --*Publishers Weekly*

"Bittersweet is a book worth recommending." --*School Library Journal*

About the Author

Sarah Ockler is the bestselling author of *#scandal*, *The Book of Broken Hearts*, *Bittersweet*, *Fixing Delilah*, and *Twenty Boy Summer*. Her books have received numerous accolades, including ALA's Best Fiction for Young Adults, Girls' Life Top 100 Must Reads, Indie Next List, and nominations for YALSA Teens' Top Ten, and NPR's Top 100 Teen Books. She lives in Colorado with her husband, Alex. Visit her at SarahOckler.com and find her on Twitter and Facebook.

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