

• "A Holden Caulfield for a new generation."
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Author Tim Federle makes the leap from his best-selling middle grade series about a theater-obsessed gay kid named Nate to a movie-obsessed gay high schooler named Quinn with humor and pop-cultural references intact. You've got a lot of issues in this one: a car accident killed off our hero's sister, his mom is getting heavier and heavier (weighed down by food and a crippling depression), he's in the closet and guilt is making Quinn almost as paralyzed by indecision as his mom. Luckily, Quinn is in for a wild week and this novel is so amusing and high-spirited, the issues are real but also ready to be vanquished or at least cut down to size. Quinn will re-discover his passion for making movies, his best friend is totally cool with Quinn being gay (in a what-took-you-so-long-to-tell-me sort of way) and this young college guy thinks Quinn is super cute. In other words, everything won't automatically be perfect but it does get better. Really, in a way, escapist fare for young people who might be grappling with some of these issues and amusing fun for those who aren't. -- Michael Giltz