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#### Review

"A superb read! Hartinger nails the voice of a character right on the precipice of adulthood, a young man who feels lost amid a Seattle landscape full of adults who have it all figured out, peers who seem to have either unstoppable career drive or passionate aimlessness. It's fun, moving, and real. Read it!"

- Bill Konigsberg, award-winning author of *Openly Straight*

"Brent Hartinger ushers irrepressible fan favorite Russel Middlebrook into the next phase of his life with trademark wit and heart. Readers who have grown up with Russel will welcome this latest chapter in his always entertaining and frequently moving misadventures, while those meeting him for the first time will quickly find themselves with a new best friend."

- Michael Thomas Ford, author of *Last Summer*

"A real page turner. I laughed, I gasped, I cheered for Russel, and everything in between as I read it. Brent hits the nail on the head when describing adulthood for the new generation: how we have dreams, fears, and are lost."

- *Sensible Reason Magazine*

"Russel Middlebrook is an extremely engaging character, and I positively adored him.... For as little as Russel seems to think is going on in his life, he certainly kept me captivated with his story."

- *Swept Away by Romance*

"A success -- and hopefully the first of many books of its genre."

- *Gay City News*

"A great read. Russel's narrative voice is engaging and unflinchingly honest. You can't help but love him ... I finished the book smiling."

- *IdSoRatherBeReading.com*

#### About the Author

BRENT HARTINGER is an author, playwright, and screenwriter. His first novel, *Geography Club*, is also a successful stage play and a feature film co-starring Scott Bakula. As a screenwriter, Brent currently has four film projects in development.

In 1990, Brent helped found the world's third LGBT teen support group, in his hometown of Tacoma, Washington. In 2005, he co-founded the entertainment website *AfterElton.com*, which was sold to MTV/Viacom in 2006. He currently co-hosts a podcast called *Media Carnivores* from his home in Seattle, where he lives with his husband, writer Michael Jensen.

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