

Don't Stop Now

Von Julie Halpern

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Von Julie Halpern : Don't Stop Now before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Don't Stop Now:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Courtesy of Teens Read TooVon TeensReadTooLillian tried to help Penny, but she didn't think she'd actually fake her own kidnapping. When she does, Lil has to deal with all sorts of people trying to find information...Penny's parents, the police, even the FBI.Now, Lil is on a road trip with her best friend, Josh, to try and find Penny. She believes she's in Oregon...but they have to get there first.DON'T STOP NOW had an interesting premise. How bad can a person have it

to fake their own kidnapping? I liked that you got a look inside Penny's head at the end of some of the chapters. These are thoughts from previous moments, though. You don't know what's happening in her present life until Lil and Josh find her. And then what happens? I do like the idea of road trip books. I learned about some different landmarks in the various states the duo traveled in. One of the things that felt a bit overdone was the relationship between Lil and Josh. Lil loves Josh, but he just wants to be BFFs. However, I liked that Halpern made Josh real. He wasn't all suave and perfect. He had bad habits, immature ideas, and he wasn't always the "catch" you would think Lil would want. But he was her friend and he was there for her. Although this wasn't my absolute favorite read of the year, it's still a pretty good contemporary YA read. Reviewed by: Lauren Ashley

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Pressestimmen "This novel has well-developed characters and clear insight into relationships. . . . Perfect vacation reading." --"VOYA" "Readers in the mood for a vicarious summer fling will enjoy the ride." --"BCCB" "Halpern delivers a summer road-trip novel with dark undertones, suggestive of a John Hughes film in its humor, pathos, and keen eye for the teenage mindset." --"Publishers Weekly" "Halpern's novel of self-exploration is thoughtfully executed and similar in tone to Morgan Matson's "Amy Roger's Epic Detour." Heavier scenes, including Penny's revelations of abuse, are well balanced with humor and entertaining road-trip experiences." --"Booklist" "The dialogue sounds true without being crude and repetitive, and readers will enjoy narrator Lillian's sharp wit." --"Kirkus s" "Praise for "Get Well Soon" A "Kirkus s" Best YA Book of 2007 Young Adult Choices 2007 "In funny, easygoing prose, 16-year-old Anna writes letters while spending three difficult, involuntary weeks in a mental institution. . . . This is an appealingly comic cousin of Carolyn Mackler's "The Earth, My Butt, and Other Big Round Things." --"Kirkus" s" "Halpern creates a narrative that reflects the changes in Anna with each passing day that includes self-reflection and a good dose of humor. Readers will cheer for Anna as she gains confidence in herself, dares to rebel a little, and gets well as she goes back to her life." --"VOYA" "Praise for "Into the Wild Nerd Yonder" A 2008-2009 Indie Next Selection "Fans of everything geek will adore Jessie's induction into the world of nerds, one that includes the band geek lunch table, Dungeons Dragons, and a genuinely fun-filled weekend in a field immersed in a medieval role-playing game. Halpern's story may not hold surprises, but readers aren't hoping for any; besides, Jessie's narration is the real draw." --"The Horn Book" "[The] narrative voice is unusually honest, and the at times bawdy dialogue is realistic and bitingly funny." --"Kirkus" s" "Halpern's descriptions of high-school cliques, particularly the punk posers and the DD fanatics, are hilarious and believable, and characters who seem to fit particular stereotypes suddenly show unexpected traits. The story's theme could easily become cliched, but this novel is particularly strong in showing how teen friendships evolve and sometimes die away, and how adolescents redefine themselves." --"School Library Journal" "Praise for "Get Well Soon" A "Kirkus s" Best YA Book of 2007 Young Adult Choices 2007 "Praise for "Into the Wild Nerd Yonder" A 2008-2009 Indie Next Selection?

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