



*As Many Nows As I Can Get* is a contemporary YA novel that explores Scarlett's first year of college and flashes back to her final years of High School. Her tradition of cookie making with her best friend Hannah is something she tries to continue during her break home, but it isn't quite as she hoped. Usually they bake all day and then deliver cookies to residents of the retirement home, but the challenges of being across the country best-friends, and Scarlett's many secrets, make this holiday-focused scene a little less than cozy.

As you consider your own future, what traditions with your friends or family do you want to continue?

What new traditions do you want to make?

Do you think celebrations or traditions will feel differently when you are no longer in High School? Why or why not?

And if you've read *As Many Nows As I Can Get*, would you keep the same secrets as Scarlett from your friends and family at home? Why or not?

Why do you think she keeps them?

About the author: Shana Youngdahl is a poet, professor and mother who lives in the Western Maine Mountains. Her debut novel *As Many Nows As I Can Get* (Dial/Penguin Teen) was noted as a Best Book of 2019 by Kirkus, Seventeen magazine and The New York Public Library. She is at work on her second novel, *A Catalog of Burnt Objects*.