

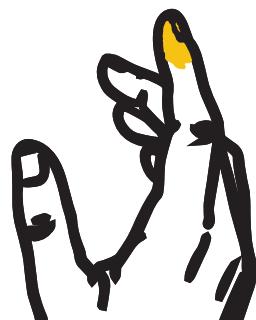
**per-fec-tion**

**the condition, state, or  
quality of being free or  
as free as possible from  
all flaws or defects**

**im-per-fec-tion**

**a fault, blemish, or unde-  
sirable feature**

# JUST OUT OF REACH



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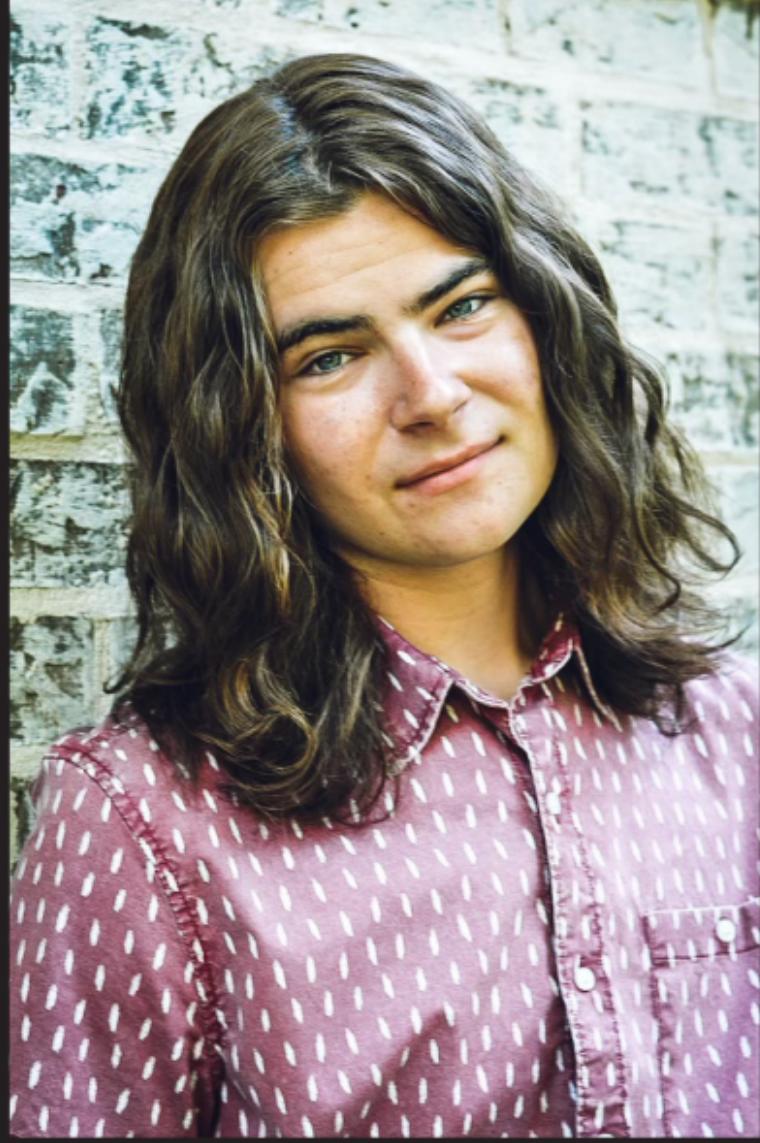
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Going for gold... I invite you into the relentless pursuit of an ideal that always seems just beyond my grasp, from societal pressures to personal expectations, shaping a journey fraught with triumphs and setbacks alike. Through this memoir, I offer a candid exploration of the toll that the pursuit of perfection takes on mental health and relationships, laying bare the complexities and vulnerabilities inherent in this quest. Yet amidst the chaos, there lies a glimmer of hope—a realization that true fulfillment comes not from attaining perfection but from embracing the imperfect journey of self-discovery and acceptance. As you accompany me through the twists and turns of my story, I hope you'll find solace in the recognition that our imperfections are what make us beautifully human. "Just Out of Reach" is a testament to resilience, vulnerability, and the enduring power of self-acceptance, reminding us that our journey, flawed though it may be, is uniquely our own and inherently valuable.





## **About the Author**

**Hi! My name is Carson Smith and I am a undergraduate student at UA Little Rock Studying Web Design. All my life I have been obsessed with the relentless pursuit of perfection and I wanted to write a memoir about my journey. During my free time I love to spend time outdoors, particularly at the lake.**