



BOOK RESUME: OBIE IS MAN ENOUGH

BOOK SYNOPSIS

A coming-of-age story about transgender tween Obie, who didn't think being himself would cause such a splash.

Obie knew his transition would have ripple effects. He has to leave his swim coach, his pool, and his best friends. But it's time for Obie to find where he truly belongs.

As Obie dives into a new team, though, things are strange. Obie always felt at home in the water, but now he can't get his old coach out of his head. Even worse are the bullies that wait in the locker room and on the pool deck. Luckily, Obie has family behind him. And maybe some new friends too, including Charlie, his first crush. Obie is ready to prove he can be one of the fastest boys in the water—to his coach, his critics, and his biggest competition: himself.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"A thoughtful, eventually triumphant story." —*Publishers Weekly*

"Energizing and compassionate." —*Kirkus Reviews*

"Extremely well done and will be a valuable reading experience for all." —*Booklist*

A heartfelt coming-of-age tale about a young trans athlete; -readers will be rooting for -every one of Obie's wins, in and out of the pool." —*School Library Journal*

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- NOMINEE 2022 - Maine Student Book Award
- NOMINEE 2022 - Vermont Golden Dome Book Award
- NOMINEE 2025 – Connecticut Nutmeg Book Award, Middle School List
- NOMINEE 2022 – Michigan MISelf in Books, Middle School

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

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