



# BOOK RESUME: THE ONE AND ONLY DYLAN ST. CLAIRE

## BOOK SYNOPSIS

Dylan's getting ready to audition for the school play, a musical about outer space, and he's got his sights set on playing the star . . . figuratively and literally. But when he ends up being cast as a squirrel, the real theatrics begin. Follow this extremely secure and unique boy through his daily dramas as he tackles each dilemma with pizzazz and skill.

**Title:** The One and Only Dylan St. Claire

**Author:** Kamen Edwards;  
Illustrated by Jeffrey Ebbeler

**Imprint:** Doubleday Books for Young Readers

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**ISBN:** 9781984893468

**Format:** Hardcover

**Age Range\*:** 3-7 year

**Grade Range:** PreS-Gr 2  
(Recommended by *School Library Journal*)

Giving a fabulous voice to the kind of boys who are under-represented in children's books, Dylan St. Claire confidently walks between "masculine" and "feminine" behavior: He cries openly and expresses his emotions but also cracks jokes and finds his inner strength when the going gets rough. Full of laughs and a one-of-a-kind character kids will cheer for, this hilarious story is a celebration of individuality, persistence, overcoming disappointment, and what it takes to be a true star.

## REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"Edwards' debut provides a genuine and uniquely fabulous role model for children of all gender identities who delight in the performing arts. . . . Young readers will be motivated to reevaluate their understanding of belonging, teamwork, and personal pride." —*Booklist*

"The stars shine brightly for a boy who knows he is destined to twinkle and sparkle. . . . School-age dreams of acting can come true." —*Kirkus Reviews*

"In his picture book debut, actor, writer, and producer Edwards aims the spotlight on a confident young triple threat with a refreshing emotional range that defies gendered expectations. . . . A humorous book that will resonate with budding dramatists, and a good reminder for young readers: one doesn't have to be a star to shine." —*Publishers Weekly*

"In this debut, Edwards presents Dylan as a zippy, clever character who is endearing and has a flair for the dramatic. Ebbeler's acrylic full spreads are bright and colorful, and include a diverse cast of characters. . . . A pleasant story for outgoing children and natural born scene-stealers." —*School Library Journal*

## AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- Nominee Florida Sunshine State Young Reader's Award

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