



[May The Best Man Win](#) by Z.R. Ellor

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*Age Range: 14-18 (Suggested by Publisher)

Grade Range: 10-12 (Recommended by *School Library Journal*)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

A trans boy enters a throw-down battle for the title of Homecoming King with the boy he dumped last summer in ZR Ellor's contemporary YA debut.

Jeremy Harkiss, cheer captain and student body president, won't let coming out as a transgender boy ruin his senior year. Instead of bowing to the bigots and outdated school administration, Jeremy decides to make some noise—and how better than by challenging his all-star ex-boyfriend, Lukas for the title of Homecoming King?

Lukas Rivers, football star and head of the Homecoming Committee, is just trying to find order in his life after his older brother's funeral and the loss of his long-term girlfriend—who turned out to be a boy. But when Jeremy threatens to break his heart and steal his crown, Lukas kick starts a plot to sabotage Jeremy's campaign.

When both boys take their rivalry too far, the dance is on the verge of being canceled. To save Homecoming, they'll have to face the hurt they're both hiding—and the lingering butterflies they can't deny.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

★ "Ellor delivers an intense story about self-discovery, pain, and forgiveness. [A] nuanced conversation about the challenges that coming out as trans brings for the transgender person and the relationships they must navigate. Fans of Leah Johnson's *You Should See Me in a Crown* (2020) won't want to miss this thoughtful lovers-to-enemies-to-lovers high-school dramedy with a romantic core." —[Booklist](#), **starred review**

"Roaring, raging, and riotous, *May the Best Man Win* is a queer lovers-to-exes-to-enemies-to-lovers romance that will have you rooting for both Jeremy and Lucas to win homecoming king—and each other's hearts." —*The Nerd Daily*

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***A NOTE ON AGE RANGES**

A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book's intended use.

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