



Title: Answers in the Pages

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Grade Range: Gr 3-7
(Recommended by School Library Journal)

BOOK RESUME: ANSWERS IN THE PAGES

BOOK SYNOPSIS

When Donovan left his copy of *The Adventurers* on the kitchen counter, he didn't think his mom would read it—much less have a problem with it. It's just an adventure novel about two characters trying to stop an evil genius. . . right?

But soon the entire town is freaking out about whether the book's main characters are gay, Donovan's mom is trying to get the book removed from the school curriculum, and Donovan is caught in the middle.

Donovan doesn't really know if the two boys fall in love at the end or not—but he does know this: even if they do, it shouldn't matter. The book should not be banned from school.

Interweaving three connected storylines, David Levithan delivers a bold, fun, and timely story about taking action, being brave, and standing up for what's right.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

★ "A timely and relevant release." —School Library Journal, starred review

★ "[A] nuanced novel that centers moments of self-discovery, working themes of acceptance, bravery, friendship, and love." —Publishers Weekly, starred review

★ "An uplifting portrait of the strength it takes to fight for your story. It's an important book with an essential perspective on a vital, timeless question." —BookPage, starred review

★ "In short, punchy chapters, Levithan deftly intertwines the three plots using common themes of advocacy, power and identity." —Shelf Awareness, starred review

"[A] celebration of quiet queerness, of self-discovery, of allyship, of the way books can open our world and spark adventures both real and imagined." —The New York Times Book Review

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- Capitol Choices, 2023, Ages 10-14
- Maine Student Book Award, 2023-2024
- Great Lakes Great Books Award, 2023-2024, Grades 4-5
- MISelf in Books, 2022, Middle School (Michigan)
- MISelf in Books, 2022, Upper Elementary (Michigan)
- YouPer Award, 2014-2024, for ages 13-18 (Michigan)
- Great Stone Face Book Award, 2023-2024, Grades 4-6
- Sasquatch Reading Award, 2025, Grades 3-6
- Lambda Literary Award Finalist 2023
- School Library Journal Best of the Year Selection 2022

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

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