



BOOK RESUME: BOY MEETS BOY

BOOK SYNOPSIS

This is the story of Paul, a sophomore at a high school like no other: The cheerleaders ride Harleys, the homecoming queen used to be a guy named Daryl (she now prefers Infinite Darlene and is also the star quarterback), and the gay-straight alliance was formed to help the straight kids learn how to dance.

When Paul meets Noah, he thinks he's found the one his heart is made for. Until he blows it. The school bookie says the odds are 12-to-1 against him getting Noah back, but Paul's not giving up without playing his love really loud. His best friend Joni might be drifting away, his other best friend Tony might be dealing with ultra-religious parents, and his ex-boyfriend Kyle might not be going away anytime soon, but sometimes everything needs to fall apart before it can really fit together right.

This is a happy-meaningful romantic comedy about finding love, losing love, and doing what it takes to get love back in a crazy-wonderful world.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

★"In its blithe acceptance and celebration of human differences, this is arguably the most important gay novel since *Annie on My Mind* and seems to represent a revolution in the publishing of gay-themed books for adolescents." —*Booklist*, starred review

★"In a genre filled with darkness, torment, and anxiety, this is a shinningly affirmative and hopeful book." —*The Bulletin*, starred review

★"Levithan's prophecy of a hate-free world in which everyone loves without persecution makes this a provocative and important read for all young adults, gay or straight." —*School Library Journal*, starred review

"Using a diverse cast of queer characters, David Levithan's semi-utopian *Boy Meets Boy*...affirm[s] that there is a whole rainbow of ways to be gay."
—*The Horn Book*

"With wry humor, wickedly quirky and yet real characters, and real situations, this is a must for any library serving teens." —*Kirkus Reviews*

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Grade Range: Gr 8 Up
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AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- WINNER 2004 - ALA Best Books for Young Adults
- WINNER 2004 - ALA Quick Pick for Reluctant Readers
- NOMINEE 2006 - New Jersey Garden State Teen Book Award

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

ALA | [One Thing Leads to Another: An Interview with David Levithan](#)

RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

[Pen America V. Escambia County School District](#)

“PEN America, Penguin Random House, and a diverse group of authors joined with parents and students in Escambia County, Florida, to file a federal lawsuit challenging removals and restrictions of books from school libraries that violate their rights to free speech and equal protection under the law.

This lawsuit brings together authors whose books have been removed or restricted and parents and students in the district who cannot access the books, in a first of its kind challenge to unlawful censorship.”

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