



# BOOK RESUME: HOLD ME CLOSER

## BOOK SYNOPSIS

It's Tiny Cooper's turn in the spotlight in this companion novel to *New York Times* bestseller *Will Grayson, Will Grayson*.

Jazz hands at the ready! Tiny Cooper ("the world's largest person who is also really, really gay") stole readers' hearts when he was introduced to the world in the *New York Times* bestselling book *Will Grayson, Will Grayson*, co-authored by John Green and David Levithan. Now Tiny finally gets to tell his story—from his fabulous birth and childhood to his quest for true love and his infamous parade of ex-boyfriends—the way he always intended: as a musical! Filled with honesty, humor, and "big, lively, belty" musical numbers, the novel is told through the full script of the musical first introduced in *Will Grayson, Will Grayson*.

## REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"Tiny will have readers falling out of their chairs laughing.... It's big. It's gay. It's outrageous and hilarious." —*Kirkus Reviews*

"Levithan has turned in another star turn with a book that is witty, wise, and well worthy of an encore." —*Booklist*, starred review

"Tiny's passion for composing a big, beautiful life and a big, beautiful show overflows in this thoroughly magical book." —Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books (BCCB), starred review

"Tiny Cooper... gets his own star turn." —*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

"[*Hold Me Closer*] is able to stand on its own as a story of coming out, looking (and looking and looking) for love, and valuing and trusting one's friends." —*Horn Book*

## AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- An ALA Rainbow List selection
- TIME Magazine's Top Ten Children's Books of the Year

## MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [TeachingBooks.net resources](https://www.teachingbooks.net/resources/)
- [Authors Against Book Bans](https://www.authorsagainstbookbans.org/)

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