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BOOK RESUME: WIDE AWAKE

BOOK SYNOPSIS

In the not-too-impossible-to-imagine future, a gay Jewish man has been elected president of the United States. Until the governor of one state decides that some election results in his state are invalid, awarding crucial votes to the other candidate, and his fellow party member. Thus is the inspiration for couple Jimmy and Duncan to lend their support to their candidate by deciding to take part in the rallies and protests. Along the way comes an exploration of their relationship, their politics, and their country, and sometimes, as they learn, it's more about the journey than it is about reaching the destination.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

★“Levithan’s latest reaches out to shake readers awake, showing them how each person’s life touches another, and another, until ultimately history is made.”
—Booklist, starred review

“In conjuring a world where every vote actually counts, *Wide Awake* stands with Levithan’s extraordinary *Boy Meets Boy* in sheer creativity of plot, setting, and message.”—*School Library Journal*

“Levithan (*Boy Meets Boy*) again creates a refreshingly offbeat world to impart an uplifting message. . . Not everyone will agree with Duncan’s perspective, but most readers will find plenty to think about in terms of where our society is headed and what role each individual can play in directing its future.”
—*Publishers Weekly*

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- Rainbow Project List

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

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

RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

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

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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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