



***Boy Meets Hamster* by Birdie Milano**

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BOOK SYNOPSIS

Boy Meets Hamster is the uproariously funny, sweetly romantic debut novel from Birdie Milano. This is the perfect first summer romance – with a twist.

Fourteen-year-old Dylan Kershaw's idea of a dream holiday includes at least three things: beaches to bask on, cosmopolitan culture, and a chance for romance (or at least his first kiss) with another boy. Unluckily for Dylan, his mum's treating the family to the least dreamy holiday ever: a £9.50 break at Starcross Sands, Cornwall's Crummiest Caravan Park.

But Starcross Sands might not be so bad after all, especially if Dylan can win the heart of Jayden-Lee, the gorgeous boy in the caravan next-door. There's only one thing standing in true love's way: the park's massive hamster mascot, Nibbles, who seems to have it in for both Dylan and his romantic chances. Dylan's best friend, Kayla, claims that appearances can be deceptive: so is Jayden-Lee just as lovely beneath the surface, and what could be lurking under Nibbles' furry face?

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

★ "Themes of body-positivity, friendship, and authenticity are interwoven into an engaging plotline... Not to be missed!" - [Kirkus](#), **starred review**

"Today's teens deserve the chance to see two boys kissing under the twinkling starlight of an end-of-summer dance." - **Birdie Milano on *Daily Express Online***

"It's a sweet, funny, moving and joyous delight of a novel, full of love and full of hope, with a great big (giant hamster-sized!) heart at its centre. It may be set on the caravan park from hell, but this beautiful LGBTQ+ read is positively heavenly." - **Simon James Green, author of *Noah Can't Even***

"A warm, open and generous book with enormous heart, *Boy Meets Hamster* is genuinely laugh-out-loud funny while also effortlessly dealing with big, complex issues to do with love, family, friendship, and self-confidence & acceptance." - **Maggie Harcourt, author of *Unconventional***

"*Boy Meets Hamster* wonderfully and simply 'usualises' being gay in what is a terrifically comedic and diverse story. So many important moments and such a fun read. A book I wish I could give to teenage me!" - **Olly Pike, Children's Author and Creator of *Pop'N'Ollie***

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