

David Levithan



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“**A** story doesn't have to always reflect reality; it can create reality as well.”

—David Levithan

David Levithan's debut novel, *Boy Meets Boy*, was an ALA Top Ten Best Books for Young Adults, an ALA Quick Pick for Reluctant Young Adult Readers, and a Lambda Literary Award Winner.

About the Author

David Levithan finds it downright baffling to write about himself, which is why he's considering it somewhat cruel and unusual to have to write this brief bio. The factual approach (born '72, Brown '94, book '03) seems a bit dry, while the emotional landscape (happy childhood, happy adolescence—give or take a few poems—and happy adulthood so far) sounds horribly well-adjusted. The only addiction he's ever had was a brief spiral into the arms of diet Dr Pepper, unless you count *My So-Called Life* episodes as a drug. He is evangelical in his

musical beliefs and deathly afraid that his bio will end up sounding like the final paragraph in an online dating ad.

Luckily, he is much happier talking about his books than he is talking about himself.

His first novel, *Boy Meets Boy*, started as a story he wrote for his friends for Valentine's Day (something he's done for the past 15 years) and turned itself into a teen novel. When not writing during spare hours on weekends, David is a young adult book editor in New York City.

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—*School Library Journal*, Starred

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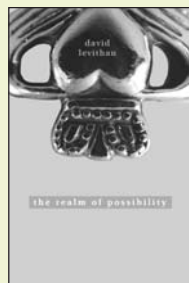
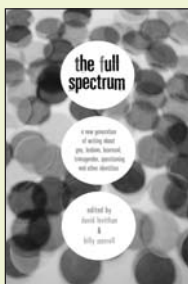


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