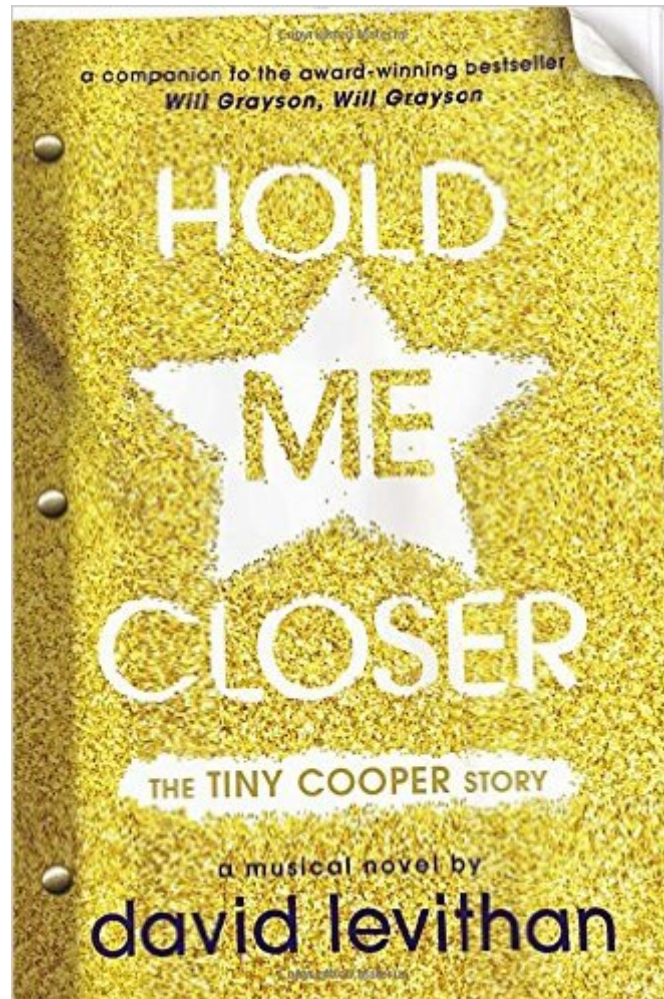


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# Hold Me Closer: The Tiny Cooper Story



## Synopsis

TIME Magazine's Top Ten Children's Books of 2015 "Tiny Cooper stole our hearts."  
"Entertainment Weekly" Especially for those of us who ordinarily feel ignored, a spotlight is a circle of magic, with the strength to draw us from the darkness of our everyday lives. Watch out, ex-boyfriends, and get out of the way, homophobic coaches. Tiny Cooper has something to say—and he's going to say it in song. Filled with honesty, humor, and a big, lively, beautiful musical numbers, *Hold Me Closer* is the no-holds-barred (and many-bars-held) entirety of the beloved musical first introduced in *Will Grayson, Will Grayson*, the award-winning bestseller by John Green and David Levithan. Tiny Cooper is finally taking center stage . . . and the world will never be the same again. 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." "BCCB," starred review . . . "Tiny Cooper . . . gets his own star turn." "Publishers Weekly," starred review

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## Customer Reviews

I'd rate this 4.5 stars. *Will Grayson, Will Grayson*, by John Green and David Levithan, was one of the best books I read in 2010, and years later, it remains one of my favorites. That book, populated by two very different high school students, both named Will Grayson. One Will Grayson's best friend, "Tiny" Cooper, who isn't shy about his size or his sexuality, and tries to push Will to declare his

feelings for his best friend, Jane, all while Tiny is getting ready to produce his autobiographical musical. This "companion piece," authored by Levithan, is the script of Tiny's musical, complete with his commentary/stage direction, which in some cases, lets the reader in on how the lives of both Will Graysons, Jane, and Tiny progressed after the book ends. But mostly, the musical gives tremendous insight into what it's like to live a life where everyone thinks they know who and what you are, and just how much courage it takes to put yourself so far out there and be happy with who you are every day. "There are those of us who draw our power from those electric moments when everyone is watching, everyone is listening, and there is the most perfect silence you can imagine, the entire room waiting to hear whatever you will say next. Especially for those of us who ordinarily feel ignored, a spotlight is a circle of magic, with the strength to draw us from the darkness of our everyday lives." Tiny's character really resonates for me. I remember what it was like to feel most at home in the middle of a stage, singing my heart out to an audience, even if it was an apathetic one. I remember what it was like not feeling comfortable in my own skin, but still wishing that I'd find others like me.

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