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David Levithan, award-winning author coming to Georgia Southern

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David Levithan, the award-winning novelist of young adult (YA) fiction, will give a reading from some of his works on Monday, Feb. 23 at 6 p.m. in the Georgia Southern University Arts Building Auditorium. Levithan will be available for questions during his appearance on campus, and there will be a book signing after the reading.

The author's novels include the groundbreaking *Boy Meets Boy*, *The Realm of Possibility*, *Every Day*, and *Two Boys Kissing*. His novel *Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist*, written with Rachel Cohn, was a *New York Times* bestseller and was made into a film of the same name. His novel *Will Grayson, Will Grayson*, written with John Green, was also a bestseller, and recently spawned a spin-off novel, *Hold Me Closer: The Tiny Cooper Story*, which will be published in

March. Levithan is also an editorial director at book publisher Scholastic and a professor of YA literature at The New School in New York.

"We are thrilled to be able to bring David Levithan to Georgia Southern," said Caren Town, Ph.D., professor of English in the Department of Literature and Philosophy. "I've taught young adult literature for more than 20 years, and I have rarely found an author who is so engaging and appealing to students." Equally important, Town said, is that Levithan is a "champion of young people's right to read and an ardent opponent of censorship."

Levithan won the Lambda Literary Award for *Boy Meets Boy* in 2003 and in 2006 for *The Full Spectrum*. At Scholastic, he is the editor of the PUSH imprint, which concentrates on new voices and new authors.

The reading at Georgia Southern is sponsored by the Campus Life Enrichment Committee, the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences' Dean's Office, the Department of Writing and Linguistics, the Department of Literature and Philosophy and the College of Education's Dean's Office and Department of Teaching and Learning.

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