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BOOK RESUME: MIDDLE SCHOOL'S A DRAG, YOU BETTER WERK!

BOOK SYNOPSIS

In this heartfelt and hilarious new novel from Greg Howard, an enterprising boy starts his own junior talent agency and signs a thirteen-year-old aspiring drag queen as his first client.

Twelve-year-old Mikey Pruitt—president, founder, and CEO of Anything, Inc.—has always been an entrepreneur at heart. Inspired by his grandfather Pap Pruitt, who successfully ran all sorts of businesses from a car wash to a roadside peanut stand, Mikey is still looking for his million-dollar idea. Unfortunately, most of his ideas so far have failed. A baby tornado ran off with his general store, and the kids in his neighborhood never did come back for their second croquet lesson. But Mikey is determined to keep at it.

It isn't until kid drag queen Coco Caliente, Mistress of Madness and Mayhem (aka eighth grader Julian Vasquez) walks into his office (aka his family's storage/laundry room) looking for an agent that Mikey thinks he's finally found his million-dollar idea, and the Anything Talent and Pizzazz Agency is born!

Soon, Mikey has a whole roster of kid clients looking to hit it big or at least win the middle school talent show's hundred-dollar prize. As newly out Mikey prepares Julian for the gig of a lifetime, he realizes there's no rulebook for being gay—and if Julian can be openly gay at school, maybe Mikey can, too, and tell his crush, dreamy Colton Sanford, how he feels.

Full of laughs, sass, and hijinks, this hilarious, heartfelt story shows that with a little effort and a lot of love, anything is possible.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"A funny, fabulous, and ultimately life-affirming story that will uplift and entertain young readers from many different backgrounds. So, should you check this one out? Mikey says, yas queen!" —*Booklist*

"Lovely . . . Shows that when people give proper due to each other, they learn and celebrate together, and maybe even heal." —*Lambda Literary*

"A funny take on early adolescence and discovering who you are, with a warmth that's sure to speak to young readers and the adults in their lives." —*Chapter 16*

"A heartwarming story perfect for fans of Tim Federle's *Better Nate Than Ever*." —*School Library Journal*

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“Greg Howard tells a funny and relatable story about relationships, family and friendships in the strange world of adolescence...**a brilliantly entertaining and heartwarming story.**” —*PinkNews UK*

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- A Massachusetts Children’s Book Award selection

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