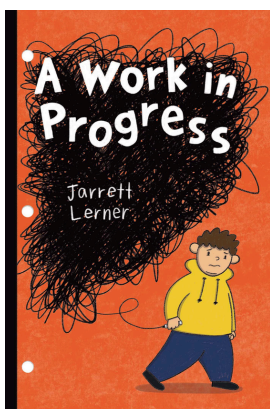


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A Work in Progress

by Jarrett Lerner

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Novel in Verse

What's It About?

Will is the only round kid in a school full of string beans. So he hides...in baggy jeans and oversized hoodies, in the back row during class, and anywhere but the cafeteria during lunch. But shame isn't the only feeling that dominates Will's life. He's also got a crush on a girl named Jules who knows he doesn't have a chance with—string beans only date string beans—but he can't help wondering what if?

Will's best shot at attracting Jules's attention is by slaying the Will Monster inside him by changing his eating habits and getting more exercise. But the results are either frustratingly slow or infuriatingly unsuccessful, and Will's shame begins to morph into self-loathing.

As he resorts to increasingly drastic measures to transform his appearance, Will meets skateboarder Markus, who helps him see his body and all it contains as an ever-evolving work in progress.

Who Wrote It?

Author-illustrator Jarrett Lerner is the award-winning creator of the EngiNerds series of Middle Grade novels, the Geeger the Robot series of early chapter books, the activity books Give This Book a Title and Give This Book a Cover, The Hunger Heroes series of graphic novel chapter books, and the Nat the Cat series of early readers. Jarrett is also the creator of the illustrated novel in verse *A Work in Progress*, as well as several as-yet-unannounced projects. In addition to writing, drawing, and visiting schools and libraries across the country, Jarrett spearheads fundraisers for various reading- and book-related causes. He is also



the founder and operator of Jarrett Lerner's Creator Club. He can be found at jarrettlerner.com and on Twitter and Instagram at [@Jarrett_Lerner](https://twitter.com/Jarrett_Lerner). He lives with his wife and daughters in Massachusetts.

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