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# Work in Progress

by Jarrett Lerner

## Scavenger Hunt

<https://jarrettlerner.com/>

### About the author:

Where does the author and his family live?	
What is the handle for the author on Instagram and Twitter?	
What are three awards that the book, <u>A Work in Progress</u> , have been awarded?	
Name three titles or series of books that the author has written.	
What organization has the author founded and operates?	
What organizations has the author co-founded or co-organized?	
How does the author fill his time?	

### About the story: <https://jarrettlerner.com/a-work-in-progress/>

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

\_\_\_\_\_s best shot at attracting \_\_\_\_\_'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 \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ unsuccessful, and Will's shame begins to morph into self-loathing.

As he resorts to increasingly drastic measures to \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_, Will meets \_\_\_\_\_, who helps him see his body and all it contains as an ever-evolving \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

**Using the section above about the story, fill in two character traits about each character listed below.**

Will		
Jules		
Markus		

**Reflection:**

Rate your interest in this book on a scale of 1 - 5:

Not interested 2 3 4 Very interested  
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What question do you have for the author when he visits Silverado Middle School?

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What are three awards that the book <u>A Work in Progress</u> have been awarded?	<p>2023 Global Read Aloud</p> <p>May/June 2023 Kids Indies Next Pick.</p> <p>Best Book of the Year by Audible.com.</p> <p>Best Book of the year by New York Public Library</p> <p>Best Book of the year by Chicago Public Library.</p> <p>2024 ProjectLIT Book.</p> <p>2024 Notable Children's Book in the Language Arts by the Children's Literature Assembly</p> <p>2024-2025 Georgia Children's Book Award.</p> <p>2024-2025 Kentucky Bluegrass Award.</p> <p>2024-2025 Sunshine State Young</p>

	<p>Readers Award</p> <p>2024-2025 Massachusetts Book Award</p> <p>2024-2025 Volunteer State Book Award</p> <p>2024-2025 New Hampshire State Book Award</p>
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<p>What organization has the author founded and operates?</p> <p>What organizations has the author co-founded or co-organized?</p>	<p>Jarrett Lerner's Creator Club</p> <p>KidsNeedBooks and KidsNeedMentors projects</p>
How does the author fill his time?	writing, drawing, and visiting schools and libraries across the country

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