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# STAND OFF

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*Sequel to*  
**WINGER**

## Resumo de Stand-Off

Ryan Dean West is back to his boarding school antics in this brave [and] wickedly funny ("Kirkus Reviews," starred review) sequel to "Winger." It's his last year at Pine Mountain, and Ryan Dean should be focused on his future, but instead, he's haunted by his past.

His rugby coach expects him to fill the roles once played by his lost friend, Joey, as the rugby team's stand-off and new captain. And somehow he's stuck rooming with twelve-year-old freshman Sam Abernathy, a cooking whiz with extreme claustrophobia and a serious crush on Annie Altman aka Ryan Dean's girlfriend, for now, anyway.

Equally distressing, Ryan Dean's doodles and drawings don't offer the relief they used to. He's convinced N.A.T.E. (the Next Accidental Terrible Experience) is lurking around every corner and then he runs into Joey's younger brother Nico, who makes Ryan Dean feel paranoid that he's avoiding him.

Will Ryan Dean ever regain his sanity? From the author of "100 Sideways Miles," which "Kirkus Reviews" called a wickedly witty and offbeat novel, "Stand-Off" is filled with hand-drawn infographics and illustrations and delivers the same spot-on teen voice and relatable narrative that legions of readers connected with in "Winger."

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