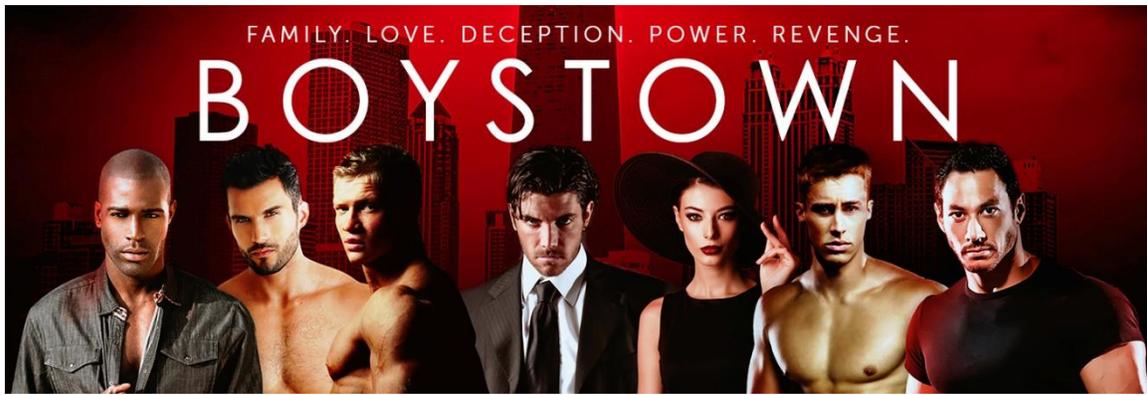


BOYSTOWN

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Growing up in the suburbs of Chicago, Jake Biondi fell in love with "The Windy City" at an early age. He left the Chicago area for four years to attend the University of Notre Dame, from which he graduated with degrees in English and Business. He was awarded the university's prestigious William Mitchell Award for Playwriting. Upon graduating from Notre Dame, Biondi returned to Chicago where he attended and graduated from the Loyola University Chicago School of Law. He has been living in Chicago's Boystown neighborhood for over 20 years.

While studying literature, Biondi became a huge fan of Charles Dickens whose novels were originally released in installments, each ending in a cliffhanger to keep readers coming back for more. Because of his love of those novels as well as television dramas such as *Dynasty*, *Knots Landing*, *Dallas*, and *Revenge*, Jake Biondi decided to create a serialized saga for contemporary audiences. Thus, the BOYSTOWN series was born.

Biondi began BOYSTOWN in June of 2013 as an online story and intended to release one "episode" online per month, each ending in a cliffhanger. The story became so popular -- and the online reading audience grew so quickly -- that people from all over the country began to email him demanding to know what happened to their favorite characters and wanting the episodes to be released faster. They also had suggestions for future storylines. Excited by and grateful for his readers' responses to BOYSTOWN, Biondi began to write and release installments more quickly.

In November of 2013, Biondi moved BOYSTOWN offline and published the first ten installments in book form as *BOYSTOWN Season One*. The book became an international hit, with fans all over the globe clamoring for more. *BOYSTOWN Season Two* was published in July of 2014. *Season Three* was released on May 1, 2015, *Season Four* was released on November 13, 2015, *Season Five* was released on June 1, 2016, *Season Six* was released on December 16, 2016, and *Season Seven* was released on July 7, 2017.

Because of the popularity of the book series, fans have suggested that BOYSTOWN be turned into a television series. Biondi recently completed the TV scripts for the first season of BOYSTOWN and hopes to bring the series to television in the very near future.



BOYSTOWN SERIES OVERVIEW

The Story

BOYSTOWN is the continuing story of several couples living in Chicago's famed Boystown neighborhood.

The Mancini brothers -- as well as their friends and significant others -- are at the core of BOYSTOWN. Emmett Mancini, the youngest of the brothers, is a bright, caring guy whose boyfriend Keith Colgan has a past Emmett knows little about . . . yet. Derek Mancini, and his wife Joyelle, are BOYSTOWN's straight couple . . . but a recent encounter with hunky Cole O'Brien could have life-altering consequences for Derek. And when Justin Mancini, the oldest brother, arrives in BOYSTOWN, he brings with him a family history that both Emmett and Derek were hoping to forget: a bitter feud with the powerful Ciancio family.

Interracial couple Logan Pryce and Max Taylor have been together have survived the ups and downs that are common in most long-term relationships; however, they must now face a crisis that neither of them ever expected. A chance encounter with an old flame sends Max on a mission to discover a secret buried long ago . . . and tests the strength of his commitment to Logan.

One of the most diverse and lively neighborhoods in the country, Chicago's Boystown has something for everyone. So it's no wonder that roommates Jesse Morgan and Cole O'Brien chose to live there upon graduating from college. Ready to begin the next phase of their lives in an exciting new city, Jesse and Cole quickly find themselves at the center of the drama and intrigue that makes up this adult playground. Against the backdrop of the vibrant Chicago skyline, some couples are brought together while others are torn apart, once-buried family vendettas are resurrected, and friends unite to face the challenges that life throws their way.

Family. Love. Deception. Romance. Power. Revenge. Passion. Betrayal.

Welcome to BOYSTOWN!

The History

BOYSTOWN has a very interesting history. In Spring of 2013, I started to toss around in my head the idea of writing a continuing drama that focused on gay characters. I considered some ideas for characters and storylines. Then I finally began actually writing BOYSTOWN in June of 2013 as an online story and intended to release one "episode" online per month, each ending in a cliffhanger. The story became so popular -- and the online reading audience grew so quickly -- that people from all over the country began to email me demanding to know what happened to their favorite characters and wanting the episodes to be released faster. They also had suggestions for future storylines! I was surprised and excited by the readers' response to BOYSTOWN and began to write and release installments more quickly. By November, 2013, I had released 10 episodes and the reading audience had expanded well beyond the borders of America.

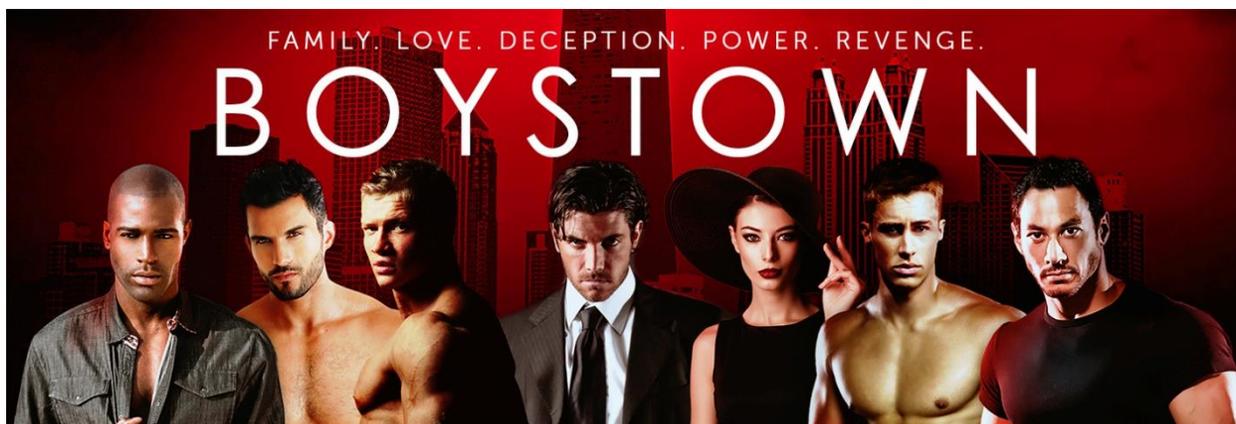
Because of BOYSTOWN's huge success online and the serialized nature of my writing, readers from all over the globe were able to correspond with me and influence the storylines of the BOYSTOWN saga as I wrote it. It is really exciting to interact with fans in this way. I think it's something very unique to BOYSTOWN.

Readers also suggested that I publish the first ten episodes as a book rather than leaving them online. I took their advice -- and *BOYSTOWN Season One* was published in late November, 2013. The book sold well and I continued to write additional episodes. Episodes 11 - 20 were released in July, 2014 as *BOYSTOWN Season Two*. *BOYSTOWN Season Three* was released on May 1, 2015, *BOYSTOWN Season Four* was released on November 13, 2015, *BOYSTOWN Season Five* was released on June 1, 2016, *BOYSTOWN Season Six* was released on December 16, 2016, and *BOYSTOWN Season Seven* was released on July 7, 2017.

The Future

I think readers really like that BOYSTOWN is written like a TV series. It moves quickly and keeps people on the edges of their seats! And now the BOYSTOWN team is working to bring BOYSTOWN to television.

Interest in the series is high -- the future of BOYSTOWN, both in print and on screen, will surely be a bright one.



For Immediate Release

Jake Biondi releases seventh book in his popular BOYSTOWN series

“A very entertaining and high-energy read by a masterful storyteller.”

“It’s finally here and I’m so excited,” author Jake Biondi said of his seventh BOYSTOWN book, which he released on July 7, 2017. “The fans’ wait is over and they can now discover what happened to their favorite characters whose lives were hanging in the balance at the end of the sixth book.”

The seventh book features a cover created by BOYSTOWN designer Anna Crosswell, who is responsible for the recent redesign of all BOYSTOWN book covers. Featuring the image of a casket, the cover of *BOYSTOWN Season Seven* teases what readers will find inside its pages.

Biondi recently announced a re-launch of his entire book series with an exciting new look. Throughout June, Biondi released the new designs.

“It’s going to ‘wow’ readers from coast to coast,” Biondi said of the series’ new design. “I wanted the BOYSTOWN book covers and all the marketing materials to better represent the drama, excitement, and diversity of the BOYSTOWN series. The new covers hint at the story line twists and turns that readers will find within the books’ pages.”

Biondi teamed up with designer Anna Crosswell of Cover Couture to create BOYSTOWN’s new style. “It’s great to be a part of BOYSTOWN nation and come on board as the designer for such a diverse and exciting series,” Crosswell said.

“The seventh book is certainly unique,” Biondi told fans of his BOYSTOWN book series. “The ending to *Season Six* left the lives of so many characters in peril that readers are longing to know what happens next. Their questions are about to be answered.”

Biondi added, “I am so grateful for BOYSTOWN readers and their positive response to the series. I love that fans are connecting with the characters and want to know what the future holds for them. The broad appeal of the book series is amazing. BOYSTOWN has an incredibly diverse audience.”

Biondi promised that readers won't be disappointed by his latest installment. “*Season Seven* picks up right where book six left off and slowly resolves the cliffhangers that ended the sixth installment. *Season Seven* will allow the readers to get to know some of the series' minor characters better as well as follow the lives of the books' core characters.” Biondi also previewed that *BOYSTOWN Season Seven* continues the storylines from the first six books while introducing new ones -- and one mysterious new character, too.

Initial reviews of *BOYSTOWN Season Seven* are very positive. “Page after page, the reader is confronted with corruption, treachery, and the pure evil that some people are capable of as they seek to control or destroy others. Although Biondi appears to have tempered the bitter Ciancio-Mancini dynastical feud primarily through the marriage of two leading family members, it is soon apparent that the festering hatred that the two families have for each other continues to brew under the surface as characters are revealed to have ties to these families that were not previously known. A very entertaining and high energy read by a masterful storyteller,” wrote Roger Ward in his review of the newest BOYSTOWN book. “The saga is told masterfully through several subplots which include unforeseen twists and turns that will leave the reader stunned and speechless.”

BOYSTOWN Season Seven is available in paperback and all e-book formats. Fans may purchase an autographed copy of *BOYSTOWN Season Seven* at BoystownTheSeries.com

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Biondi re-launches entire BOYSTOWN series ahead of book seven release

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BOYSTOWN series author Jake Biondi has announced that he is re-launching his entire book series with an entirely new look just ahead of the release of his seventh BOYSTOWN book on July 7.

“It’s going to ‘wow’ readers from coast to coast,” Biondi said of the series’ new design. “I wanted the BOYSTOWN book covers and all the marketing materials to better represent the drama, excitement, and diversity of the BOYSTOWN series. The new covers hint at the story line twists and turns that readers will find within the books’ pages.”

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Biondi partnered with Crosswell as part of a larger initiative to bring the BOYSTOWN series to television. “From the moment that Anna and I first spoke, I knew she understood the broad appeal of the BOYSTOWN series. She created a look that will introduce an even larger audience to the series. Her designs are sexy, exciting, and dramatic, just like the series itself.”

Biondi will unveil the new covers one at a time beginning in June, all leading up to the release of the seventh BOYSTOWN book on July 7, 2017.

“The seventh book is certainly unique,” Biondi told fans of his BOYSTOWN book series. “Because of the success of the sixth book, fans from all over the world have been asking me when book seven will be available. The ending to *BOYSTOWN Season Six* left the lives of so many characters in peril that readers are longing to know what happens next. Their questions are about to be answered.”

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BOYSTOWN Season Seven is currently available for pre-order on *iTunes* and *Kindle*. The BOYSTOWN series is available in paperback, audio book, and all e-book formats. Readers may order autographed paperback copies of the books directly from BoystownTheSeries.com.

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Jake Biondi's BOYSTOWN series introduces
first transgender character

BOYSTOWN series named "Best of 2016"

The diverse cast of characters in Jake Biondi's BOYSTOWN series just got even more diverse with the introduction of its first transgender character. In addition, the BOYSTOWN series was included in the *BookLikes.com* "Best of 2016" book list. With an average customer rating of five stars, the BOYSTOWN series continues to receive the highest possible rating on *Amazon.com* as well.

Recently released on December 16, *BOYSTOWN Season Six* features a new character named Ethan Anderson, whom readers discover is the series' first transgender role.

"It was very important to me that BOYSTOWN include a transgender character," Biondi explained. "It was equally important that I introduce him in a realistic and respectful way."

While writing the sixth novel in his BOYSTOWN series, Biondi collaborated with a number of transgender men so that he could better understand their experiences, their concerns, and their hopes for the character of Ethan. "Of course, each person's experiences are unique," Biondi said. "I hoped to create a character who was realistic and interesting, who had a history informed by some of the common experiences that the men I spoke with shared." Biondi added, "In the process, I

developed great friendships with these incredible guys whom I admire and respect a great deal.”

Musician and YouTube sensation Skylar Kergil is one of the transgender men with whom Biondi collaborated while writing *Season Six*. “Jake Biondi's inclusion of a trans masculine character, Ethan, puts this next story on a ground-breaking level. It is within this new book that the complex relationships around sexual orientation, gender, and identity are explored fully in a culture that places a heavy emphasis on aesthetics. The inclusion of alternative gender identities and diverse bodies allows us, the readers, to also explore our own thoughts about these sweeping, universal issues we all experience: love, identity, and passion.” Kergil himself makes an appearance in the new book.

Biondi shared drafts of the novel with his friends as he wrote the book to solicit their feedback through every step of the writing process. “The collaborative aspect of writing this sixth book was exciting for me. It was great to have audience feedback and reactions while putting the text together,” Biondi said.

Activist, entrepreneur, and motivational speaker Aydian Dowling is also a fan of the BOYSTOWN series and consulted with Biondi on *BOYSTOWN Season Six*. “It is so important to have transgender storylines throughout literature. Transgender men identify under many letters of the LGBTQA+ acronym and bringing highlights to these kinds of stories can only make way for more and more!”

Performer Dicky Johnson added, “As a trans guy and huge fan of the BOYSTOWN series, I was thrilled to see a trans man in the new book. It makes the series even hotter and depicts real events that take place for many trans men. It’s important that people see and know we exist.”

“As a trans man, it’s exciting to see my fellow FTM represented right alongside cis males; we’re still sexy guys, just with slightly different packaging! I’m glad to see trans guys given more recognition in popular LGBT culture such as the BOYSTOWN series,” said personal trainer Ezra Power.

Drew Jacobs added, “I am beyond excited that BOYSTOWN is introducing its very first FTM character. I’m FTM myself, so it will make the series even more of a thrill to read!”

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Book series maintains Amazon.com's highest ratings

BOYSTOWN TV series in the works

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A Brief Interview With Author Jake Biondi

1. What inspired you to write the BOYSTOWN series?

I have always been a fan of continuing, serialized dramas, whether they be classics such as the novels of Charles Dickens (which were released in magazines in installments, each of which ended with a cliffhanger to keep readers coming back for more) or more contemporary such as *Dallas*, *Dynasty*, and *Revenge*. I thought it was finally time for a well-written, intriguing drama that had gay characters at its core. And after living in Chicago's Boystown neighborhood for twenty years, I thought to myself, "What better place to inspire a continuing drama?" Thus, BOYSTOWN story was born.

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2. How do you develop your characters?

Every good saga has a family at its core. BOYSTOWN has *two* -- the Mancinis and the Ciancios. Everyone in the book is somehow connected to them.

I have to admit that some of the characters have taken on a life all their own. Officer Michael Martinez is one example. I created him simply because I needed a police officer for a brief scene and then, all of a sudden, came up with a huge idea and now he is one of BOYSTOWN's main and most liked characters.

I have also been intrigued by the fans' responses to certain couples in the series. For example, I never anticipated that so many people would be fans of "Kemmett" (Keith and Emmett). Fans are very vocal about what I did to that couple at the end of "Season One" and provided many ideas for how I should write those characters in "Season Two." Fans of "Dole" (Derek and Cole) are also very vocal. While most readers like and connect with the character of Cole, some like him with Derek and others don't. Finally, I was really taken aback by people's reactions to Justin, who appears on the BOYSTOWN landscape toward the end of "Season One." Readers really find him appealing and interesting -- and want to know everything about him: his sexuality, his motives, his plan. And then there are the Ciancio twins, who are introduced in "Season Two"...

3. What's the best thing about being the author of BOYSTOWN?

Writing the BOYSTOWN series has been one of the most fantastic experiences of my life. I have enjoyed every moment of the writing and marketing process. But what I have really enjoyed the most about the entire experience has been the

interaction with the BOYSTOWN readers. BOYSTOWN fans are, quite simply, the best.

I have been so touched and humbled by the outpouring of kindness and support I have received from BOYSTOWN readers since the moment the first episode hit the internet in 2013. People began to email me from all over the country, and beyond, to share with me their thoughts and ideas about the BOYSTOWN characters and story lines. I make it a priority to respond to every email that I receive not only because I value the readers' feedback but also because I want my readers to understand that I want them to reach out to me. I want to hear from them -- their ideas, their suggestions, their reviews, their feedback. In fact, their comments and ideas actually can and do impact the future of the series because I have written some of their suggestions into the series. In short, by contacting me, the readers can actually impact what happens to their favorite characters.

4. Do you have a favorite character in your series?

I think every author incorporates his personal experiences into his writing. While the characters in BOYSTOWN are fictitious, my experiences with friends and family have certainly influenced them. We all know many people like the characters in BOYSTOWN.

I enjoy writing all of the BOYSTOWN characters because they are all so unique and different. And the fans' responses to certain characters often surprise and motivate me as well. For example, the character of Justin Mancini was never meant to be a main character. I only intended to use him in a few chapters; however, the fans' response to him was so overwhelming that I had to develop Justin more and keep him around. The same is true for Michael Martinez. I created him simply because I needed a police officer for a certain plotline, but he seemed to take on a life all his

own, so I kept him. Of course, I love writing Derek and Cole because they are at the center of so much of the action. And Emmett is probably the most like me, so I love writing him, too.

5. Where can people purchase the BOYSTOWN books and how do readers contact you?

BOYSTOWN is available in paperback, audio book, and all e-book formats through my website BoystownTheSeries.com as well as amazon.com, bn.com, and itunes.com. Autographed copies of the books are available through my site as well.

I encourage readers and fans to contact me. They may do so by emailing me at BoystownTheSeries@yahoo.com, through the websites JakeBiondi.com and BoystownTheSeries.com, and on Facebook and Twitter ([@boystown_series](https://twitter.com/boystown_series)).



Paying It Forward With My BOYSTOWN Series

Jake Biondi

From the moment the first installment of BOYSTOWN was published in 2013, readers and fans all over the country have reached out to me to offer their support, encouragement, and feedback. I quickly learned that BOYSTOWN fans are the best a writer could ask for. I am humbled by and grateful for their kindness, support, and generosity. Meeting these incredible people, in some cases only via email or Facebook, has been the highlight of my entire BOYSTOWN experience.

I quickly realized that my BOYSTOWN series was not just an opportunity to tell a fantastic story; it was a gift with which I could support others as generously as people had supported me. So I began to brainstorm ways that I could use the series to “pay it forward” for some of the wonderful people in my life.

My effort began with my good friend Aaron Savvy. A personal trainer and actor, Aaron is one of the most inspirational and supportive people that I know. He’s also one of the best personal trainers in the country and had the patience to train me, which isn’t easy. Because I modeled one of BOYSTOWN’s characters after him, I thought it might be nice to feature Aaron on the books’ covers -- my way of not only saying “thank you,” but also of bringing his talents to the attention of BOYSTOWN readers all over the country. Personal training is a tough business; clients come and go for a variety of reasons from finances to relocation. I hoped that by featuring Aaron on the books’ covers, others would come to know the amazing trainer and friend that I already knew.

I then turned my attention toward the other artists in my life -- performers, in particular. I had seen the amazing Amy Armstrong perform at many venues in Chicago and Michigan and was a fan of her singing and humor. I reached out to her on Facebook to tell her how impressed I am with her and she immediately mentioned my books. In fact, she offered to distribute copies of my books at her performances. I sent her a bunch and soon Amy was giving away a couple of books at her shows in Chicago, Michigan, and even Mexico.

Amy told me that it had always been very important to her to help out other artists and I was very grateful for her support and warmth. After all of her generosity, I wondered how I could possibly ever repay or thank her. Then it hit me -- as a tribute to her, I could write her into my books, as herself. I discussed the idea with her and she loved it. So now, Amy Armstrong interacts in my books with several of my fictional characters, performing at their fundraisers and galas.

One night about two years ago, I walked into a newer Boystown bar called The Twisted Vine. As I took a seat at the bar, I had the pleasure of being entertained by a wonderful trio called "Whiskey and Cherries," consisting of vocalists Meredith Freyre and Danielle Kastner and pianist Brian Felder. They were phenomenal, performing a variety of pop and standard hits. During their break, I introduced myself, only to discover that they were already BOYSTOWN book fans. We got to know each other and I returned to watch their performances over and over again. We would talk during their breaks and they would often introduce me to the crowd during their performances. Having gotten to know them for the wonderful and talented people that they are, I asked them if I could write them into the books. They loved the idea and have since appeared in both BOYSTOWN Season Two and Season Three, which has introduced readers from all over to this outstanding musical trio.

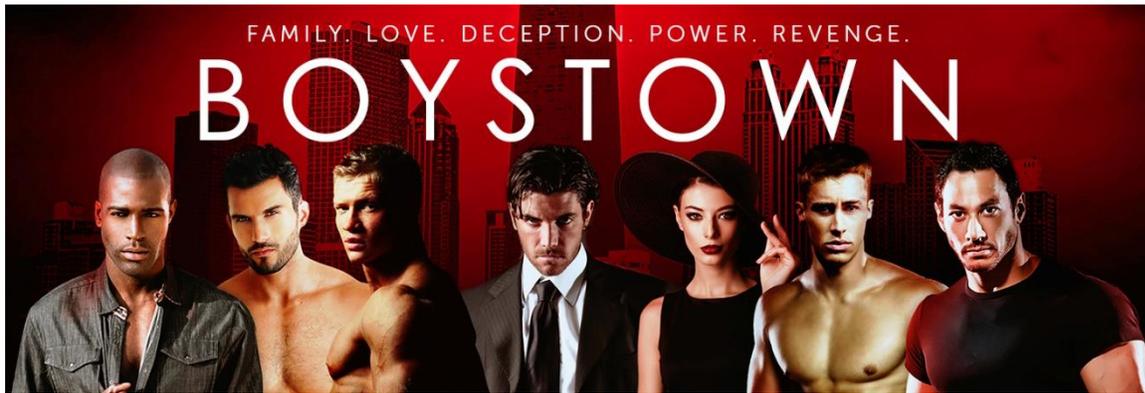
It was also at The Twisted Vine that I first heard Chadwick Stadt perform, although I had known who he was prior to that night. Some Chicago BOYSTOWN fans who knew I occasionally wrote real performers into my books had encouraged me to write Chadwick in. One night, I walked into the bar and Chadwick was performing. What a voice! With his guitar in hand, Chadwick sang his heart out, a wonderful blend of current hits and original songs. He played for nearly three

hours, commenting that he was only stopping because his fingers were turning purple. Since then, I have had the pleasure of getting to know Chadwick as a friend as well. Kind, generous, compassionate, and genuine, Chadwick is a truly an up and coming star. I met with him recently to discuss the idea of writing him into the BOYSTOWN series so that more of the general public would come to know his talent and he agreed. I am excited to say that Chadwick Stadt will be featured in BOYSTOWN Season Four, which will be released in November.

Finally, I'd like to mention another inspiration and role model of mine -- pop sensation Steve Grand. I have been a fan of Steve since he first came on the music scene. A Chicagoan himself, Steve and I have that love for the Windy City and Boystown in common. I had emailed Steve a while back to introduce myself and tell him how much he motivated and inspired me as a person and a writer. His replies were supportive and kind. When I asked if I could honor him by writing him into the BOYSTOWN series, he was appreciative and grateful. I was flattered and honored.

Then, by fluke, I saw him out in Boystown on the night of his birthday. He was out celebrating. So I introduced myself to him and we talked for a while. It was great to finally be able to chat with him in person. We talked about his birthday, his new album, and the BOYSTOWN books. We even took a few selfies together -- he is the self-proclaimed "selfie king." I explained to him that I am working with two television producers who are interested in bringing BOYSTOWN to TV. If and when that happens, I would love for Steve -- and Chadwick -- to write and perform that show's theme songs.

And so, as I continue to develop the crazy plotline twists and turns that BOYSTOWN readers have come to love, I will also continue to think of ways that I can celebrate, honor, and thank those people in my life for whom I am grateful. We are all in this together and I am thrilled that BOYSTOWN gives me the chance to pay it forward.



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