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Milo Ventimiglia, after six seasons opposite Mandy Moore in “This Is Us,” says, “I’ll be close with her for the rest of my life.”

THIS IS MILO VENTIMIGLIA

Actor reflects on six seasons of playing a yinzer on ‘This Is Us’

By Joshua Axelrod
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Before “This Is Us,” Milo Ventimiglia had only a cursory familiarity with Pittsburgh. The Southern California native had been here a few times doing branded-content work with American Eagle Outfitters at its South Side headquarters, but he had never thought too critically about what it means to be a yinzer.

That changed when he got the role of Jack Pearson on “This Is Us,” the wildly popular NBC drama that will begin its sixth and final season Tuesday at 9 p.m. Ventimiglia and Mandy Moore, who plays Jack’s wife Rebecca, were tasked with anchoring a Pittsburgh-set storyline that would serve as the formative years for their children Kevin (played in the future by Justin Hartley), Randall (Sterling K. Brown) and Kate (Chrissy Metz).

Six years later, Ventimiglia has essentially gone full yinzer. He officially identifies as a Steelers fan and said he often wears a Steelers jacket or Pirates jersey while in the hair and makeup chair prior to filming episodes. He even toyed with giving Jack a Pittsburgh accent before deciding against it because “I wasn’t sure the country could handle it.”

“I definitely carry Pittsburgh in my heart,” Ventimiglia told the Post-Gazette. “For me, it



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Kaz Womack as Kevin, left, Ca’Ron Jaden Coleman as Randall, Isabella Rose Landau as Kate, Mandy Moore as Rebecca and Milo Ventimiglia as Jack.

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Chelsea Adinuba wrote and self-published “Young Boss.”

Pitt student, ‘Young Boss’ has already written 2 books

By Thandi Weaver

Meet Chelsea Adinuba, the 17-year-old entrepreneur and University of Pittsburgh student who has self-published two books in the past year.

“How to Be a Young Boss” was her first.

“My sister had a sewing machine laying in our house, and I thought ‘This is something I can make money off of,’” said the native of Prince George’s County, Md.

“One of my friends always wore durags so I watched a video, used a needle and thread, and it came out well. I started making more items — bonnets, dresses, pants.”

The items range in price from \$10 to \$70. Before she knew it, the young entrepreneur had made enough money to buy her own car. She decided to share what she had learned on a website, designsbychels.com.

“I was getting international orders, and I just realized how power-

ful entrepreneurship really is and to be able to do that at a young age,” she said.

Writing a book was something Adinuba had wanted to do for a long time. At the height of the pandemic, it was also the best way to communicate with others. She realized that what she had learned would be an inspiration to people of all ages, not only in business but also whatever was their passion.

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