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Alvin Ho: Allergic To Camping, Hiking, And Other Natural Disasters



Synopsis

Here's the second book in the beloved and hilarious Alvin Ho chapter book series, which has been compared to *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* and is perfect for both beginning and reluctant readers. Alvin, an Asian American second grader who's afraid of everything, is back, and his worst fear has come true: he has to go camping. What will he do exposed in the wilderness with bears and darkness and . . . pit toilets? Luckily, he's got his night-vision goggles and water purifying tablets and super-duper heavy-duty flashlight to keep him safe. And he's got his dad, too. From Lenore Look and New York Times bestselling illustrator LeUyen Pham comes a drop-dead-funny and touching series with a truly unforgettable character. "Shares with *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* the humor that stems from trying to manipulate the world." • *Newsday* "Alvin's a winner." • *New York Post* From the Hardcover edition.

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Age Range: 6 - 9 years

Grade Level: 1 - 4

Customer Reviews

Grade 2-4 "This second story about Alvin Ho, the boy who is afraid of almost everything, is another delightful look into the life of the timid youngster. In this installment, his fears center around a big upcoming event: camping with his dad. Once again, Look's dialogue is spot on: she captures

the silly, impetuous, jump-from-one-idea-to-the-next quality of a second-grade boy. Alvin's adventures (like getting trapped in a dishwasher box while pretending to be Houdini, and learning secret camping tricks from his uncle) are charmingly genuine and fun to read. Look's pitch-perfect descriptions and phrasing add to the overall humor and heart of the story (about his sister, Alvin says, She's like a stoplight in the middle of my life and there's just no avoiding her.) and her sensitivity to what it means to be a not-quite-normal little boy is right on target. Whimsical illustrations pop up mid-page; Pham's expressive characters capture the essence of the story. A Very Scary Glossary of Alvin's fears and favorite things is included at the end. There are certain stories kids read and just feel good for having read: this is one of them. --Nicole Waskie, Chenango Forks Elementary, Binghamton, NY Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

Starred Review, The Horn Book Magazine, September/October 2009:"Readers can only hope that Alvin continues to describe in such wonderful detail his many allergic reactions."Kirkus Reviews, May 19, 2009"While Look certainly embellishes at times for comedic effect, she has created in Alvin a character that is as real as he is irascible, and the tender relationships among the members of the Ho family provide a sturdy backbone for all the silliness. Pham's simple but vibrant line drawings leap off the page. Another triumph for Alvin Ho."From the Hardcover edition.

As with the other books in the Alvin Ho series, "Allergic to Camping" is a wonderfully written book about a quirky, sensitive Chinese-American 8-year-old who lives in Concord, MA. In this installment in the series, Alvin's dad decides to take Alvin and his younger sister camping ... and Alvin reacts in his typically neurotic way ... with hilarious results. I've reviewed several other books in this series and I've written in those reviews about how much my Asian-American family appreciates the portrayal of another Asian-American family in a witty, realistic way. These books are terrific for a growing reader and also for a family read-aloud series. We also very much appreciate the beautiful illustrations, which really help the characters come alive. Make sure to consult the glossary in the back of the book for explanations of various concepts/words.

My second grader had been reading Diary of a Wimpy Kid (mostly because his big brother read them when he was younger). He found the first Alvin Ho book (Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things) in his classroom library and immediately loved it. This series is WAY better in his opinion. Alvin is a delightfully quirky and very smart kid. It is never stated so in the book but I'm

wondering if Alvin is ASD. My older son is now reading these books as his little brother finishes them (which he can do in a day because they are below his reading level but he just loves Alvin). Great book for kids with anxiety or ASD or sensory issues or who are just different but true to themselves. It's a brainy series with loads of history and even some Shakespearean cursing. :)

These books would be good for boys and girls. My 2nd grade son and I read this entire series together. Every night we looked forward to learning what predicaments the well-meaning Alvin got himself into. Alvin is smart, sweet, creative, funny and tries to be a gentleman. Alvin is also shy, anxious, and unable to speak in public. My son says, "I like to read Alvin Ho. I think these are good books. I hope there will be more, like books #7, 8, 9 and 10! I think the next book should be 'Alvin Ho: Allergic to history, reading and other big stuff.'"

My kids can't wait for the next chapter. I read one chapter a night, 2 if they are being extra attentive.

My 5 year old, soon to be 6, loves Alvin Ho. He can relate to Alvin's fear of things. The color of the writing and the fun, humorous situations that Alvin gets in and imagines are fantastic. We ended up buying the other two books my son liked this one so much. I hope the author keeps writing!

If only there were more Alvin ho books. These are hilarious - even for parents. Especially great for boys that do not often get into a series of books as many are geared towards girls at lower elementary grades.

Good follow up to the first book (Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things) in what I looks like will be a continuing series (Alvin Ho: Allergic to Birthday Parties, Science Projects, and Other Man-made Catastrophes). Made great bedtime reading for my 3rd grade son - fun and interesting, but NOT scary or overly suspenseful. Nice illustrations too. My only complaint is that it was a bit short. The characters are all really engaging and likeable, and it would be nice if the book had run them through their paces in some additional situations to flesh the book out a bit more.

My son really enjoys the book. It is a pretty good series and is pretty entertaining. I would recommend for boys 6-8.

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