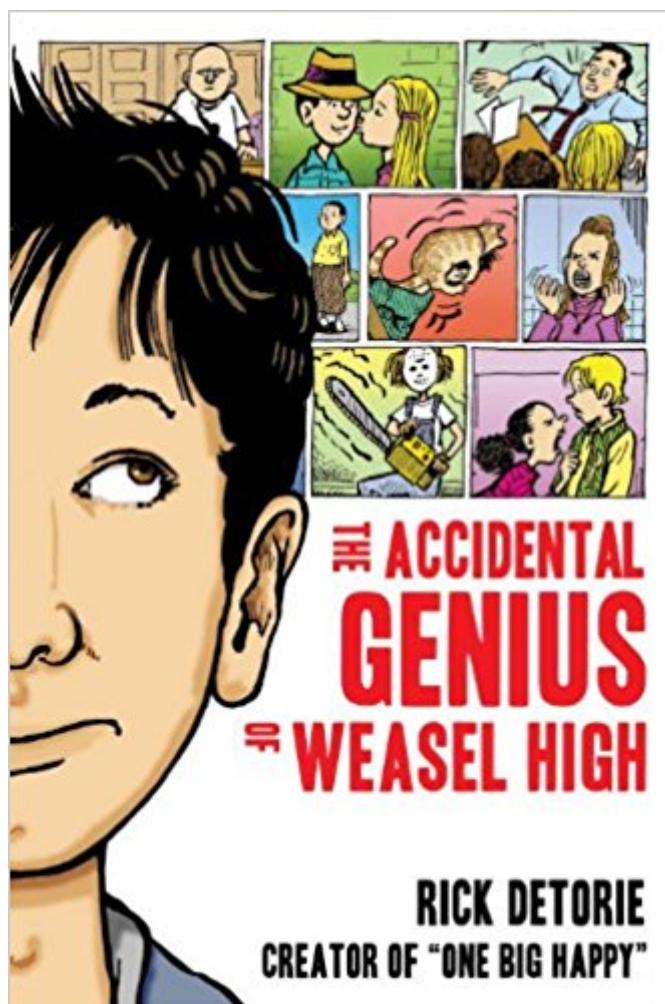


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# The Accidental Genius Of Weasel High



## **Synopsis**

A book for the Wimpy Kid who has grown into a Wimpy Teen. Larkin Pace desperately wants a new camcorder. How else is he going to become the next great filmmaker? But his dad won't give him any money, his sister is determined to make his life miserable, and his nemesis Dalton Cooke is trying to steal his girlfriend. Now this height-challenged aspiring director must chronicle his wacky life for a freshman English assignment.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

No accidental work of genius, this--Detorie's carefully crafted novel is an engaging experience.

--Kirkus' Review Detorie's sketchy illustrations punctuate a story told with an easy, self-deprecating humor steeped in adolescent modernity without overdoing the slang and up-to-the-minute references. --Publishers Weekly An easygoing change of pace from the usual Sturm und Drang in preteen fiction. --Booklist A fun tale for those Wimpy Kid book fans who are now in high school. Also a great bet for reluctant readers who love graphic/comic book tales with a hero they can relate with.

--Kim Baciella

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high school English class writing assignment. I know that doesn't sound very interesting, but this is not at all like that old, tired topic "What I did over summer vacation." This is definitely not a yawn inducing read. In fact, I started it and didn't put it down until I finished it...chuckling most of the time the Kindle was in my hand. The drawings are also humorous and give the reader a visual idea of what Larkin is experiencing at the time. They do add to the story. O...I don't think this could really be classed as a graphic novel, as one reviewer here saw it, so if you are turned off by them (Like I am.), the drawings won't distract or disturb you. I thoroughly enjoyed **THE ACCIDENTAL GENIUS OF WEASEL HIGH** and give it 5 stars. Highly recommended

this book was a mixture of funny and true love between Larkin and Brooke. even though Larkin thought that they were girlfriend and boyfriend when she asked him if he has a girlfriend he is still trying to make the best of his summer. but then he sees Brooke with the school bully. read the book to find out who he is and what Larkin will do about it.

Purchased for school. Didn't hear any complaints (and believe me I would) so assume they are happy.

I haven't read a book like that in a long time I'm glad I read it now thank you very much

Rick Detorie is one of the best humorists of our time. I am honored to count him as a friend. His family friendly everyday looks at life will bring a smile to your face.

I was immediately drawn to this book after reading the title, which is one of the more interesting ones that I've come across. The story is about Larkin Pace, a high school student an amateur filmmaker. "The Accidental Genius" is one of those books where the main character is telling his own story, and writing it down as a long-term diary as part of a school assignment. This book is probably always going to be compared to "Diary of a Wimpy Kid", because the author includes hilarious cartoons to complement his writing. However, the two books are actually very different. This is mostly because Larkin Pace is a high school kid with high school problems, like dating, school

bullies, and exploring a career. The subject matter is a little bit more mature than the “Wimpy Kid” series, but somehow that makes the cartoon illustrations seem even more welcome. The pictures serve to lighten the mood while Larkin discusses the problems and challenges of his life. The book’s chapters tend to focus on the most memorable events that happened to Larkin, so you really feel like you’re sneaking a peek at someone’s most personal thoughts. I liked how the author didn’t include any dates in each chapter—it almost seems like Larkin started his writing assignment on a regular schedule, but falls out of a routine. He tends to provide his updates after the most impressionable moments occur, which makes this book seem even more like a student project! One thing I noted in “The Accidental Genius” was that there were no major life-changing events that happened to Larkin. He’s a (mostly) normal kid, with a (mostly) happy family, with a (mostly) normal group of friends. But somehow, following his experiences over the course of a year makes for a really interesting book!

The Accidental Genius is somewhat similar to the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series, but I would liken it more to The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian by Sherman Lexie. The characters are more real than in Wimpy kid, which makes them more boring. The illustrations are more detailed as well. Larkin is an average kid with a best friend and a girlfriend. Eventually he realizes that his girlfriend wasn’t really that, and he struggles with seeing her date the school bully. His best friend is an odd kid who dresses like he’s 60, but agrees to help Larkin out on some of his film projects. Larkin has always been a big classic film buff, and aspires to be a director. However, his father will not buy him a camcorder, so Larkin has to do odd jobs for an older lady so he can make money to buy one. Luckily, she is quite charmed by him and his ability to quote lines from classic movies. Other than these small subplots, not much exciting is really happening, it’s more of a journal of Larkin’s life. It was interesting enough, but a larger plot would have moved the book along quicker.

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