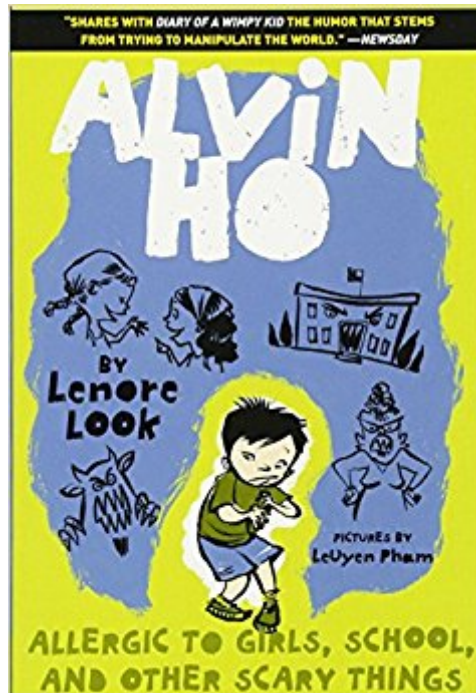




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Alvin Ho: Allergic To Girls, School, And Other Scary Things



Synopsis

Here's the first 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, is afraid of everything—elevators, tunnels, girls, and, most of all, school. He's so afraid of school that, while he's there, he never, ever, says a word. But at home he's a very loud superhero named Firecracker Man, a brother to Calvin and Anibelly, and a gentleman-in-training, so he can be just like his dad. 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” —*Newsday* “Alvin” is a winner.” —*New York Post* From the Hardcover edition.

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Customer Reviews

Grade 2—Second-grader Alvin Ho is determined to make friends, even though he is afraid of any number of things and can't talk at all—in school. Episodic chapters feature events at home, at school, and in his Concord, MA, neighborhood. Everyday adventures

include being left stranded by his siblings during stretching exercises that leave him upside down in a tree, being sent alone to the scary piano teacher's house, and deciding whether or not to hang out with the classroom bully. Although Look resists providing a tidy ending, readers will be sure that Alvin is on the right road when he surprises even himself by suddenly speaking to his psychotherapist. And they won't have to understand the Shakespearean curses that come out of his mouth to know that this time he has a good reason to be afraid. Whether they are fearful or brave, kids will smile at Alvin's scrapes and empathize with his concerns. Aspects of his Chinese-American background are seamlessly integrated into the story and add richness. The book is chock-full of well-placed illustrations. Martin Bridge, make room for Alvin Ho. —Faith Brautigam, Gail Borden Public Library, Elgin, IL Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

In the chapter-book universe of Judy Moody and Junie B. Jones it's hard to know what's more surprising about Alvin Ho: his Y chromosome, or his Chinese American heritage. In this book, Look, who has made a career of portraying Chinese American family life in picture books and chapter books, focuses less on cultural commonalities than on the idiosyncracies of Alvin's family (a dad fond of Shakespearean insults, a grandfather who sews), filling in the Chinese American backdrop exclusively through a small amount of Cantonese vocabulary and some food references. The book's lighthearted treatment of Alvin's unusual problem (mutism that kicks in only at school) doesn't seem entirely apt. Still, many children will sympathize with the fearful Alvin, who hates his therapist and marvels at his descent from "farmer-warriors who haven't had a scaredy bone in their bodies since 714 AD." They'll also hope that the book's concluding, unexpected friendship will reap psychological benefits in a sequel. Pham's thickly brushed artwork matches the quirky characterizations stroke for stroke. Grades 2-4. --Jennifer Mattson --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Please Note: Posting on behalf of 5yo reader!"The main character, Alvin Ho, is really scared of things that aren't even scary at all! At school, he's so scared he can't even talk. But Flea, his brother, Calvin, and his psychotherapist all try to help him. Alvin does do a lot of interesting things in this book. He takes piano lessons, he uses mean Shakespearean words when he gets angry, and he even steals his dad's Johnny Astro. My favorite part of the book was when Alvin's dad let him fly

his Johnny Astro. I also liked when Pinkie dared Alvin to jump off the top of the house. Alvin made an excuse so he could escape. He's so smart! My least favorite part of the book was when Alvin Ho's dad got very mad when Alvin stole Johnny Astro. To calm down, he played the piano like crazy! That was funny. One fact that I learned from this book is that in Concord, Massachusetts where Alvin was born there was a war. It was called the Revolutionary War. I would recommend this book to seven-year olds, six-year olds and five-year olds because it will definitely be super funny to them. They will also learn that it is hard not to be scared when you're like Alvin Ho but you can try!"

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.'"

I purchased this book for a local elementary school library because it showed up on a list of top 20 read aloud books. I am now reading it to a class of second graders who find it, "hilarious." It is a chapter book so an advanced read but it has captured their attention and imagination. The author, Lenore Look, has managed to weave the roots of our country's history as well as art, music, literature and famous historical figures into her very funny story line. Each week that I read, I use the first five or ten minutes to introduce what is new to the children. We have read some Shakespeare (Alvin is allowed to curse in Shakespearean dialogue as long as he doesn't hurt anyone as he is a "gentleman in training.") I have played short snippets of Brahms, Beethoven, and even a song from the Music Man as well as shown works by Frieda Kahlo, Gauguin, and Van Gough. The children had never heard of the Minutemen and the Redcoats and now play the same game on their California playground as Alvin does on his playground in Concord, Massachusetts. Henry David Thoreau is Alvin's personal hero and we have discussed Thoreau at first because of his strong pro environmental stance in the 1800's. During the week of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, I read from King's autobiography where he credits Thoreau's essay on "Civil Disobedience," for inspiring his method of passive resistance during the Civil Rights Movement. The students are so taken with the book that they have been to the school library to find out when it was published, one child has already read the sequel--imagine a 7 year old reading a 166 page chapter book! They want to know when the next Alvin Ho book is coming out and have suggested the author create a Christmas

special for TV and call it, "Alvin--Ho, ho, ho."

Alvin Ho, his family, and friends provide a sympathetic and humorous look at real kids. No one is perfect in this book, and the characters have depth. Even though Alvin is a second grader, I've read this book to middle-school students. They love it. As an adult, I have read the entire series on my own -- it's that good.

Arrived fast. Daughter loved the book!

Alvin is a boy who has a problem with his brother and sister. Anibelly, his sister, eats his food, drinks his chocolate milk, meshes with his things, and always gets in his way. Calvin on the other hand knows exactly everything, and then owns everything, quite agreeable at night. Flea the girl in his class, and the girl in his class last year, Alvin doesn't like her but she does. This book is the best possible book in the history of books.

What we liked: his fears were funny
Reading level: a bit too easy for a strong second grade reader
I would recommend it to someone who likes Ramona Qumiby and Junie B. Books.

My third graders loved this book

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