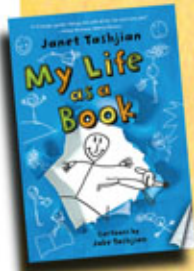


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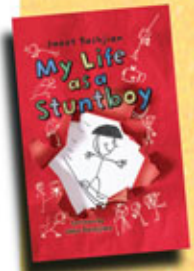


"Dryly hilarious first-person voice... A kinder, gentler Wimpy Kid with all the fun and more plot."

–Kirkus Reviews ★

"Give this to kids who think they don't like reading. It might change their minds."

–Booklist ★



"Another fun, emotionally resonant read for the Wimpy Kid set and beyond."

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"This is a great package for kids, especially those like Derek who don't think they like to read."

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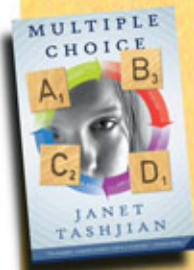


"(Readers) will laugh their way through Tru's poignant and clever take on everyday life."

–Publishers Weekly ★

"This warm, funny debut has well-developed characters and a fast-moving plot."

–Kirkus Reviews



"This energetic, enjoyable problem novel is a must-read for wordsmiths."

–Publishers Weekly ★

"Tashjian's story is as absorbing and cleverly constructed as a challenging word puzzle."

–The Horn Book

Young Adult



"A thrilling read, fast-paced with much fast food for thought about our consumer-oriented pop culture. The voice is clear, the ending satisfying. Teenagers will eat this one up."

–Kirkus Reviews ★

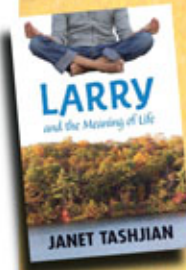
"A terrific read with a credible and lovable main character. Tashjian's gift for portraying bright adolescents with insight and humor reaches near perfection here."

–School Library Journal ★



"(A) clever, inspiring sequel...Josh's narration moves swiftly, and the topical yet universal themes make this book even more compelling than the first."

–Publishers Weekly ★



"Tashjian's pace is tightly synchronized and it is worth it to trust her."

–School Library Journal

"What follows is a madcap journey that will elicit gasps from readers."

–Booklist



"Janet Tashjian's refreshingly different take on a sobering and pervasive issue for teens rings solidly true. Tashjian has crafted a novel that promotes both empathy and understanding about adolescent abusive relationships."

–The Horn Book



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"Best of the Best" Book

Children's Literature Choice

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Choice" (CCBC Choice)

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Starred reviews in Kirkus Reviews,
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