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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

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*

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Review

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.

About the Author

Lenore Look is the author of the popular Alvin Ho series, as well as the Ruby Lu series. She has also written several acclaimed picture books, including *Henry's First-Moon Birthday*, *Uncle Peter's Amazing Chinese Wedding*, and *Brush of the Gods*. Lenore lives in Hoboken, New Jersey.

LeUyen Pham is the illustrator of the Alvin Ho series, as well as *The Best Birthday Party Ever* by Jennifer LaRue Huguet; *Grace for President* by Kelly DiPucchio, a *New York Times* bestseller; and the Freckleface Strawberry series by Julianne Moore. She is the author and illustrator of the picture books *Big Sister*, *Little Sister* and *All the Things I Love About You*. LeUyen lives in San Francisco. Learn more at leuyenpham.com.

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