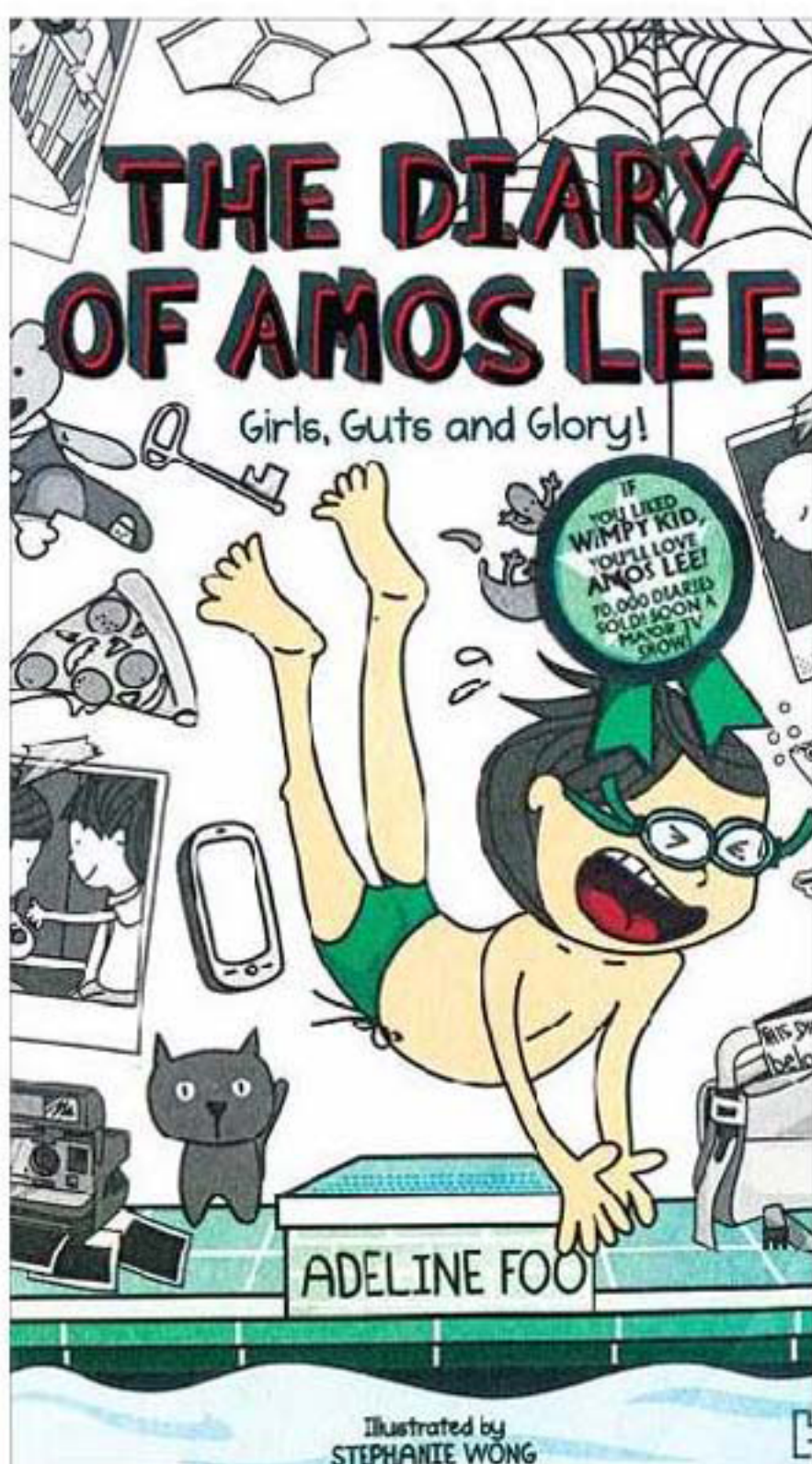


Going potty was never so much fun

The second in the series of Amos Lee's diaries, this book is funnier than the first one. For, Amos is eleven now but still pens his diary in the loo. After all, that's the only place that offers him some solace, helping him get away from his problems, at least momentarily. Talking of problems, he has plenty to deal with now — his friendship with his best friend Alvin is threatened because of a new girl who has just arrived from Cambodia; he has to compete with Michael, the bully, in the swimming team; and, of course, he has to look for new places to hide his diary, away from the prying eyes of his parents, especially his mother, whom he calls the 'Toilet English Teacher'. He is a grown-up boy now and it's high time she respected his need for privacy, he feels.

Amos is convinced he's the only normal person in his family. While his pregnant mom eats a lot of weird stuff in the middle of the night and puts on weight, his whiny, pesky and irritating sister (WPI, for short) suffers from anxiety, and his dad is proud that his wife is



pregnant, as it means a baby bonus from the government!

Life in school is no less adventurous for him. With Alvin having a black spider as his new pet, he decides to learn more about spiders. So much so that he dreams of becoming the New Age Spiderman when he grows up. But, that's not the end of it. He does his research and learns how spiders make spiderlings. When he shares his new-found knowledge with his friend Anthony, he suggests that they start a magazine, publish such information and make money. Thus 'The Amos & Anthony Science Observer' is born. And it begins to sell like hot cakes, even managing to win them the Science Award!

However, the physical examination in school spells trouble for Amos. He is officially declared a 'fat' kid. He is forced to be a part of the 'Slim' Club and do extra rounds of walking and jogging to lose weight! He finds it real 'em-bear-ass-ing'.

To top it all, Michael, the bully, gives him a hard time in the swimming pool. Amidst all these troubles arrives his cute little baby brother and Amos soon finds himself donning a new role — that of a diaper tracker. His date with excitement doesn't end here. WPI adopts a stray cat and Amos is expected to clean kitty litter and help WPI warm water for its feed. Well, the swimming competition is also round the corner. There's a crisis at home as his loving Ah Kong (grand dad) is sick and hospitalised. How does Amos deal with all these new developments in his life? 'The Diary of Amos Lee' has all the answers. Pick it up today and be a part of Amos, the Toilet Diarist's exciting life.

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