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# AAAARGH!!! (TJ And The Time Stumblers)



## Synopsis

This six-book series centers around two 23rd century goofballs, Tuna and Herby, who travel back in time to study TJ Finkelstein for their history project. TJ will someday become a great leader who demonstrates honesty, integrity, thoughtfulness, self-sacrifice, respect for others—call traits she hones and grasps through her adventures in this series. Unfortunately, Tuna and Herby get stuck in TJ's time (modern day), so she has to deal with their schemes while juggling the normal issues of a seventh grader who has moved to a new city, is trying to fit in, and is coping with her mother's death and her family's new life. In AAAARGH!!!, Tuna and Herby try to help TJ with a book report by getting the author to write it for her, but all three of them quickly see the consequences of cheating spiral out of control. Meanwhile, TJ's cute neighbor and classmate Chad Steel is getting ready for a big surfing competition—and learning his own lesson about honesty.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

TJ Finkelstein is just trying to fit into life at Malibu Junior High. Which means minor little problems, like . . . The school's quirkiest kid trying to prove she's a space alien

school's most popular girl trying to destroy her Oh yeah, and constantly running into pesky pirates (and their talking parrot) courtesy of two goofball boys from the 23rd century! That's right – Herby and Tuna are still stuck back in time, where they're studying TJ for a class project. The good news is, they've decided to help TJ with her latest book report. The bad news is, they've decided to help TJ with her latest book report. And as always, their "help" only leads to more mayhem and plenty of side-splitting laughter. Join this unlikely trio as they stumble into one hilarious catastrophe after another . . . while accidentally learning the importance of such core values as love, honesty, patience, and kindness.

**\*\* "Every action builds upon every other action." \*\***In this second installment, we pick up the story of TJ Finkelstein and her goofy time travelers from the 23rd century, Herby and Tuna, with a pirate fight in her bedroom. Herby and Tuna think they can help TJ write her book report on "Treasure Island" with, well, an actual pirate fight from the novel! This, however, sets TJ on a whole journey about cheating, and how the act of cheating can totally change the path one's life takes - sometimes with drastic and devastating results. In the meantime, TJ still has a crush on neighbor Chad Steele. Class geek Doug Claudlooper has designed a surfboard with little jet engines to raise it out of the water and therefore, allegedly, perform much better than a traditional surfboard and has asked surfer Chad to try it out. The only problem? To use it in a competition would be cheating. So Chad, like TJ, faces a dilemma on whether to or not to cheat, with repercussions that could literally save or cost a life. In the meantime, Elizabeth, the best-friends-since-forever friend to Hesper Breakahart, who just happens to be Chad's "girlfriend," offers to spy on TJ for Hesper. She is bound and determined to discover how and why so many weird things happen around TJ. Even though the book is full of silliness, it teaches a strong lesson about cheating - the dilemma between taking the easy way out, or the hard, but truthful, way. "AAAARGH" is a fun read for all kids from middle school age to 100! Five out of five stars.

This book is almost a replica of the My Life As.... books by Bill Myers. Then again he is the same author of both books. All in all it was a great book

I absolutely LOVE Bill Myers! His books are so entertaining, wholesome, and FUNNY!!! :-)) This one is no exception. I really enjoyed it.

Bill Myers does a great job of writing for different age groups. Here he writes a really good children's

book. It has great characters and an overall good story. Book is clean and not filled with garbage like a lot of today's books. Fun story for both boys and girls. Really good series.

Bill Myers is one my favorite children's authors. He's funny and extremely talented in presenting a creative message to children through the written word. TJ and the Time Stumblers are always on the look out for a new adventure, sometimes just stumbling on one (hence the name Time Stumblers =) This is the second book in a six book series. And is filled with some good issues that seventh graders (middle schoolers) might have to deal with). Bill Myers does a great job of bringing out the sadness of losing a parent without being sappy. We're reading all the series this summer because it's such a fun and unique series. Life lessons, faith filled fun and in this book truth/honesty.

I've read the first 3 books in this series and they crack me up. They feature 2 goofballs from future who end up in the present day to research a teenage girl named TJ. TJ happens to be one of the dorkiest girls in school. However, "someday TJ would grow up to be a brilliant leader doing brilliant things (hard to believe, since she was still having a hard time opening her locker.)" Anyway, these 2 goofballs drive TJ crazy: her first reaction is "always to shout at them every time she wakes up in the morning to see them standing in line to use her bathroom. (Apparently even 23rd century time travelers need to use the facilities)". All the asides in this book are equally hilarious. This book features pirates (hence the "Aaaargh!!! title). The story begins when some pirates show up with Tuna and Herby to help TJ with her Treasure Island book report. Tuna pulled out a giant swiss army knife ("the type sold at time-travel stores everywhere"). The pirates shout things like "Argh" and "bleep-bleep-bleep": "which is all pirates are allowed to scream in a pg-rated book." And it only gets better from there. One crazy shenanigan after another. Bring in the mean girl--Hesper Breakaheart--who has tons of "very, very best friends" and who is totally out to get TJ. She may even be worse than the pirates.

TJ Finklestein is trying hard to fit in at her new school, Malibu Junior High. That's a little hard to do when she's the subject of a history report by two teenage boys from the 23rd century. Plus there's the small matter of the pirates. And the cannonball hole in her room. And that book report...Join TJ and her time traveling buddies as she learns lessons in honesty and cheating. I've read Bill Myers' adult books before, but never his kids' books. This was hilarious! I loved every second of TJ's adventure. I did think that the best characters were Tuna and Herby, the time travelers. The way that they got TJ into trouble in the first place and then tried to help her get out of trouble. I can't

remember the last time I laughed like this while reading a book! I also loved the way that TJ learns the lessons she needs to. I rented this book from the library to read as part of Tyndale's Summer Reading Program. My thoughts and opinions are my own. Recommended to fans of the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series, teachers, librarians, kids ages 8-12 Rating - 5 stars

AAAARGH!!! is a good book for kids. It's definitely cheesy, but addresses in wrongness & consequences of cheating. The conflict is not really resolved by the end of the book.

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