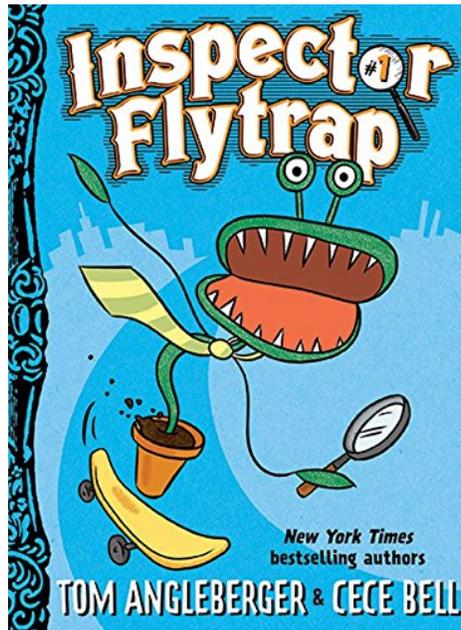


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**Review of *Inspector Flytrap*  
By Tom Angleberger and Cece Bell**

Adult/ Educator Reviewer: Sharon M. Nuruddin  
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Student Review: Pharaoh N. Nuruddin



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### Adult Review: Sharon N. Nuruddin

**I**nspector Flytrap was written by New York Times bestselling author, Tom

Angleberger. This is the first in a delightful series of kid-friendly

whodunits. In this book,

we are introduced to Inspector Flytrap, a Venus flytrap who aspires to solve “big deal” mysteries in his goal to become a super sleuth. Careening through the city on a skateboard pushed by his trusty assistant and always hungry sidekick, Nina the Goat, Inspector Flytrap embarks upon various adventures and misadventures, while solving such mysteries as “The Big Deal Mystery of the Stinky Cookies” and “The Big Deal Mystery of the Missing Rose.” An emu, a dodo bird, a peg-legged pirate, and a mysterious sloth are just a few in the cast of characters of this four-part, nineteen-chapter children’s book, boldly-illustrated in a graphic novel style by Cece Bell, also a New York Times bestselling author.

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This book is a great choice for the English-language and -literacy education of early-grade readers (grades 1-4), especially those students who are beginning to read from chapter books. Also, it is perfect for classrooms of students with diverse interests, as it caters to kids who are interested in mysteries, animal books, adventure books, and humorous tales. It is also a good choice for diverse learners. For example, visual learners will appreciate that almost every page is illustrated boldly and creatively. The book is also written in large, clear

letters and basic colors. Educators will benefit from this book because of the many lessons that can be created from it.

Educators should consider the lack of colorful drawings in the book. The illustrations are green, so this book might not be a good choice for educators looking for more color. In fact, one image in the book is described as yellow, but it is very clearly a green hue.

### Student Review: Pharaoh N. Nuruddin

**I** thought this book was very funny, and the pictures were pleasant. I would recommend it to someone who really likes mysteries like me. My favorite was “The BIG DEAL Mystery of the Stinky Cookies.” Inspector Flytrap and Nina the Goat are very hilarious to see on the case.

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