Review of Inspector Flytrap in
The President’s Mane is Missing
By Tom Angleberger and Cece Bell

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Inspector Flytrap – The President’s Mane is Missing, is the second book of this delightful series, written by New York Times bestselling author Tom Angleberger. In this book, Inspector Flytrap and his assistant, Nina the Goat, continue their adventures—and misadventures—in what we learn is Washington, D.C. President Horse G. Horse is eager for the inspector to solve a “thrilling mystery”—the unexplained disappearance of a very important piece of a statue. Many of the characters from the first book return, including a penguin, a rose, and a mysterious sloth. Zipping through the nation’s capital on his trusty skateboard, Inspector Flytrap furthers his quest to be the Greatest Detective in the World. This four-part, twenty-three-chapter book is boldly-illustrated in a graphic novel style by Cece Bell, also a New York Times bestselling author.

This book is a great choice for English-language and literacy education of early-grade readers (grades 1-4), especially those students who are learning to read from chapter books. Also, it is perfect for classrooms of students who are interested in mysteries, animal books, adventure books, humorous tales, comic books, and other genres. It is also a good choice for students with differing abilities. Students with visual impairments, for example, might appreciate the large print. Educators will benefit from this book because of the many lessons that can be created from it.

Because this book is the second in a series, educators should consider reading the first book before continuing, as many characters reappear, and their relationships to the main characters are not always explained. Educators should also 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 colorful texts.

**Student Review: Pharaoh N. Nuruddin**

I like Inspector Flytrap because he is funny and always riding his skateboard. The thing I like least about the book is President Horse. He is too snappy! I would recommend this book because kids might like to see a plant in action!