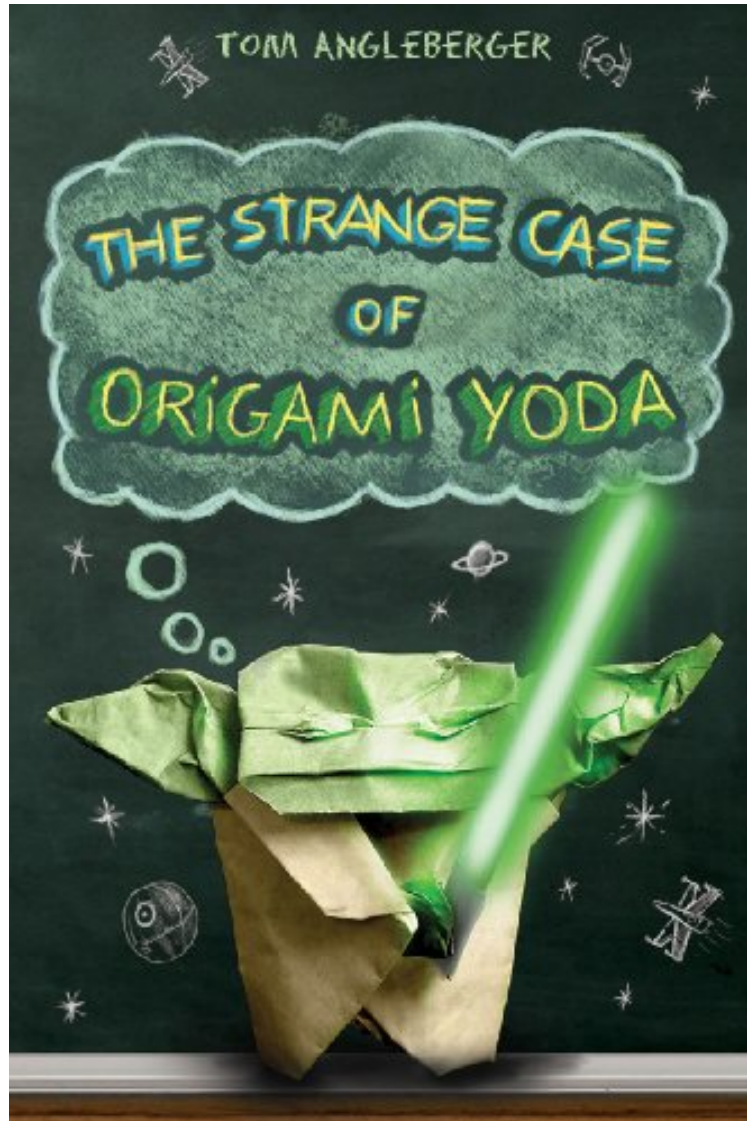


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Tom Angleberger : The Strange Case of Origami Yoda (Origami Yoda #1) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Strange Case of Origami Yoda (Origami Yoda #1):

11 of 11 people found the following review helpful. ... grade son is an advanced reader but honestly doesn't like to read chapter books very often By Mom of boys My 2nd grade son is an advanced reader but honestly doesn't like to read chapter books very often. This totally had his attention and he begged for the next one in the series! Over all it was just a fun story but there are some concepts like teasing classmates or even having first crushes and kissing. Not

bad concepts at all but for my 2nd grader this was new territory, so just be aware as parents. Most kids that read this will probably be in 4-6th grade so these ideas are more common, but if you are like me with an advanced reader it is good to know they are discussed. 10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Fun for all ages, even for people who know nothing about Star Wars. By R. Miller This book follows Dwight, a weird kid that gives advice to others through his origami Yoda finger puppet. Tommy and his friends want to find out if the finger puppet actually has special powers or not. The novel then pans out like a series of short stories where we see Yoda giving advice to different characters. Tommy and his friend Harvey then evaluate what to make of each story: does it prove that finger puppet Yoda has special powers or not? Along the way, there are amusing doodles off to the side of the page, which can be funny and help the reader picture how different characters look. The book's more than funny, though. It shows readers how some people might try acting weird to get attention, and it shows how "weird people" can be very smart in some ways. So there is a message amongst the humor. By the way, I know very little about Star Wars, but I still found this book funny. And I'm an adult, but I still found this book funny! So even if you're not in the book's target audience, this is a fun, quick read. If you're a parent determining whether or not this book is appropriate for your child, continue reading, but be prepared for spoilers. ***** SPOILERS ***** Okay, there is no cussing in the book, which is good. The insults never go anywhere beyond "dipwad" or similar childish names. No controversial issues (such as race or religion) enter the mix. In fact, there's just one part of the book that bothers me. Origami Yoda tells a character to attack a boy who made fun of a girl. This character follows Yoda's advice and ends up getting suspended for fighting at school. However, the girl is so impressed that the character stood up for her that she decides to go out with him. I'm not sure that's a good message to be sending kids. That's all I really wanted to caution you on. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. HIGHLY HIGHLY Recommend "Good Books for Kids Top Choice" By Pam I love this series. They just contain some of the best writing for kids and adults out there. The stories are humorous and touching, and magical. Something rare that I can't find any flaws in, and which I don't want to because I love them. I have shared this series with my son. (My daughter prefers to closet herself away and enjoy them by herself.) We read them together and laugh. And we discuss what's going on and how we feel about how the different characters choose to act. In this book, we're introduced to Tommy and Dwight and the rest of the gang. And the best way to describe the essence of the book, without giving any spoilers, is to say that Dwight doesn't talk much unless he's got origami Yoda on his finger. And when he does that, he isn't really talking as Dwight so much, as the venerable Jedi. Or so it seems. Yoda's cryptic wisdom makes this story sheer magic. My boy and I HIGHLY recommend the series. It's one of my favorites. Pam T~mom/fur-mom

In this funny, uncannily wise portrait of the dynamics of a sixth-grade class and of the greatness that sometimes comes in unlikely packages, Dwight, a loser, talks to his classmates via an origami finger puppet of Yoda. If that weren't strange enough, the puppet is uncannily wise and prescient. Origami Yoda predicts the date of a pop quiz, guesses who stole the classroom Shakespeare bust, and saves a classmate from popularity-crushing embarrassment with some well-timed advice. Dwight's classmate Tommy wonders how Yoda can be so smart when Dwight himself is so clueless. With contributions from his puzzled classmates, Tommy assembles this first case file in the blockbuster bestselling Origami Yoda series, written by Tom Angleberger, author of *Star Wars: Return of the Jedi: Beware the Power of the Dark Side*, and hailed by *School Library Journal* as honest, funny, and immensely entertaining.

From *School Library Journal* Grade 3-6 For Tommy, the only question is whether or not Origami Yoda is real. Of course he's real as a small puppet on Dwight's finger. But does the oracle possess magic power? In order to find out, he decides to compile scientific evidence from the experiences of those who asked Origami Yoda for help. His friend Harvey is invited to comment on each story because he thinks Yoda is nothing but a "green paper wad." Tommy also comments because he's supposedly trying to solve the puzzle. In actuality, the story is about boys and girls in sixth grade trying to figure out how being social works. In fact, Tommy says, "it's about this really cool girl, Sara, and whether or not I should risk making a fool of myself for her." The situations that Yoda has a hand in are pretty authentic, and the setting is broad enough to be any school. The plot is age-old but with the twist of being presented on crumpled pages with cartoon sketches, supposed hand printing, and varying typefaces. Kids should love it. Sheila Fiscus, Our Lady of Peace School, Erie, PA (c) Copyright 2010. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted. From *Booklist* Tommy and his friends think that Dwight is a weirdo whos always talking about robots or spiders or something. In true Dwight fashion, he shows up at school one day brandishing a little origami Yoda finger puppet. The really weird thing is that it doles out very un-Dwight-like bits of wisdom, and the mystery is whether the Yoda is just Dwight talking in a funny voice or if it actually has mystical powers. The book is structured as a collection of stories gathered by Tommy and told by kids who either believe or dont. See, Tommy has a more vested interest than just idle curiosity he is dying to know if he can trust Yoda's advice about asking the cute girl to dance with him at the PTA Fun Night. Origami Yoda a sort of talking cootie catcher is the kind of thing that can dominate all those free moments in school for a few weeks. Angleberger's rendering of such a middle-grade cultural obsession is not only spot-on but also reveals a few resonant surprises hidden in the folds.

Naturally, Yoda-making instructions are included. Grades 4-6. --Ian Chipman
About the Author
Applying for a job as a newspaper artist, Tom Angleberger was mistakenly assigned to cover local government meetings. Fifteen years and countless town council meetings later, he is still writing instead of drawing, currently as a columnist for the Roanoke Times in Roanoke, Virginia. He began work on his first book while in middle school. Tom is married to author-illustrator Cece Bell. They live in Christianburg, Virginia.