



BOOK RESUME: FAT KID RULES THE WORLD

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Troy Billings is seventeen, 296 pounds, friendless, utterly miserable, and about to step off a New York subway platform in front of an oncoming train. Until he meets Curt MacCrae, an emaciated, semi-homeless, high school dropout guitar genius, the stuff of which Lower East Side punk rock legends are made. Never mind that Troy's dad thinks Curt's a drug addict and Troy's brother thinks Troy's the biggest (literally) loser in Manhattan. Soon, Curt's recruited Troy as his new drummer—even though Troy can't play the drums. Together, Curt and Troy will change the world of punk, and Troy's own life, forever.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

★ "Troy's voice is candid, irreverent, realistic and humorous. [A] wonderful, engrossing tale." —*School Library Journal*, starred review

★ "An impressive debut that offers hope for all kids--dross transmuted into gold." —*Booklist*, starred review

★ "The language is raw, but the relationships are tender, and readers who followed the sadder fortunes of Koertge's *Stoner and Spaz* will grasp thankfully at the possibility of double salvation." —*Bulletin for the Center of Children's Books*, starred review

"The strong language and themes make this a raw, yet immensely likable tale for older teens." —*Kirkus Reviews*

"[A] savvy and fast-paced debut." —*Publishers Weekly*

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- A Michael L Printz Honor Book
- A YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults
- A *Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books* Blue Ribbon selection
- A *School Library Journal* Best Book of the Year selection
- A *Booklist* Editors' Choice selection
- A *Miami Herald* Best Book of the Year Readers Choice Award

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