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TIMMY FAILURE: Sanitized for your Protection **Written and illustrated by Stephan Pastis**

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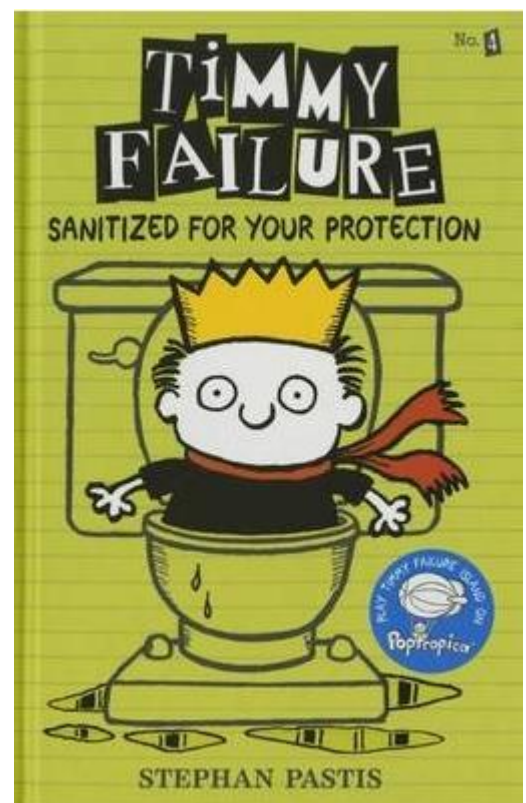
For fans of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* and similar books, the New York Times bestselling *Timmy Failure* series will prove a fun read. Timmy is a detective who gets himself (and others) into, then out of, a series of scrapes with great aplomb. His command of the ever-changing situation and his management of his two 'assistants' is laugh-out loud stuff.

In the fourth book in the series, *Timmy Failure* tries to control his bonbon-eating polar bear, Total, while at the same time avoiding dancing with Molly Moskins as they search Chicago for the thief who stole the YipYap club's funds.

Author Stephan Pastis' word choice is superb, not toned down in any way to the reader. *Now if you're jealous of the publicity I shall garner or the fame I shall accrue, say it now. Because I won't apologize for it.*

When Molly Moskins is attempting to avoid capture by running up and down the aisles of a giant bookstore:
Pulling down shelves of used books to block her path.
Through ANTHROPOLOGY and ZOOLOGY.
And BIOLOGY and PHYSIOLOGY.
And ASTROLOGY and TECHNOLOGY.
All without apology.
Until she fell audibly.
In the row marked CRIMINOLOGY.

Dialogue is fun throughout and the illustrations quirky to match. Chapters are really short, with the chapter headings mostly based on the titles of popular songs or books. The parent who reads the book aloud to a reluctant reader will love these, even if the relevance is not always obvious to the young listener.



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