

**Where did the idea for Timmy Failure originate?**

I wanted to create a character with a big blind spot. And Timmy's is enormous. He is not good at anything he does, and yet he thinks he's the centre of the universe. I like working with characters like that. I think I made him a detective because in kids' books, the boy detective is always so smart and clever. I wanted to turn that on its head.

**Who is your favourite supporting character in the book?**

Corrina Corrina. I like the fact that she's the protagonist's enemy but that she doesn't even know that the protagonist is alive. Timmy's just not a part of her everyday life. On the other hand, he is completely consumed with her.

**What's next for Timmy and Total?**

Timmy will continue to try to conquer the universe. And he will fall short. And he will blame it all on his polar bear.

"Timmy is a detective who can take any mystery and make it more mysterious."