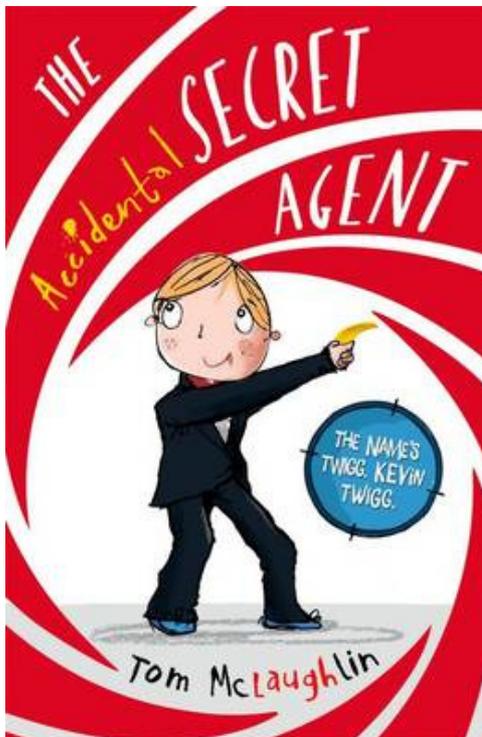


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LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of **The Accidental Secret Agent** by Tom McLaughlin



Below are the complete reviews, written by the LoveReading4kids members.



Daniel Bisland, age 8

This book is about a boy called Kevin Twigg and a man called Jake who looks like his identical twin. One day, Kevin and his two friends Pete and Stu went to Kevin's house for tea. In Kevin's room, he announced he would zip wire from the rooftops and somersault and land perfectly on his feet. All of this to get a Miphone25!

But... it didn't go to plan! He zip wired well but fell over and crashed into the fountain with his bum on show! I'm not going to tell you any more about this bit but it's very funny! This is when the man comes up to him (the identical one) and asks him to swap lives with him because he wants to have a break from his job.

This is when he becomes Agent 006 1/2 "The name's Twigg, Kevin Twigg. I've got a licence to get up all in your face".

I give it 10/10. I recommend it to 8+ wannabe spies, so that they learn how to be proper spies!

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Sathana Selvamaran, age 10 – Baring Primary School

I think this is a funny book – a bit funnier than the 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid'. It is about a boy called Kevin who accidentally gets changed into

a Secret Agent by swapping places with a man called Jake who looks like him. It also reminds me of a book I read called 'Kid Swap'. I recommend it to anyone who likes humorous books.

I would now like to read the other book by this author – 'The Accidental Prime Minister'.

Aarav Mehta, age 7

The book was so funny that you are going to fall off your chair in laughter. *The author missed a few alphabets in spellings on purpose to make you laugh. The author was making it funny but he didn't have many sensible jokes. If I were the author I would make it even funnier.*

The story is about Twigg, Kevin Twigg. He starts as a normal school boy but ends up being a great secret agent. I think it had good language. There were a lot of unexpected happenings, which increased the mystery to the reader.

George Daniels, age 7

This guy really hit the trigger! This book is full of humour and adventure. A good read for fans of really silly stuff.

Kevin Twigg loves James Bond, so when an actual secret agent called Jake Pond wants to swap lives, Kevin somersaults at the chance.

In search of the Dr Brainov, who is the sidekick of Mr Snelly, Kevin has lots of hopeless accidents and adventures.

This book is sure to have you guffawing yer pants off.

Lewis Briggs, age 9

Fantastic and wonderful, humorous and hilarious! The Accidental Secret Agent is brilliant and awesome! I would definitely recommend this book to someone else. I will read it again and again and I will never get bored. I'll be begging my mum for the next book in the series. I love this author.

Hannah Minton, age 10

A realistic character with a not so realistic job creates a 'can't put it

down' book.

'The Accidental Secret Agent' is a humorous and funny adventure book. An idiot called Kevin somehow swaps into a secret agent. Will he succeed and save the world? Will Kevin ruin every plan to save us? His friends and family are put to the test as Kevin leads a new life.

I really like this book because it allows you to imagine you are in Kevin's place. I think some of the things Kevin does, a spy would never do but you can really imagine being there and doing everything. My favourite part is the end - things don't always go to plan. I also like the way you think you can guess what will happen next but you often get it wrong. A great funny book.

Ava Sorrell, age 9

An imaginative thirteen year old, called Ned, wishes he could be a secret agent. So, when a real secret agent that looks exactly like him comes along and asks him to take over his job for a few weeks it leads to lots of brilliant adventures....'The Accidental Secret Agent' is an amazing book that will make every child beg to read more of Tom McLaughlin!

Sam Harper, age 11

A hysterical secret agent adventure that is still making me laugh now. You'll want to read it again and again. Hilarious!

Kevin Twigg is a thirteen year old boy who dreams of being the super-cool secret agent Ninja Pizza Boy and having the latest MiPhone from MApple. However Kevin never has enough money to buy the latest tech, so he is always holding 'stunt shows' to raise cash. They never ever end well. In his most recent attempt, he ended up falling face first into a fountain with his tiger print underwear on show and raised a grand total of 32p and something he hoped was a chocolate fudge finger. Despite this disaster, he is given the chance to be a secret agent. His spy look alike, Jake Pond (006 and a half), proposes that they swap places for a while. Jake gets to 'be' Kevin, do his homework, go to school and play video games. Meanwhile, Kevin lives in Jake's apartment (number 006 and a half of course!), watches Jake's giant TV and plays with/uses his awesome gizmos. Against Jake's advice Kevin takes on a mission, although he really didn't have a choice – the people from MI7 threatened to kill him with a spoon if he didn't. So now Kevin has to stop an evil villain and save the internet. But he's not alone, he has help from his big sister, Elle, his robotic suit, WALLI,

and T's amazing gadgets. Will Kevin be able to foil the mysterious villain's plans? Will his swap with Jake be discovered and how can Alesha help?

'The Accidental Secret Agent' was a hysterical adventure that had me ROFLing from the 1st to the 201st page. One of the things that made this book so funny was the amount of James Bond references and the clever wordplay. The conversations with T and P were hilarious and the burrito/karate moment is still making me laugh now. You'll want to read this again and again.

Ellen Cox, age 9

Loved it - laugh out loud funny!

I loved this book. It really made me laugh but was also worry and nerve wracking in places!

I would definitely recommend it!!

Ross O'Gorman, age 9

'The Accidental Secret Agent' by Tom McLaughlin is a hilarious story about a thirteen year old schoolboy called Kevin Twigg who finally gets to fulfil his dream of being a spy.

The central character in the story, Kevin, constantly day-dreams of working as a secret agent. Everyone, including his sister, thinks he is a nerd and that he is a bit weird.

One day after one of his stunt shows, he meets a man called Jake Pond who looks just like him, even though he is in his mid-forties. Jake is fed up with his life as an international spy. He is impressed with Kevin's stunt, even though he did not really see all of it and sees the perfect opportunity to swap lives with Kevin for a few weeks. Kevin jumps at the chance and promises not to take on any new missions while Jake enjoys being a schoolboy. However, Jake's boss thinks Kevin is Jake. He insists on him completing one final mission and so Kevin really becomes an accidental secret agent and has to save the world from an evil villain and a criminal mastermind. Can Kevin change from supernerd to superspy?

There are lots of laughs as Kevin sets out to complete his mission with some help from his sister and he gets to try out some cool spy gadgets. He finds himself in some tricky situations and there is a great message in this book to keep trying, no matter what people say or think of you. I really loved this book and would

highly recommend it to anyone who likes a story full of fun and laughs. I thought it was even funnier than 'The Accidental Prime Minister'.

Caitlin Hill, age 9

Really funny! Wanted to read it in one go (but couldn't because it was bedtime).

This book is exciting from the start and very funny, hilarious even. Kevin accidentally becomes a secret agent by swapping with Jake. Jake has to pretend to be Kevin, Kevin's family loves cheese but Jake is allergic to cheese. Kevin has sworn not to do any secret agent work, but ends up accepting a job! Then there is Elle, Kevin's sister.... Will they work together to solve this?

Step into the exciting story of Kevin Twigg and Pond, James Pond.

Annie Sherratt, age 11

This book is hilarious and I couldn't put it down.

This book is hilarious and I couldn't put it down. The author has already written an 'accidental' book before and this is his second, I'd happily read another 'accidental' book if Tom McLaughlin writes one. There are lots of twists and amazingly funny parts. I recommend that you read it even if you don't like the look of the cover - you know what they say - DON'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER!

Tariq Mustfa, age 10

This book is funny but it also has an important message. It reminds us that you achieve more when you work together.

I really enjoyed the way the two main characters swapped lives and the amusing consequences. I would recommend this book to both boys and girls.

Alex Hall, age 10

This was a funny book - I laughed out loud. I felt I was part of the world of secret agents - I will keep an eye out for anyone looking over my shoulder from now on!

I really enjoyed this book because it is my kind of a story...I really enjoy books about adventure and action. The story is about a boy called Kevin who signs up to swap a life with a person called Jake Pond who looks exactly like Kevin, just 40 years older! When Kevin swaps his job it is as a top secret agent in which he has all the latest must-have gadgets to help solve mysteries and crimes. In this story, Kevin stops an evil mastermind called Mr Snelly from destroying the internet by placing a virus that would spread to every computer in the world and destroy the internet. This was a really funny book, for example Jake Pond instead of James Bond. It made me laugh out loud! I loved it.

Emily Yates, age 9

‘The Accidental Secret Agent’ is an exciting, embarrassing, funny, easy read. I would recommend this to readers 8yrs plus, especially boys.

‘The Accidental Secret Agent’ is a humorous and enjoyable read. This story is a fast moving adventure about a comical, cheese loving, school boy called Kevin Twigg. Kevin is nuts but very likeable.

When Kevin meets a spy, his life changes considerably! This story made me laugh out loud, but I couldn't explain it to my Mum!