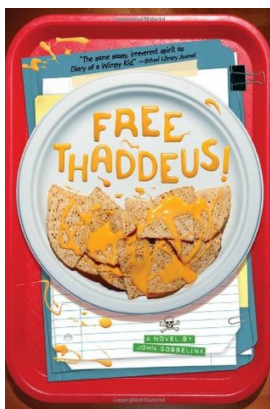


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Free Thaddeus

by John Gosselink



Read Aloud Video

Here is a little background information about our First Chapter Friday title and its creator. Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.

What's It About?

Designed like a case file, chock-full of notes, journal entries, letters, e-mails, illustrations, and more, *The Defense of Thaddeus A. Ledbetter* is a hilarious middle-grade novel that argues why Thaddeus should be released from his in-school suspension and explains the unbelievable circumstances that led to his punishment. Like *Adrian Mole* and *the Great Brain*, Thaddeus is a too-smart-for-his-own-good hero. Soon readers will be chanting, 'Free Thaddeus!'

"This original and entertaining book, with its smarty-pants narrator and case-file format, will draw comparisons to the *Wimpy Kid* series." —Booklist

"It has the same sassy, irreverent spirit as Jeff Kinney's *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series but will appeal to a slightly older crowd. The format makes it an enjoyable choice for everyone, including reluctant readers." —School Library Journal

Who Wrote It?

John Gosselink was born in San Francisco, California. His dad was a Vietnam War Veteran and his mom was a teacher. He is now also a teacher and figures if he teaches his students to write badly, then there will be less competition for him as an author. In addition to teacher, he writes a weekly humor column for his local newspaper and has been doing so for more than a decade.

Free Thaddeus is currently his first and only book.



(insert sad face!)
He lives with his wife (a librarian) and their three kids just outside of Austin, Texas.

AR Reading Level: unavailable

Lexile Level: 790L

I want to read this book: YES / NO

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