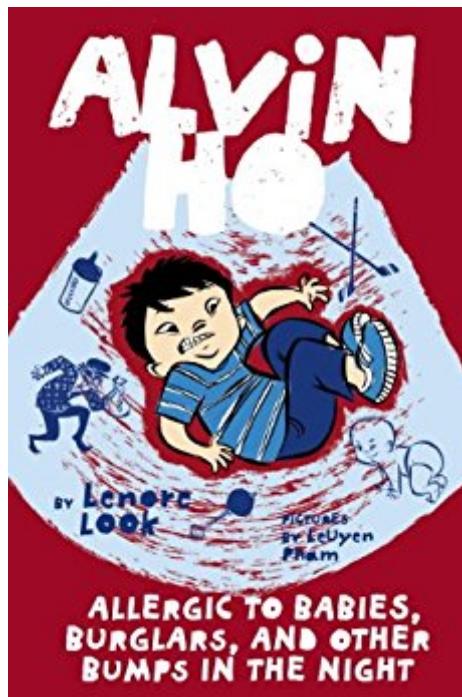


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# Alvin Ho: Allergic To Babies, Burglars, And Other Bumps In The Night



## Synopsis

Here is the fifth book in the beloved and hilarious Alvin Ho chapter book series, which has been compared to *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* and is perfect for beginning and reluctant readers. Alvin, an Asian American second grader who's afraid of everything, has started to notice his mother getting bigger . . . and bigger. Alvin's sure it's all the mochi cakes she's been eating, but it turns out she's pregnant! There are lots of scary things about babies, as everybody knows. There's learning CPR for the newborn and changing diapers (no way). But the scariest thing of all is the fact that the baby could be a GIRL. As a result of the stress, Alvin puts on a few pounds andâ "in one hilarious misunderstandingâ "worries that he might actually be pregnant, too! From Lenore Look and New York Times bestselling illustrator LeUyen Pham comes a drop-dead-funny and touching series with a truly unforgettable character.â œShares with *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* the humor that stems from trying to manipulate the world.â • â "Newsday â œAlvinâ ™s a winner.â • â "New York PostFrom the Hardcover edition.

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## Customer Reviews

A well-written, funny book about the trials and tribulations of a quirky Chinese-American second grader. In this 5th book in the highly entertaining Alvin Ho series, Alvin's mother is expecting a baby, and Alvin experiences symptoms of a sympathetic pregnancy. We enjoyed the references woven throughout the book to aspects of Chinese culture (language, food, etc.) and liked that the book presented the culture of being Chinese-American without beating you over the head with it in a preachy way. The illustrations are also beautifully done. Please note that there is a glossary in the back for historical and cultural references. The glossary is very useful (and also hilarious) so you should consult it throughout your reading of the book. We have read all of the Alvin Ho books available to date (6 books so far) and this one is my kid's favourite. We hope the author Ms. Look comes out with a new Alvin Ho book very soon!

I bought this book to donate to a school library. The Alvin Ho series is a big hit in this school and the books fly off the shelf. This book is no exception. Ms. Look has a way with words. Poor Alvin has a "pathetic" pregnancy while his mom is pregnant. Enjoyable book.

Getting a new sibling is a pretty common theme in children's literature. Undoubtedly because for many children it is a big deal. But I doubt many books with that theme are as funny as this one. Alvin is stunned when his mother informs him that she is pregnant and will be having a baby. Alvin freaks out big time (not unusual for him). And he is even more shocked when he is informed that he is 'sympathetically pregnant' or 'simply pathetic pregnant' as he puts it. And his friends really aren't much help telling him the dangers of naming the baby, getting fat, and crying babies. In addition, Alvin is pushed into donating his life savings and his PDK (Personal Disaster Kit) to help those suffering from the earthquake in Haiti. Can Alvin learn how to deal with the coming baby? What if, horror of horrors, it's a girl?! Alvin is a sweet boy who worries/stresses about pretty much everything on the planet, but who honestly wants to help others and do the right thing. And his family is always right there to back him up. His brother Calvin and his Rube Goldberg machines, Anibelly's kind words, and his mother's efforts to help him adjust to the coming baby all help give Alvin the support he needs to let go of some of his worries. The book is quite funny, Alvin is constantly misunderstanding what he is told by his teacher, his classmates and even his family. This book is a light fun read for early middle grade readers who may find themselves worrying about the world around them and the changes found there. Recommended.

The Alvin Ho books are some of the best children's books I read to my children. We all love Alvin,

he comes from a loving family with good values, he's funny and his adventures are unique.

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