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### The Toilet of Doom

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Lawrence, Michael. *The Toilet of Doom*. Dutton Children's Books, 2002. ISBN 0525469834. \$15.99. 200 pp.

Reviewer: Emily Fry

Reading Level: Intermediate; Young adult;

Rating: Excellent

Genre: Humorous Stories;

Subject: Sex roles--Juvenile fiction; Computer games--Juvenile fiction; Identity--Juvenile fiction; Books--Reviews;

Life isn't bad for Jiggy McCue or his two best friends, Angie and Pete. Still, when he sees the words on the computer screen: "Feel that your life has gone down the toilet? Well, here's your chance to swap it for a better one! Invite someone in who's really got it made, hit 'F for Flush,'" he feels compelled to do it. As if dodging classes, maniacal teachers, and a crazed cat, weren't enough, Jiggy and Angie find that they have swapped bodies! This is a time for Angie to try out the uses of testosterone and for Jiggy to get in touch with his more feminine side! The adventures that these three have as they unsuccessfully try to switch back to normal are bungled at every turn and thwarted by evil electricians, making it seem that no one will ever get his or her rightful body back. The end has a twist that will leave the reader with more questions than answers and will provide a great starting point for another Jiggy McCue book!

The Toilet of Doom is a hilarious read that will have you chuckling! The title might seem a little juvenile, but it is well worth the effort to delve into the book and find out more about the mysterious Toilet of Doom and all that comes with it! This is a book that would be fun for summer reading, or even a book to read with your kids so that you can explain any of the British slang that's contained within it. This isn't the most literary book, but it sure is entertaining!