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Lenny and Mel: After-School Confidential

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Kraft, Erik P. *Lenny and Mel: After-School Confidential*. Illustrated by Erik P. Kraft. Simon & Schuster, 2004. ISBN 068985109X. \$14.95. 64 pp.

Reviewer: Laura Wadley

Reading Level: Intermediate

Rating: Excellent

Genre: Humorous stories;

Subject: Brothers-Juvenile fiction; Journalism--Juvenile fiction; Clubs--Juvenile fiction; Twins--Juvenile fiction; Book--Reviews;

Lenny and Mel are back and are not happy about the school year soon to begin. Their father suggests they join a club so school will be more enjoyable. When they go to the school newspaper room to get a list of clubs, they find their old nemesis, Ms. Handsaw, newspaper adviser. In order to get rid of them, she assigns them to report on the clubs in the school. That's when the fun begins. Lenny and Mel report on the Glee Club ("What does 'glee' mean?"), the Informal After-School Art Class (Where, if you miss the bus, you can carve soap into food shapes for when someone has to wash his or her mouth out with soap), and many others, too funny to mention.

This is the third in Kraft's *Lenny and Mel* series but is just as hilarious as the first. Lenny and Mel do seem to be funnier to adults than to kids, but why should kids have all the fun?