



2006

Weird Stuff

Angel Pearce

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarsarchive.byu.edu/cbmr>

BYU ScholarsArchive Citation

Pearce, Angel (2006) "Weird Stuff," *Children's Book and Media Review*: Vol. 27 : Iss. 4 , Article 9.
Available at: <https://scholarsarchive.byu.edu/cbmr/vol27/iss4/9>

This Book Review is brought to you for free and open access by the Journals at BYU ScholarsArchive. It has been accepted for inclusion in Children's Book and Media Review by an authorized editor of BYU ScholarsArchive. For more information, please contact scholarsarchive@byu.edu, ellen_amatangelo@byu.edu.

Tulloch, Richard. *Weird Stuff*. Illustrated by Shane Nagel. Walker & Co., 2006. ISBN 080278058X \$16.95. 195p.

Reviewer: Angel Pearce

Reading Level: Intermediate

Rating: Excellent

Genre: Fantasy fiction; Humorous stories;

Subject: Writing--Juvenile fiction; Books--Reviews;

What do a pink easyflow pen, soccer, and true love have in common? They are all elements in this surprising story. Imagine just trying to be the "Ice Man" of the school and scoring the winning game in soccer but finding out your current crush did not see your goal or even seem to care. Add a little mystery by borrowing the school nerd's pen to take a test and end up writing the type of essay that gets you noticed not only by the teachers but also your peers.

Weird Stuff is an uncommon book: it tells the problems of growing up from a boy's point of view, yet it manages to keep it funny at the same time. The illustrations in this book are part of the magic. This makes a great teacher read-aloud when providing examples of creative writing, and it is also a good one to recommend to reluctant readers who have moved beyond *Captain Underpants* and *Goosebumps*.