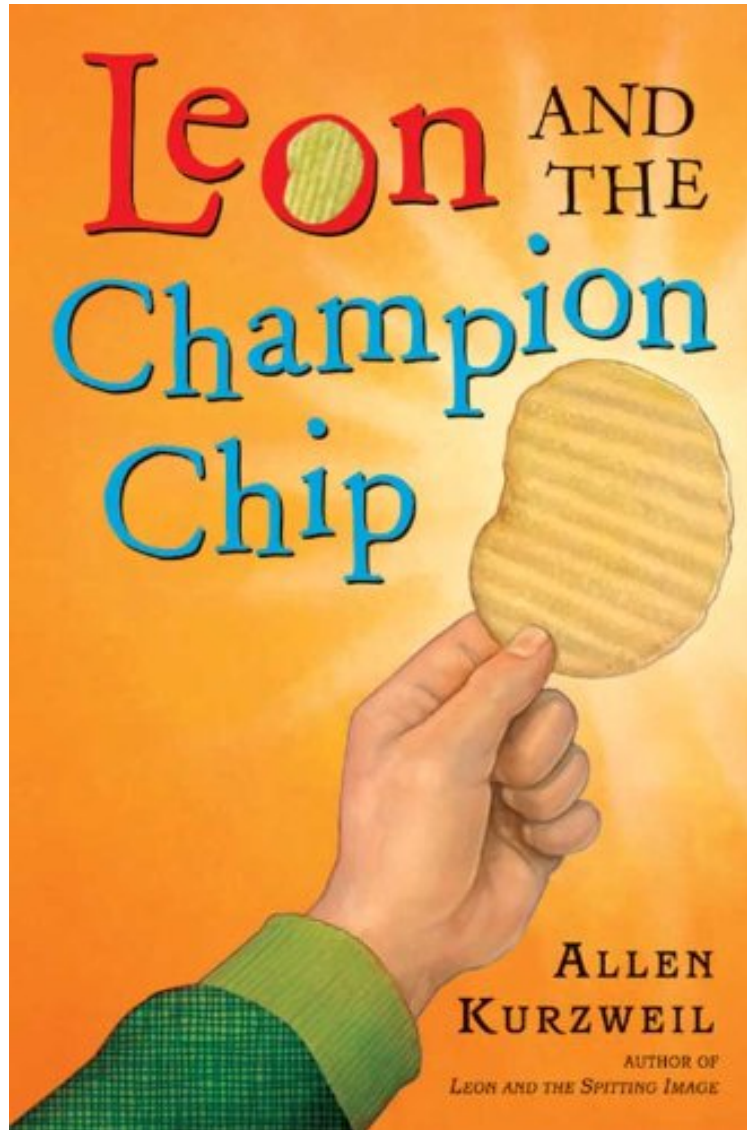


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Leon's back. Having survived the sweatshop methods of Miss Hagemeyer, his needle-wielding fourth grade teacher at the Classical School, Leon braces himself for fifth grade. He arrives armed with a backpack full of pens and pencils, binders and notebooks . . . plus a rag doll that's the spitting image of Henry Lumpkin, the bully who has Leon in his sights. If the doll works the way it's supposed to, Leon (and his buddies P.W. and Lily-Matisse) won't have to worry about Lumpkin the Pumpkin! Better still, Leon has a fabulous new teacher, Mr. Sparks, who conducts science experiments using that most miraculous of research materials -- the potato chip. And a good thing, too. Mr. Sparks's lab work will come in handy when Leon is forced to take on Alphonse "The Chippopotamus" Cipollini at the annual Chipapalooza! Chip-Off. Once you've sunk your teeth into Leon and the Champion Chip, the hilarious sequel to Leon and the Spitting Image, you'll never eat potato chips the same way again!

From School Library Journal Grade 4-6--This sequel to *Leon and the Spitting Image* (HarperCollins, 2003) offers the same laughs and preponderance of plot points involving saliva. Here, Leon Zeisel, potato-chip collector extraordinaire, works hard to create a voodoo doll powered by spit that will give school bully Lumpkin a turbowedgie. In the meantime, an invigorating and unorthodox new science teacher gets his class involved in a semester of studying Leon's beloved snack, and the fifth grader enters the Chipapalooza, a potato-chip trivia and taste-test competition. Leon's friends Lily-Matisse and P.W. continue to be his abettors, and he still lives in his mother's hotel with an extended family of employees and often-bizarre animals traipsing through the hallways. Playful drawings throughout, including presidential portrait chips on the endpapers, add greatly to the fun. Kids will enjoy this rollicking comedy.--B. Allison Gray, John Jermain Library, Sag Harbor, NY Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

From Booklist Grade 3-6. In this sequel to *Leon and the Spitting Image* (2003), fifth-grader Leon Zeisel plans to take revenge upon his nemesis, bully Henry Lumpkin, by using an animated soft-sculpture doll. Despite earlier success with a figure of his fourth-grade teacher, Leon's "Lumpy" action figure doesn't work, and as Leon tries to correct the doll's problems, he becomes sidetracked by a science curriculum revolving around potato chips and a plan to save science teacher Franklin Sparks from termination. When success finally comes, revenge is sweet. Although technically a fantasy (Lumpy becomes animated in part by an application of spit), the story contains a great deal of accurate science. Quirky but likable characters, a focus on fifth-grade preoccupations (including wedgies), and some very bad puns will further endear this story to its intended audience. Kay Weisman Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved.

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