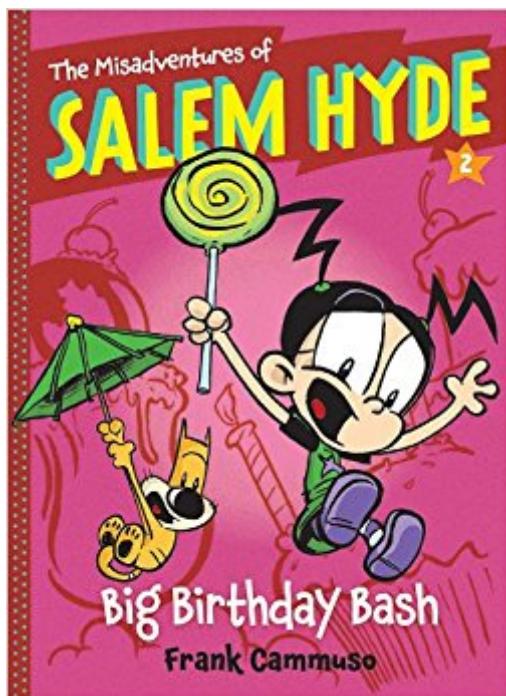


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# The Misadventures Of Salem Hyde: Book Two: Big Birthday Bash



## Synopsis

Young witch Salem Hyde is stubborn, impulsive, and loves flying. Her cat companion, Whammy, is nervous, careful, and loves staying on the ground. Somehow, though, they're best friends. In this second book in the series, Salem is invited to a birthday party, and she wants to make sure everything goes perfectly. But from the invitations to the presents, party games, and spells gone awry, nothing happens exactly the way it should, and she'll need Whammy's help to sort it all out. Praise for *The Misadventures of Salem Hyde: Book Two* "Cammuso's lively art conveys wonderful expressions with just a few strokes, and young readers will enjoy the humor of Salem's predicaments. Salem manages to give Edgar a memorable birthday party, and readers a very fun book." --Booklist "With lots of laughs and lots of heart, this sophomore offering doesn't disappoint." --Kirkus Reviews "Salem Hyde is a whimsical character. The bright two-color pink and black illustrations convey the spunky heroine's energy. Dark shadows lend volume and height where needed. Frames, wide and magnified in varying degrees, are filled with action and high jinks." --School Library Journal

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 2-4 •A follow-up to Cammuso's first Salem Hyde misadventure, this title will

further amuse fans of the author's slapstick storytelling. Salem has magical powers and is able to transform herself into different sizes. As the book opens, her cat Whammy relaxes outside in a reclining chair and hears Salem's cry for help. The young witch's magic has turned her into a giant. She is forced to hide behind a water tower, and her dad passes her on his way home. Salem leaves a huge shoe in the road to get home safely before him. In another vignette, at a birthday party, Salem's gift to her friend is to make all the gifts enormous, but she discovers she has only succeeded in making all the partygoers small. Large squawking birds arrive, set to take off with children. Squirrels make the children fraught with fear. Afraid she has ruined the party, she apologizes to the birthday boy, and realizes her mistake is his favorite birthday gift. Salem Hyde is a whimsical character. The bright two-color pink and black illustrations convey the spunky heroine's energy. Dark shadows lend volume and height where needed. Frames, wide and magnified in varying degrees, are filled with action and high jinks. For fans of Cammuso's previous work, including *Otto's Orange Day* (Toon, 2008). --Lisa Gieskes, Richland County Public Library, Columbia, SC --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

In this second volume, after *Spelling Trouble* (2013), young witch-in-training Salem competes with her rival, Shelly, to see who can get the best present for Edgar's birthday party. This means an eventful trip to the store with her nervous cat companion, Whammy; encountering teacher Mr. Fink, who has a second job at the store; racing shopping carts through the aisles; and losing the best birthday present ever to Shelly. The story includes Whammy's comical version of O. Henry's famous Christmas tale, "The Gift of the Magi" and Salem's hilarious problems with size spells. For instance, when she makes herself big enough to reach her kite in a tree, she can't reverse the spell and uses her gigantic shoe as a temporary road block to delay her father's return home so she won't get caught. Cammuso's lively art conveys wonderful expressions with just a few strokes, and young readers will enjoy the humor of Salem's predicaments. Salem manages to give Edgar a memorable birthday party, and readers a very fun book. Grades 3-5. --Kat Kan --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

My daughter's name is Salem so when she found a series with her name in it at the library she was hooked! She asked for the whole series for Christmas so that is why I bought them. They are written kind of like a comic book, not the traditional chapter or story book. so just FYI. I haven't not read the stories myself but she is 6 and does just fine with them.

Bought this as an end of year gift for one of my students who got into this series this school year. Also bought a copy for me to keep in my class library and read. Awesome series of course. Book 1 was on the Texas Bluebonnet list this year.

My 9 year old daughter struggles with reading so whenever she can she avoids reading. This was the first book that she actually got excited about reading and asked for more like this book. She comprehended the story and when I asked her to tell me about the story she could. I am so happy to have found the Salem Hyde books. Because of this I was able to find her other similar graphic novels that she has enjoyed reading.

These books are so well drawn and really funny. It's mainly Frank Cammuso's art that sold me but I am saving them for my future grandkids.

Fledgling witch Salem Hyde is back, along with her talking cat, Whammy (short for Percival J. Whamsford III). Whammy is still trying to hold onto his remaining five lives as he helps Salem navigate her new magic powers. In Big Birthday Bash, Salem has a friend's birthday party to attend, but the local Mean Girl is trying to one-up her gift. Will Salem use magic to come out on top? You know she will. The question is, what is going to happen next? This is my first Salem Hyde book, and I enjoyed it so much that I'm going to go back and get the first one. The art is adorable; it's cartoony, expressive, and fun. Salem is a kid who happens to be able to use magic; she's having fun with it. She makes herself big, she shrinks other people down, she just wants to have a good time. Poor Whammy is great as her put-upon companion who ends up getting into his own trouble (wait until you get to the Slurpees) as he accompanies Salem on her travels. It's a great story for younger readers, and the graphic novel format teaches sequence and pacing.

This is a cute little series particularly aimed at girls. Full of hijinx and escapades with no lessons learnt, Salem and her teacher, Whammy the cat, annoy each other but are becoming good friends. I particularly like the art which in this book is b/w drawings with shades of pink. The cover is pink and book one had a green cover with the illustrations inside shades of green. Cute and funny.

'The Misadventures of Salem Hyde: Big Birthday Bash' is the second book in a series. Salem Hyde is a young witch with questionable control over her magic, as well as other impulses. Her cat, Whammy, tries to keep her on the straight and narrow, but not very successfully. In this book, Salem seems to have a problem controlling big and small. She also has a problem with a birthday party. Her friend Edgar is having a party, and she wants to make it special for him. Especially if it means getting him a better present than her rival Shelly. Things get riotously out of hand and Salem ends up learning about some of the true gifts of friendship and what the best gifts are. It's cute and funny and I think kids will like it too. The cartoon style reminds me of things you might see on the Cartoon Network, which just means more eye appeal for the kids. Frank Cammuso's story and art are great and I'd like to read more about this troublemaking character. I received a review copy of this book from ABRAMS, Amulet Books and Netgalley in exchange for an honest review. Thank you for allowing me to review this fun and funny book.

My daughter loved this book. "It was fun. I'm always getting very excited because it was funny, and she used magic."

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