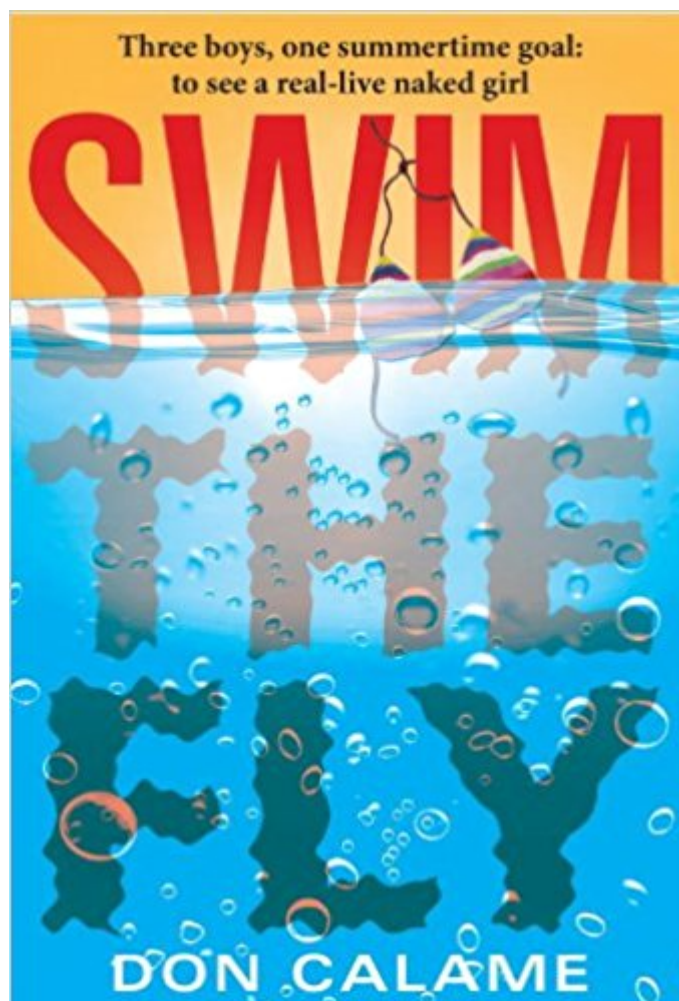


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Swim The Fly



Synopsis

Now in Paperback! Three adolescent boys with a single goal: see a real-live naked girl. The result? Razor-sharp, rapid-fire, and raunchy, of course. And beyond hilarious. Fifteen-year-old Matt Gratton and his two best friends, Coop and Sean, always set themselves a summertime goal. This year's? To see a real-live naked girl for the first time — quite a challenge, given that none of the guys has the nerve to even ask a girl out on a date. But catching a girl in the buff starts to look easy compared to Matt's other summertime aspiration: to swim the 100-yard butterfly (the hardest stroke known to God or man) as a way to impress Kelly West, the sizzling new star of the swim team. In the spirit of Hollywood's blockbuster comedies, screenwriter-turned-YA-novelist Don Calame unleashes a true ode to the adolescent male: characters who are side-splittingly funny, sometimes crude, yet always full of heart.

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Customer Reviews

Calame has a screenwriting background, and it shows — his hilarious debut resembles nothing so much as the crude-yet-insightful comedies of producer Judd Apatow. See if this rings a bell: three 15-year-old buddies make a pact to see a naked girl before the summer is over and in the process mire themselves in increasing trouble and constant humiliation. All three are on the summer swim team, and, in a desperate attempt to impress the superhot new girl, Matt agrees to swim the dreaded butterfly at championships, despite the fact that he can barely tread water. At the same time, he's dealing with his horny grandpa, a sadistic swim instructor, and his pals' wacky schemes to catch a glimpse of bare skin, which includes dressing up like girls and entering a

women's locker room. That would've worked if it weren't for the accidental dose of laxative . . . well, you get the idea. Although Calame underuses his moments of poignancy, teen readers will have a blast puzzling out the creative vulgarisms. "Pants hamster" is just the beginning. Grades 9-12. --Daniel Kraus --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Don Calame is a screenwriter whose film projects include EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH and HOUNDED. Of his many prior occupations, he says his most satisfying was teaching elementary school for four years in Los Angeles, where he received the LAUSD District Intern Golden Apple Award and a Los Angeles Education Partnership Grant. He lives in British Columbia.

I'm not a laugh-out-loud kind of reader. But I found myself, probably about a quarter of the way through, snickering, with my wife asking "what's so funny?" By the halfway point, I was beyond snickering and just plain laughing out loud. And the big bonus? It's got HEART. I love books with heart. You feel for these kids, you understand them, you cheer for them, and in their trials you see yourself a little, and what's important in life: compassion, family, real friends, and doing the right thing even when it hurts.

I'm reviewing this book based on reading the first page (and laughing) and the last chapter. I bought it for my 14 y.o. son. He has to read one book per quarter and write a report on it. In his eyes, reading and torture are the same thing. He greatly dislikes having to read. He did good reading the Harry Potter books as he listened to the audio at the same time but those books are "below his level" now and he needed a book that was "grade appropriate." I knew I had to find something that would keep him interested and something that would entertain him. I searched around for about an hour and came upon this book. I read the summary and the reviews and what hooked me was the hilarity of the book. We again went with the actual book and then downloaded the audio and he follows along with the audio (works great for kids with comprehension issues!!). WOW. I was amazed! We "make" him read for at least 30 minutes and when that time is up, he is DONE. His first night with "Swim the Fly" he read for an hour and a half!!! Without us "making" him!! And the laughing!! He laughed - a LOT and very hard at times! And then he did something he never did before, he came out and would tell me about what he just read! He also couldn't wait to get back to the book and would read HOURS at a time!! (the audio is 7 hours I believe) He finished this book in record time and laughed thru all of it!!! MHO - this is a fantastically funny book that teenage boys will

love and relate to. Kudos to Mr. Calame for writing a great young adult book that showed my child that reading really can be FUN!!! We've already ordered "Beat the Band" for next quarter!

I bought this for a group of students who weren't big readers and quite frankly reluctant to read anything. When they read the synopsis of this novel the whole group of them said, "Let's read it!" and they did! They would come into chat about the story and what they thought about the characters. This group of boys liked the novel so much they actually made a short iMovie trailer for it.

Swim the Fly is one of the best books I've read. I'm 15 years old now and had to read this book last year for summer reading. As you could imagine, I didn't really like picking up a book because it was summer! But when I was a couple pages into this book, I was hooked. It has everything us teenage boys want in a book. It has kids about our age so we could relate to it, girls that they sometimes have sexual scenes with, funny jokes and pranks and how these teenage boys get through summer. The book isn't too hard, so just about anyone can read it. It's a very good book for any teen boy and I really liked it, so I definitely recommend getting this book!

Good book good it was so funny and lit and corny and nude and crazy and hey and bae and nay

I got a really kick out of this story. The dialog seemed authentic tho it's been a long time since I was 16. It was VERY funny. I can see how it would lend itself to being a movie script.

Great book

I was looking for a book for my 14 yr old son. He's very smart but hates fiction because he says is normally sad or unrealistic. This book solved that. It really capture a teens boys experience in a fun way. I enjoyed reading it, and am pretty sure he will too.

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