

Bestselling Children's Author Makes Local Stop on World Tour

Spring 2016 tour announced for Andy Griffiths as he hits new heights of slapstick storytelling in The 52-Story Treehouse

The 52-Story Treehouse by Andy Griffiths; Illustrated by Terry Denton

New York Times bestselling author Andy Griffiths and illustrator Terry Denton have expanded by 13 stories yet again in the series *Publishers Weekly* described as "Anarchic absurdity at its best."

The wildly zany, fully illustrated Treehouse series hails from Australia where it has been a national #1 bestseller, with more than 1.5 million copies sold. Here in the U.S., the stories are often compared to books by Jeff Kinney (*Diary of a Wimpy Kid*) and Dav Pilkey (*The Adventures of Captain Underpants*). Their popularity keeps growing globally thanks to the slapstick humor that Andy and Terry continue to deliver.

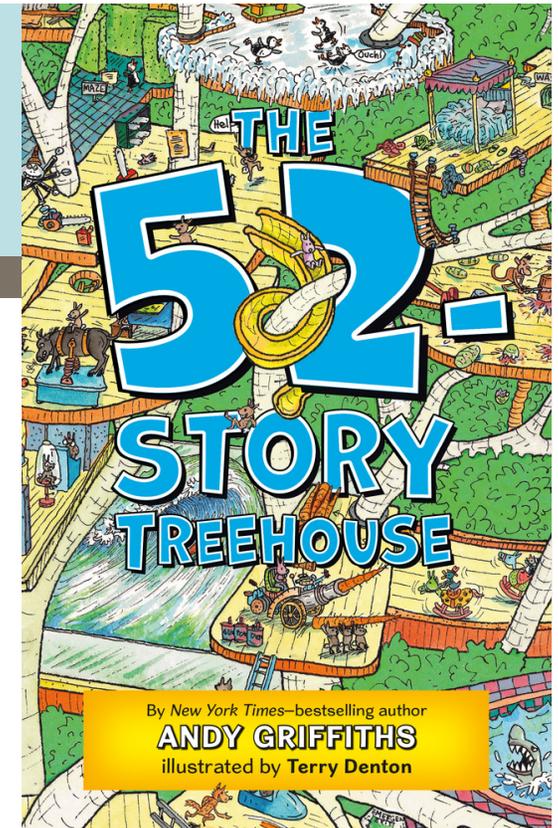
The 52-Story Treehouse (Feiwel & Friends), the fourth in the Treehouse series, releases in April with a five-week world tour that features a full line-up of author events for Andy in the U.S. in both bookstores and schools and a ticketed event with Jeff Kinney outside Chicago.

In the new book, best friends Andy and Terry are up to their usual hilarious antics (and distractions) while working to turn in their next novel. The formerly 39-story treehouse has a chainsaw-juggling level, a make-your-own-pizza parlor, a rocket-powered carrot-launcher, a life-size snakes and ladders game, a remembering booth, and a Ninja Snail Training Academy. It also has a high-tech detective agency, with all the latest high-tech detective technology, including the Disguise-o-Matic 5000, something that is sure to come in handy as they try to solve the mystery of "What happened to Mr. Big Nose?" After all, it's hard to turn in your next book when your publisher has vanished!

Parents and teachers appreciate the creators' covert attempt at teaching middle-grade (and often-reluctant) readers the art of storytelling. Each book follows the fictional friends trying to complete their next novel—Andy brings structure to the process of making a book, and Terry brings the creative chaos.

"Although it's obviously silly, it does capture a metaphoric truth about the real-life experience of creativity," says Andy. "It's so easy to get distracted by ideas and by each other... but later you realize that the distraction provides you with material to work with."

Kids can enter the series—which appeals to ages as young as five and up to 12, and even adults—at any point. Following the tour, Andy and Terry will begin renovations for the next Treehouse sequel, *The 65-Story Treehouse*.



BOOK DETAILS

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About the Author & Illustrator

New York Times–bestselling author Andy Griffiths (www.andygriffiths.com.au) who wrote the Treehouse series, *Killer Koalas From Outer Space*, *The Big Fat Cow that Goes Kapow*, *The Cat on the Mat Is Flat*, and *The Day My Butt Went Psycho!*, is at his best in these wild storytelling adventures, perfect for readers of all ages.

Terry Denton (www.terrydenton.com) has worked with Andy on many books, including the Treehouse series and *Killer Koalas From Outer Space*. He lives in Australia with his wife and three kids.

Spring 2016 Tour Schedule

- April 24, 4 PM | St. Louis, MO | St. Louis County Public Library
- April 27, 6 PM | Harbor Springs, MI | Hosted by Between the Covers at Petoskey High School
- April 30, 11 AM | Ann Arbor, MI | Nicola's Books
- May 2, 6 PM | Naperville, IL | Hosted by Anderson's Bookshop at Community Christian Church
"Jeff Kinney and Andy Griffiths LIVE!" Tickets at <http://jeffandandy.brownpapertickets.com/>.
- May 5, 7 PM | Tempe, AZ | Changing Hands Bookstore
- May 6, 6 PM | San Francisco, CA | Kepler's Books

Praise for the Treehouse books

"Twice the treehouse, twice the fun? You bet.... Denton's furiously scrawled line drawings milk the silly, gross-out gags for everything they're worth. Kids should be flipping pages faster than a pair of inflatable underpants can skyrocket the young heroes to safety." —*Publishers Weekly*, starred review on *The 26-Story Treehouse*

"This zany sequel, as much cartoon illustration as text, is an almost nonstop adventure." —*Booklist* on *The 26-Story Treehouse*

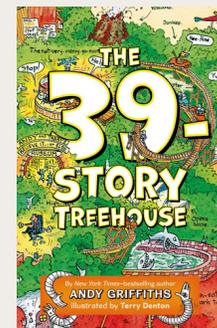
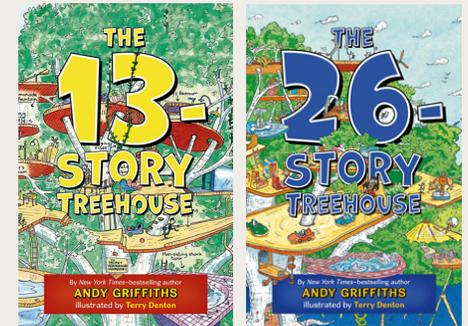
"The conversational, matter-of-fact narration is a delightful contrast to the off-the-wall story line. Wildly humorous without being smart-alecky or sarcastic, this is a top choice for middle-grade readers." —*School Library Journal* on *The 26-Story Treehouse*

"Anarchic absurdity at its best.... Denton's manic cartooning captures every twist and turn in hilarious detail... a sequel was published last year in Australia and can't arrive soon enough." —*Publishers Weekly*, starred review on *The 13-Story Treehouse*

"Will appeal to fans of Jeff Kinney and Dav Pilkey...The wonderfully random slapstick humor is tailor-made for reluctant readers... A treat for all." —*Booklist* on *The 13-Story Treehouse*



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