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# **Pig And The Shrink**





## Synopsis

Tucker Harrison has a big problem. The principal has nixed his handwriting analysis project for the science fair--can he help it if his teacher's handwriting shows a criminal mind? Now he quickly must come up with a project that's sure to dazzle the judges and get him into the State Math and Science Academy, something his father is counting on.Tucker is desperately searching for an idea when he runs smack into Pig. Angelo Pighetti is the fat kid in class, the one who always gets picked on. Suddenly Tucker has a brainstorm--why not make Pig his science fair project? If he can get Pig to lose weight he'll have a living, breathing, successful experiment. What could be more perfect?But Tucker soon learns that Pig has his own ideas of how to live his life. What is there to do when your subject won't cooperate?

### **Book Information**

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### **Customer Reviews**

It's a book about accepting yourself as you are, about learning the value of friendship. I know it's a book for young adults, but as someone older than, oh well, let's say 30...I couldn't believe how often I laughed and cried here. It has an oriental mystical flavor too. My favorite line was "It's a come as you are party."

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Read Pam Todd's book multiple times over the span of several years. It gets better everytime. If you want to take a good look into the complicated, wonderful - funny and sometimes harrowing - world of middle-schoolers, this book will give you a loving, tender and insightful glance. Initially, I'd wondered why Pam had such a long list of people to thank in her acknowledgements. Eventually, I realized how many nuances she covered, and she nailed every one of them. Thanks, Pam. I'm sure this will be a 'family classic' for a long, long time. :)

#### Love love love this book.

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