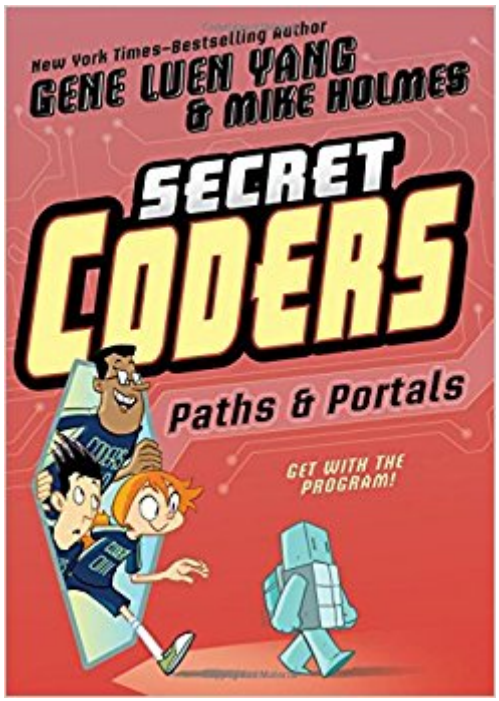
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# Secret Coders: Paths & Portals




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## Synopsis

Gene Luen Yang is the National Ambassador for Young People’s Literature and is a MacArthur Fellow, a recipient of what’s popularly known as the MacArthur "Genius" Grant.There’s something lurking beneath the surface of Stately AcademyÃ¢â ¬â ¢literally. In a secret underground classroom Hopper, Eni, and Josh discover that the campus was once home to the Bee School, an institute where teachers, students, and robots worked together to unravel the mysteries of coding. Hopper and her friends are eager to follow in this tradition and become top-rate coders. But why are Principal Dean and the rugby team suddenly so interested in their extracurricular activities?From graphic novel superstar (and high school computer programming teacher) Gene Luen Yang comes the second volume of Secret Coders, Paths & Portals, a wildly entertaining new series that combines logic puzzles and basic programming instruction with a page-turning mystery plot!

## Book Information

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Series: Secret Coders (Book 2)
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Age Range: 8 - 12 years
Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

Gr 4Ã¢â ¬â œ6Ã¢â ¬â •In this second installment in Yang and Holmes’s graphic novel series, which takes place right after the first one ended, the coding gets serious. Students Eni and Hopper and the tag-along comic relief Josh expand their skills as they are tutored by Mr. Bee in his coding

classroom and laboratory deep under the school. Mr. Bee reveals to them the history of his fall from grace and his former coding school and drops hints that he knew Hopper’s father. The characters are diverse, and this volume begins to touch more on their family lives. The rugby team, hired by the evil principal to find Mr. Bee’s most powerful robot turtle, provides most of the villainous action. The narrative is spread a little thin, but the clearly articulated coding lessons are integrated into the plot through the emotional connections among the characters. The children are learning to code with the language Logo, with clever allusions to Logo’s history. The black, white, and green drawings are simple and dynamic, with slapstick humor and cleverly depicted coding problems. VERDICT This sequel and the first book are essential for any graphic novel collection and libraries where kids are interested in coding.Ã¢â ¬â •Lisa Nowlain, Darien Library, CT

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This is book 2 of a series of graphical novels that teaches coding in an engaging and unobtrusive way. The story is interesting and so far I’ve found that 8th graders are so intrigued by solving the mystery presented in the story that they don’t realize they’re learning algorithms and binary. We’re waiting for book 3.

I’ve bought all of this series for my niece who loves them.

Our 9-year-old spotted this on my desk, from the spine alone, amongst other books. He has read all that there are (2? - third on the way?) and LOVES them! He didn’t put it down. That is saying something. Rare find.

My students love Yang!

Major hit with my 8 year old math-addicted granddaughter. She read both books in the series straight through before going to sleep, and expectantly awaits book 3.

She has no interest in computers, but loved solving these puzzles. She blew through both books in an hour so I wish they were longer.

Great series of books.....very entertaining.Encourages learning. I will purchase the next Secret Coders book.

My students did not respnd as well to the sequel. It was more technical and my third and fourth graders lost interest.

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