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What young boy, or girl, for that matter, hasn't dreamed of being bigger, stronger, and more powerful? When Rufus repeats the incantation on the back of a strange totem he finds in the woods, that's exactly what happens: he turns into Bigfoot Boy—huge, hairy, and able to talk to the animals in the forest. When several wolves try to blackmail Rufus into giving them the totem by kidnapping his friend Penny, Rufus must use his new powers to save her. Torres delivers believable characters and a plausible setting and backstory that make Rufus' transformation into Bigfoot Boy easy to embrace. Hicks' expressive artwork is one of the book's strengths, her strong black lines never obscuring the emotions shown on the characters' faces. A solid introduction to a new adventure series, and young readers will clamor for a second volume. Grades 3-5. --  
Eva Volin

Review

... magic, humor and just a hint of menace. ... This one gets everything just right. Be prepared for young Sasquatch fans roaring for more. *?Kirkus Reviews, Starred Review*

The rich, expressive full-color artwork shines, adding humor and ably carrying the story. *?School Library Journal*

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About the Author

J. Torres is an award-winning writer whose other graphic novels include *Alison Dare*, *Jinx*, and *Power Lunch*. J. lives in Whitby, Ontario.

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