



A Conversation with Timmy's Creator, Stephan Pastis



Photo by Susan Young

In *Timmy Failure: Now Look What You've Done*, you have completely uprooted Timmy and put him in a different setting with new characters. Was that a conscious decision when you set out to write the second book?

Definitely. For me, it's fun to put Timmy in a new situation and see what he'll do. I also wanted to challenge him a bit, because I feared that the success of the first book was going to his head.

Tell us about the most important new character to be introduced to Timmy's world.

His great-aunt Colander. At the beginning of the book, Timmy just sees her as someone with a few too many holes in her head. But that perception changes over the course of the book.

What in the world are Boom Boom shoewheels?
His aunt's invention. They're a type of roller skate. An exceedingly dangerous one.

Will Timmy ever make peace with Corrina Corrina?

When monkeys fly.

What is the funniest or most memorable comment you have heard from a kid reader about *Timmy Failure*?

A young boy in the audience of a book panel I was on asked me when the next Timmy book would be coming out. When I told him not for another year, he let out a very loud, "SIGHhhhhh."

How are you managing to keep up with juggling the daily comic strip and the *Timmy Failure* series?

Well, I love it all, and when you love what you do, it's not that hard.

