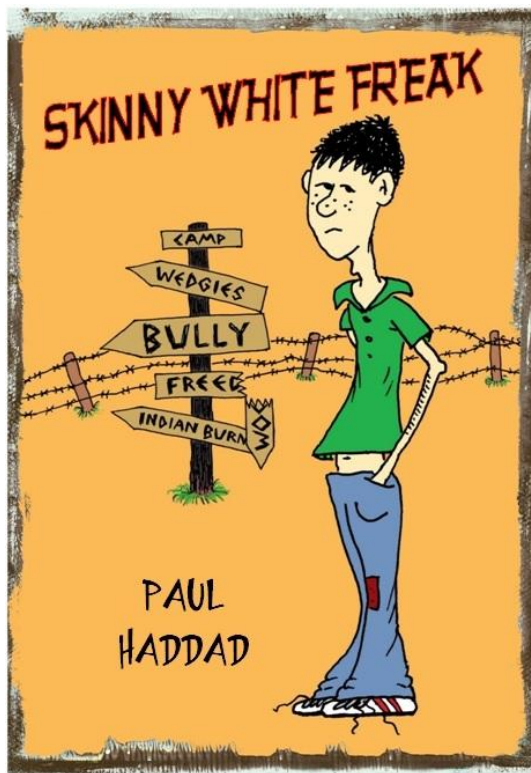


SKINNY WHITE FREAK

A new, illustrated Young Adult novel about bullying by author Paul Haddad



Los Angeles. Summer of 1978. Skateboarding and tanned bodies rule the SoCal landscape. Compared to other kids, 13-year-old Adam Lipsitz is an outcast. He is too skinny, too pale, too brainy. To make matters worse, just as his parents are separating, he's cast off to a local sleepaway camp, where he is relentlessly tormented by a bully named "Worm" for six interminable weeks.

How Adam deals with being bullied forms the core of *Skinny White Freak*. He finds hope in unexpected places -- diary entries, a sympathetic girl, and whimsical self-penned doodles, which include an alter-ego superhero named Ultra Violet Man who destroys Worm. Ultimately, Adam learns not to let *others* define him. By summer's end, he makes the journey from kid to young adult, replacing fear with courage, cynicism with empathy, and low self-esteem with self-acceptance.

Target group: Ages 11 through 15, on up; Middle School to early High School; boys and girls.

Themes: Bullying; Peer pressure; Sibling rivalry; Divorce; Alienation; Anti-Semitism; "Being Different"; Coming of Age; Finding Your Voice; Self-Acceptance; Gaining Trust and Empathy

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