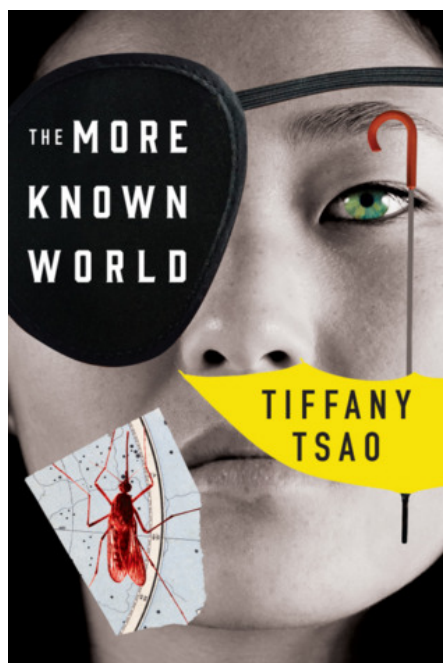




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**The Quest of the quirky Oddfits continues—and this time, beyond the Known World lies something unspeakable...**

Two years after Murgatroyd Floyd joined the Quest to understand and catalogue the wonders of the More Known World, the rash-prone, blue-eyed Oddfit starts having doubts about his exploratory skill. And while that's enough to give his mentor, Ann Hsu, pause, it's not what's bringing the Quest to a grinding halt. Blame that on a series of murders that sends Ann and Murgatroyd to a strange new Territory to investigate.

Cambodia-Abscond, awash in shades of red, can drive outsiders crazy. With its vermilion foliage, crimson trees, and garnet soil, it screams carnage. Fitting, considering that its settlers are a shady bunch with catastrophic histories who live in a society where no questions are asked, and the official language is silence.

Fitting, too, that Cambodia-Abscond is where Ann's recollections of her own nightmarish past seem to come crawling back out of the bloodwood. Apparently, there's more to the More Known World than Ann and Murgatroyd expected. And if their Quest has a dark side, the two Oddfits have found it.

## The More Known World Details

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## From Reader Review The More Known World for online ebook

### Cassandra says

I had planned to read the first book in this series before I read this one, but that never did happen. I feel I would have understood this book better if I had. I will not give a rating deduction for this as it was my error. I am simply mentioning it for those who are looking to read this book and have not read the first. In this, the second book in the Oddfit series Murgatroyd Floyd and his mentor, Ann Hsu, are given the task to find out who has committed three Questians over the last three years. Questians are those who are tasked with discovering and mapping territories in the More Known World. They are Oddfits who came from the Known World, our world. We learn a lot about Ann Hsu and the history of The More known World especially Flee Town and Flee Town residents. We also learn about Murgatroyd Floyd's mentor Uncle Yusuf. Overall, I enjoyed this story and will look to read the first in the series in order to get a better understanding of Murgatroyd Floyd and The More Known World. Ann Hsu's character buildup was very detailed and enjoyable to read. It added a lot to the person we are now seeing Ann has become and also why children often oddfit children go to the More Known World.

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### nir says

worth the long wait, every minute of it. what I love most about these books is the author's ability to be side-splittingly funny in an enviably casual way, while bringing the most outrageous and ridiculous and innovative ideas to life. I loved every single thing about this book, and I cannot wait to read more from this wonderful universe.

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### Marian Jacobs says

Despite the author's occasional (intentional?) shirking of modern storytelling \*rules\* I love her. I love this series. I love love love LOVE it! If you are a fan of a Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy sense of humor and a love of awkward people, you just might adore this book (series) as much as I did.

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### Emily M. McGuirk says

#### A good continuation of the series

I enjoyed this book a little more than the first. I liked getting to know more about the characters, and I was intrigued by the mysteries of the More Known World and the Quest. There must be more coming because there were many loose ends. Nothing like a cliffhanger, but still parts of the story and characters to be explored. I think that's what I like about this series, the exploration of everything within the story. While I agreed that the killers were crazy, I also could see their point. I really enjoyed getting to know more about Ann, and I hope to know more in the future. I hope Murgatroyd has his moment, he's so loveable and sadly ignorant, I just want him to really have a great moment. I hope there's more soon, I think there is a lot more to know about the More Known World.

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## Rachel says

I love Tsao's writing and her ability to make such odd characters and situations come to life. However, what made The Oddfits such an outstanding five-star book, was that it spent so much time on Murgatroyd Floyd, one of my all-time favorite fictional characters. I missed having him as the central character in The More Known World, though I did enjoy getting to know Ann better. I can't wait to see what Tsao has in store for The Duck Assassin.

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## Jean Creighton says

I received a copy of this book from a giveaway on Goodreads.

Before reading this book, I decided to read Book 1 , The Oddfits, and I'm glad I did.

The first book gave me the background I needed to understand the storyline, not to mention the history of the main characters.

The story's main character, Murgatroyd Floyd, is an Oddfit, that is, he has a rare ability to go to a place called the More Known World. (as opposed to the Known World)

Murgatroyd and his mentor, Ann, are given the task to investigate murders of other oddfits, in a territory called Cambodia-Abscond, an odd place because everything is shades of red. They're told about a lake - and they go there looking for clues, and that's where the story really takes off.

They meet up with people they didn't know existed there, and it's this introduction that turns everything around.

I really would suggest if you're interested in this book, to read Book 1 first, otherwise things might not make much sense.

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## Jessica Hudgens says

So worth the wait. Even more surprises than the first book and I absolutely could not put it down. The characters continue to develop and become more complex and intriguing. I am foolishly hoping for a third to the series, even if it does say it is the second of two.

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## Glen says

I won an ebook in a goodreads drawing.

An odd, not quite YA fantasy about explorers of a different dimension. All the explorers are odd, hence the name odd-fits. Something is wrong and the team has to go to Cambodia.

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Bad choice.

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### **tara says**

I don't say "I've never read a book like this" often, because it's rarely accurate, but in this case it absolutely holds true. Like its characters, it's unexpected and endearing and slightly off-kilter in all the best ways.

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### **Lis says**

I loved the first book (The Oddfits) and was really looking forward to this next chapter of the story. It did not disappoint. The More Known World expands on the Quest but turns it on its head as well. It's a thrilling mystery that I couldn't put down. I just regret not re-reading the first book before I started, there were some details that I'd forgotten about the main characters and the ice cream factory. Highly recommend!

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### **Christine says**

#### **Augh! What happened to the end?**

I waited for this book for so long. The first entry was so completely different from anything I had read before. And this, this was so good until the last two chapters! The characters of Ann and Murgatroyd are superbly developed. The world development is amazing. The storyline was relatively engaging. Then, instead of leaving openings in the plot, we're dropped into a scene with Ann and some thoughts from The One that leave an opening for a sequel. It's as if Tsao wasn't sure she wanted to write another one until the last moment and felt like she had to add some questions for us. It could easily have ended with the website and anything else could have been in the start of another book. It's still easy to forgive based on the originality of her ideas and the wonderful characters.

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### **Stephanie Jane (Literary Flits) says**

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The More Known World is set a couple of years after the first book of this series, The Oddfits, and continues the story. I would definitely recommend reading The Oddfits first otherwise I don't think you'll have a clue what is going on in The More Known World! Tsao is again on great form in imagining the wonders of multiple worlds, each with their own idiosyncratic climates and colours and, in one, with animals that have all evolved from mosquitoes!

Murgatroyd Floyd only plays a supporting role this time around which is a shame as his unique character and situation was one of the aspects of The Oddfits I loved the most. However, instead, Tsao now concentrates more on Murgatroyd's mentor, Ann Hsu. Through memories, Tsao contrasts the absolutely competent leader Ann with her childhood self, An An, a young girl of Vietnamese origin whose mother is obsessed with finding success on the American child beauty pageant circuit. An An's experiences in this rarified world are frequently as bizarre as Murgatroyd's had been in Singapore.

I hope this series continues as I thoroughly enjoyed Tsao's explorations of people dislocated from their immediate society. Personally I feel I can identify to a degree with oddfittingness and I loved the idea of the community where inane small talk is considered the height of bad manners!

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### **junia says**

It has been such a long time since she wrote the first one that I had to re-read that one. Then starting in this, it was considerably darker, and again, I love her semi-SOC-type descriptions and delicious details but sometimes I grew impatient.

In general I don't like books that set up for a sequel and especially since it took so long for the second book to come out, I'm really curious about the third.

The problematic parts about the quest make sense and I'm curious as to how it will be resolved. I appreciate the little clues and glimpses she gives and begrudgingly I have to give her all the time she needs to write the third since she is such a brilliant writer.

Sigh

This book wasn't as satisfying as the first but still, I enjoyed it.

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### **Theracrane says**

Funny, gripping, sad, and hopeful. And a beautiful poem about infancy. A great read.

If you like fantasy in the style of Jasper Fforde or Douglas Adams, consider checking out this series -- start with the first book, although this one has a larger dose of the fantasy element overall, while also giving characters depth and nuance.

When thinking of criticisms for this book, I kept coming up with things I wished there were more of -- more Murgatroyd, more exploring of the More Known World, more pages -- all of which attest to the brilliance of the author and the characters and world(s) she has created. If I had my full druthers, as an Alexander McCall Smith fan, there would be a sequel consisting of nothing but exploration and character building without too much suspense, but I will be looking forward to the next installment no matter what!

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### **Andy Coleman says**

A SIMPLE MAN'S REVIEW:

How can you not love Murgatroyd? After the heartbreaking tale of his life in the first book, we get to see Murgatroyd learning to be an explorer in the More Known World with Ann leading the way. Although actually, this story is more about Ann than anyone else.

The story is a murder mystery set in the crazy atmosphere of the More Known World. We get to learn more about this place (who knew there were so many types of mosquitoes?) as well as some of the characters, such as Ann, the One, and Yosef. And, yes, we meet some others who will likely play a role in the next book.

With almost the whole book set in the More Known World, the story is definitely quirky. The author has a great sense of humor and many scenes will crack you up. But when the mystery is solved, it will make you think (and laugh). There is plenty of closure at the end, although the author brings other mysteries to light for the next book in the series.

Read it! (but only after reading the first book)

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