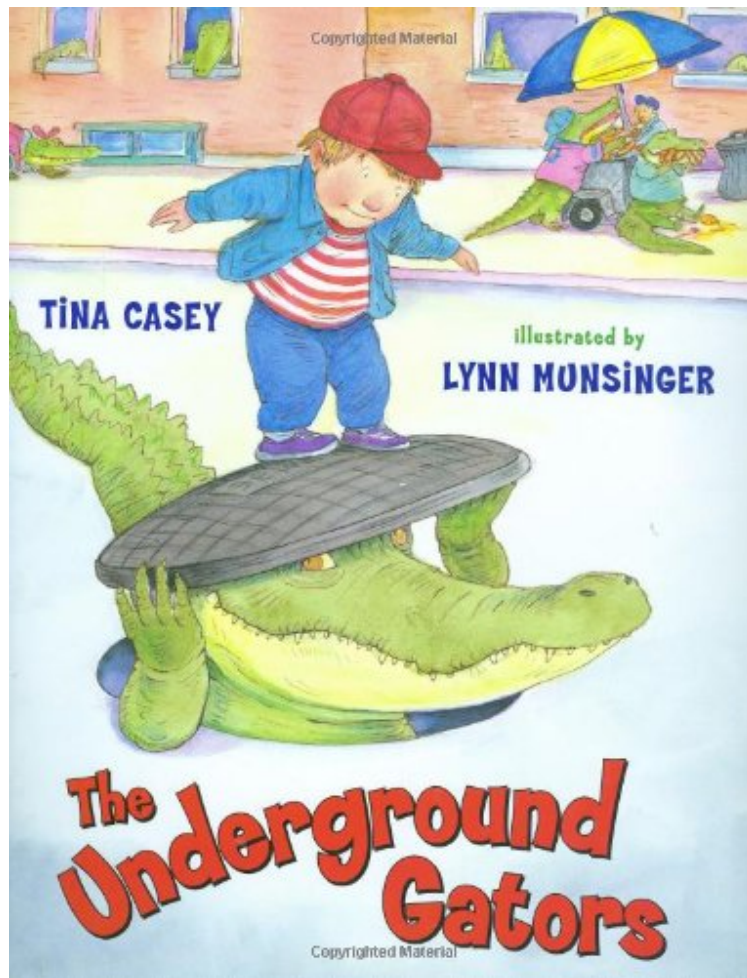


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**Tina Casey : The Underground Gators** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Underground Gators:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. This book will make you and your family laugh, and will brighten your day. By Tammy Ruggles The gators are cute and yes, funny. Imagine gators in a cartoon, or their own situation comedy, and this is what you'd have. We've all heard the stories of gators living, thriving, and breeding in sewers. But what if one was a tooth fairy, or wanted to have breakfast with you? This is the kind of children's book I like, where the writer takes a commonplace idea, the possibility of gators, and makes it her own. This book will make you and your family laugh, and will brighten your day. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. It's a hilarious spin on a popular urban legend to see these gators interact. By Midwest Book Review Lynn Munsinger's hilarious drawings spice Tina Casey's THE UNDERGROUND GATORS, telling of alligators who live in New York's sewers - and perhaps in your own hometown. It's a hilarious spin on a popular urban legend to see these gators interact. An

exceptional acquisition, highly recommended.

Legend has it that alligators live in the New York City sewers. But city life isn't for everyone. Some of those alligators packed up and swam away in search of peace and quiet. Why, they could be living right under your feet. This explains a lot of things. Like what does the babysitter do after you go to bed? Alligators love to play Go Fish. And where do teachers go in the summer? Alligators know the value of a good education. Uproariously funny illustrations and an author's note about what's really living in the NYC sewer system enhance this wry tale.

From School Library Journal  
Kindergarten-Grade 2 Casey pens a nonsensical tale in a humorous attempt to explain the urban legend of alligators in the NYC sewer system. The premise is promising, but the execution falls flat. The author begins by introducing the legend of the alligators, but states that no one has ever seen them. She goes on to pose some ridiculous explanations of why they must live there: New York has a plethora of hot-dog stands because alligators love hot dogs; the Brooklyn Bridge has cables so the creatures can dry their laundry. She then explains that not all alligators love city life; some of them have packed up and moved, maybe to your town. The author goes on to ask: How else do you explain why teachers take the summers off? Or why doughnuts have holes? (So alligators can carry them home on their tails.) Munsinger's illustrations are the only redeeming aspect of this story. The watercolor illustrations picture mischievous alligators up to no good. The center spread is delightful, showing alligators in a supermarket making a giant, glorious mess. However, the explanation of why they are there illustrates many of the book's flaws: "When you go to the supermarket, keep a sharp eye out for those alligators. They are usually in the cereal aisle, making forts." Why? The book concludes with an interesting explanation of the source of the urban legend.  
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From Booklist  
This slapstick picture book begins by dispelling the urban myth about alligators living in the sewers of New York City: To be honest, nobody has ever really seen them. Then Casey hedges a bit. Just because there hasn't been an eyewitness, she reasons, doesn't mean that the alligators aren't there. Together, Casey and Munsinger try to make a case for the gators' existence, and the result is this over-the-top, comedic offering. All kinds of mysteries can be explained, it seems, by adding the alligator angle. Why are manholes round? So that the pizzas that alligators love to order can be easily passed through. What do babysitters do after kids go to bed? They play cards with alligators. There is a lot more silliness than sense here, but Munsinger makes it work in hilarious scenes of the endearingly goofy reptiles marching through the human world, from summer school to a child's bedroom, where they stand in for the tooth fairy. Pair this with Mara Bergman's *Snip Snap! What's That?* (2005) for an alligator-themed read-aloud. *Preschool-Grade 2.* --Gillian Engberg  
About the Author  
Tina Casey lives in Summit, New Jersey. Lynn Munsinger is a bestselling illustrator of books, including *Tacky the Penguin* and *Hooway for Wodney Wat*, by Helen Lester. She divides her time between Connecticut and Vermont.