

# Sacramento Book Review



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## **Beyond the Spiderwick Chronicles: A Giant Problem, Book 2 of 3**

*By Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black*

*Simon and Schuster, \$10.99, 164 pages*

There was a collection of Mark Twain books my grandmother owned that I absolutely loved. Not only the wondrous stories, but the countless illustrations, the heavy gauge paper on which it was printed, as well as the gold inlaid title lettering and binding. Funny to think you can fall in love with inanimate objects, but we humans do it all the time.

I must say the boy inside me is placated once again when I pick up this book. It is a small book in size but, obviously, is a labor of love from the embossed, cleverly designed cover to the pages that are heavy and uneven and appeared hewed, giving it a hand-made appearance. Illustrations abound embellishing the story in all aspects.



The two main characters, Nick and Laurie, are off on further adventures to stop the coming onslaught of giants attempting to destroy whole of the state of Florida by fire. A daunting task for two kids indeed and you will have to purchase this book to see if they succeed.

The little boy inside me is whispering right now and he is prodding me to purchase the other books in the series to read and appreciate. I will never again get to hold and admire the books my Grandmother owned, but, in a sense, I hold in my possession something equal in gratification and excitement and wonderment. Something all our inner children need.

Reviewed by Lee Crawford