

The True Meaning of Smekday



I had a great time listening to The True Meaning of Smekday, the recipient of the 2011 Odyssey Award. (The Odyssey Award is presented by the American Library Association to the best audiobook produced for children and/or young adults, available in English in the U.S.) How can you not love a friendly, tongue-clacking "Boov" alien nicknamed "J.Lo" (because Boovish names are unpronounceable by humans) who becomes the unlikely companion of an intrepid 11-year old car-driving heroine named Gratuity (nickname "Tip")? Throw in a cat called "Pig," a flying car called "Slushious," and other colorful characters, along with some strange, funny, and occasionally horrifying events - well, the result is a futuristic road trip like you've never imagined. This audiobook is narrated by actress Bahni Turpin, who does a wonderful job interpreting all the voices, whether young or old, male or female, human, animal, or alien. Author Adam Rex touches on some serious themes, but his entertaining dialogue really makes this book a stand-out. This audiobook is highly recommended for ages 11 and up. For more Boovish fun, visit the author-created website at <http://www.smekday.com/>.

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