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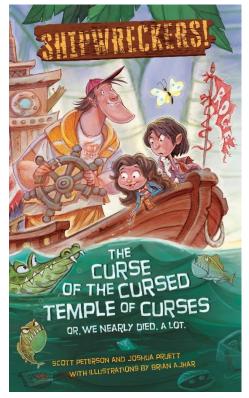
TV Writers Turn to Comical Prose: Leaping From Disney Animation to Hilarious Middle Grade Books

Pre-Release Booksigning for Scott Peterson & Joshua Pruett, authors of SHIPWRECKERS:
THE CURSE OF THE CURSED TEMPLE OF CURSES OR, WE NEARLY DIED. A LOT.

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**La Cañada Flintridge, CA** – On Saturday, May 18 at 2 PM, Flintridge Bookstore & Coffeehouse welcomes Disney-Hyperion authors Scott Peterson and Joshua Pruett for a pre-release booksigning of their middle grade title SHIPWRECKERS.

What do a pair of successful television writers and producers do when they can find a few spare minutes after work? Why, they write a novel of course!

Scott Peterson, the dashing Emmy-Award Nominated Executive Producer and Showrunner of the upcoming Netflix animated series *The Last Kids on Earth,* and the sprightly Joshua Pruett, Primetime Emmy & Annie Award Nominated Writer on Disney's *Phineas and Ferb* and *Mystery Science Theater 3000,* have written the book that they always wanted to read when *they* were kids. Complete with treacherous temples, ancient idols, and plenty of unnecessary explosions, *SHIPWRECKERS: THE CURSE OF THE CURSED TEMPLE OF CURSES OR, WE NEARLY DIED. A LOT.* is a sprawling adventure that drags humor along kicking and screaming for a dangerous and thrilling ride up the Amazon.

"Writing a book that every member of the family can enjoy, laugh with, and laugh at, was our number one goal," said Pruett. "I'm so excited to see our first original novel in print!"

"He's right," echoed Peterson. "He is very excited. We realize that it's not the direction most writers travel, going from television to print -- all the authors we meet ask us how they can get into TV!"

"But we've both dreamed of being authors since we were little kids, using our lunch money to order from Scholastic Books," Pruett said. "Now we get to buy lunch AND buy books -- and write books too -- and it's even more exciting than we could have imagined!"

They're not the only ones who have felt the adrenaline rush of adventure coursing through their veins for this action-comedy-adventure-goof-fest; here's how others have praised **Shipwreckers!** 

Funny, warm, and weird, **Shipwreckers** is full of wildly inventive adventure! Peterson and Pruett really deliver the goods. I hate them a little.—Max Brallier, author of the New York Times best-selling series *The Last Kids on Earth* 

An out-of-control ROLLER COASTER of fun, filled with hilarious characters and real heart. Peterson and Pruett have made magic here. —Dan Povenmire and Jeff "Swampy" Marsh, co-creators of Disney's Phineas and Ferb

It's been just over three years since the publication of Peterson and Pruett's first novel, *Jungle Book: The Strength of the Wolf is the Pack*, the popular novelization of the live action feature film directed by Jon Favreau. But even then, the writing duo knew they had an original story up their wrinkled sleeves.

"We loved the idea of two kids going on an ill-fated river expedition with an adventuring captain," Peterson said. "But a captain who has no idea what the heck he's doing and who's more likely to get them killed than to save them! Also puns. Lots and lots of puns."

It's an adventure up the Amazon, full of booby-trapped ruins, strange creatures, and ancient evil, piloted by an idiot, as seen through the eyes of his (more than) capable sidekicks. "The kids become the real heroes," Pruett said. "And in the world of kid-centric, family entertainment, teaming up with Disney/Hyperion to bring these characters and the entire **Shipwreckers** world to print seemed like the perfect fit."

**SCOTT PETERSON** is the Emmy-Award Nominated Executive Producer and Showrunner of the Netflix animated series *The Last Kids on Earth*, and the author of *The Jungle Book: The Strength of the Wolf is the Pack*, and *Phineas and Ferb's Guide to Life*.

**JOSHUA PRUETT** is a Primetime Emmy & Annie Award Nominated Writer on Disney's *Phineas and Ferb, Milo Murphy's Law,* Netflix's *Mystery Science Theater 3000,* and *The Last Kids on Earth.* He wrote *The Jungle Book: The Strength of the Wolf is the Pack* and the horror anthology, *The Misery Company.* Visit him at joshuapruett.com

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