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WHOOPIE LEE

The Big Spell Off

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Whoopie's now 10. She's smart and sassy—but hardly famous. So she's decided to do something about it: she'll join Singapore's National Spell Off Championship! But wait, there's a problem. Morticia, her best friend, wants to compete too. Now that really is a BIG complication! There can only be ONE Spelling Bee champ!

In their fight for fame, will the two girls have to sacrifice their friendship?

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Adeline Foo, a graduate of New York University Tisch School of the Arts Asia, lives in Singapore with her husband and three children. She is not as IT-savvy as her children. She is on Facebook and she blogs, but beyond that, she can only manage playing 'Talking Tom' and 'MissSpell' on her iPhone. She has promised not to reveal the names of the children who provided inspiration for her stories in Poop Fiction #9, but she can be persuaded if the right price is offered. If you've enjoyed reading this book, email her at contact@amoslee.com.sg or visit the Amos Lee website at www.amoslee.com.sg.

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