

Fans of Jeff Baron's debut novel, I Represent Sean Rosen, will be cheering the return of this witty hero who is continuing to use his fictional manager, Dan Welch, to create a bidding war for his film script, "A Week with Your Grandparents." Although he's only a middle-schooler, Sean has big plans for himself and his screenplay. Unwilling to relinquish the writing process to a professional, Sean visits his grandmother in an attempt to finish the script himself. There he finally learns the truth about his grandfather's criminal past which causes Sean to wonder about the wisdom of all the lies he's telling. When he returns home, he finds that the stakes have risen. There are now three studios expressing real interest in obtaining the film rights. What's a 13-year-old to do? And how long can he keep this from his parents? Amid juggling his personal relationships, producing his podcasts and nearly electrocuting the neighbor's dog Sean embarks on the seventh grade wilderness trip with his classmates. But when his parents make a surprise visit with producer Hank Hollywood in tow, everything begins to unravel. Enticingly, the ending, while fitting, opens the door to a possible third entry in the series. Baron's writing is witty, engaging and fast-paced and is highly recommended for school and public libraries, especially where Baron's first novel is popular.

- Peggy Morgan