



Peter Marino's young adult novel *Dough Boy* has been nominated by the American Library Association for Best Books for Young Adults 2006. Two more YA novels, *Alice Blunt* and *Magic and Misery* will be published in 2008. He likes to write books about smart, funny, somewhat misfitted teenagers.

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## The Reviews are In!

*In his disarming debut, Marino explores not only bullying and body issues but also blended families and the lengths to which they'll go to make their mergers successful. Tristan's rocky journey of self-acceptance will appeal to fans of K. L. Going's *Fat Kid Rules the World* (2003), Carolyn Mackler's *The Earth, My Butt, and Other Big Round Things* (2003), and, of course, Robert Lipsyte's classic *One Fat Summer* (1982).*

–Booklist

*Marino is to be commended for avoiding the usual pitfalls of this topic (fat character must lose weight to gain self-esteem); in fact, Tristan's droll attitude is one of the highlights of his character.*

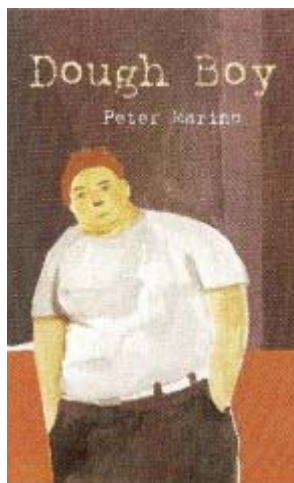
–Kirkus Review

*Funny but heart-wrenching story...A priority purchase for all libraries serving teens.*

–School Library Journal

*Readers will easily feel the boy's anger and will applaud his resilience and resolve to remain true to himself. The story's supporting players--especially Tristan's parents--help to make this a winning debut, at once humorous and heartrending.*

–Publisher's Weekly



## School Visits

Peter has taught writing for 23 years. He can tailor school visits to your individual curriculums. He can talk about his work and his writing experiences, or he can involve the class in a workshop focusing on developing character, plot and theme. Or all of these!

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