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Editorial Review

Review
“Spinelli adroitly balances emotional tension with introspective moments in this smart and funny story.” (Publishers Weekly (starred review))

“Spinelli is a poet of the prepubescent…Nobody is better than Spinelli when it comes to creating the grade-school world of qualified innocence—and treading a fine line between challenge and reassurance.” (New York Times Book Review)

“Each character is portrayed with emotional subtlety and conviction, while their juxtaposed viewpoints bring the energy of opposing forces to the story.” (Booklist)

“Double the feelings, double the fun.” (Kirkus Reviews)

“Spinelli’s hallmark issues—individuality, nonconformity, alienation, standing up for the little guy—figure prominently, and the messages are convincingly worked into the story.” (Horn Book Magazine)

From the Back Cover

This is a story about me, Lily.
And me, Jake.
We're twins and we're exactly alike.
Not exactly!
Whatever. This is a book we wrote about the summer we turned eleven and Jake ditched me.
Please. I just started hanging out with some guys in the neighborhood.
Right. So anyway, this is a book about
goobers and supergoobers
bullies
clubhouses
true friends
things getting built and wrecked and rebuilt
and about figuring out who we are.
We wrote this together
(sort of)
so you'll get to see both sides of our story.
But you'll probably agree with my side.
You always have to have the last word, don't you?
Yes!

About the Author

Jerry Spinelli received the Newbery Medal for *Maniac Magee* and a Newbery Honor for *Wringer*. His other books include *Smiles to Go*, *Loser*, *Space Station Seventh Grade*, *Who Put That Hair in My Toothbrush?*, *Dump Days*, and *Stargirl*. His novels are recognized for their humor and poignancy, and his characters and situations are often drawn from his real-life experience as a father of six children. Jerry lives with his wife,

Eileen, also a writer, in Wayne, Pennsylvania.

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Charlie Bowers:

The knowledge that you get from Jake and Lily may be the more deep you searching the information that hide inside words the more you get thinking about reading it. It doesn't mean that this book is hard to know but Jake and Lily giving you joy feeling of reading. The writer conveys their point in particular way that can be understood by simply anyone who read that because the author of this reserve is well-known enough. This kind of book also makes your own vocabulary increase well. It is therefore easy to understand then can go together with you, both in printed or e-book style are available. We highly recommend you for having that Jake and Lily instantly.

Robert Music:

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