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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 1-3—In three humorous interconnected stories, Gollie, a self-confident girl who lives in a fashionable, contemporary house, and Bink, her rumpled but lovable, impish friend, are adventure-seeking companions, each with her own strong will. In the first tale, Bink's outrageous socks offend Gollie's sartorial eye, but the two compromise for friendship's sake. The second story sends Gollie on an imagined climb up the Andes, shutting Bink out of the house until she arrives at the door with a sandwich, which they share on top of the "mountain." In the final episode, Gollie is jealous of Bink's new pet fish until Bink reassures her that no one can take her place. All three stories, written with short sentences, abundant dialogue, and some contemporary expressions, offer delightful portrayals of two headstrong characters who, despite their differences and idiosyncratic quirks, know the importance of true friendship. The delightful digitalized cartoon illustrations—mostly black and white, with color used for the two characters and in strategic splashes throughout—reinforce the humor of the text. Filled with movement, they successfully portray the protagonists' changing moods. Elementary listeners and readers will have no trouble relating to the two friends' antics and the bond they share. Nancy Menaldi-Scanlan, The Naples Players, FL

From **Booklist**

From two high-profile authors and an award-winning illustrator comes this zany hybrid of picture book, graphic novel, and early reader that introduces an endearing new pair of odd-couple friends. Short, blond, sprout-haired Bink and tall, tidy Gollie are complete opposites, but they're also devoted pals who visit each other every day: Bink from her tiny rustic cottage; Gollie from her sleek, chic tree house filled with midtwentieth-century furniture. Three episodes explore common friendship dilemmas: in the first, the girls discuss the meaning of compromise; next, Gollie longs for personal space; and finally, Bink's new pet sparks Gollie's jealousy. Reality is gleefully suspended here; parents and school don't seem to exist. Although the scenes don't quite combine into a developed story, the repetition of phrases and appealingly oddball elements (roller skates, pancakes, rainbow socks) create a sense of cohesion, while Fucile's expressive, cartoon-style drawings, including several wordless spreads, extend the sense of character, story, and madcap adventure. Children will have fun filling in all the spaces this high-spirited, quirky, and warmhearted offering leaves to the imagination. Grades K-3. --Gillian Engberg

Review

Charming early-reader series debut...Rapid-fire dialogue that manages to be both witty and earnest. Fucile's terrific, cartoonish artwork is expressive and hilarious...One favorite wordless spread shows Bink holding up her goldfish bowl at the movie theater so her fish-friend can see Mysteries of the Deep Blue Sea...seated next to a mortified Gollie. More, please! --Kirkus Reviews (starred review), August 15, 2010

Oh, happiness! Move over Pippi Longstocking!...Bink and Gollie...join the ranks of George and Martha, Frog and Toad, Zelda and Ivy, and all the other resilient pairs that celebrate the challenges and strengths of a great friendship. --The New York Times Book Review, November 7, 2010

An especially overt love letter to friendship...One of those books that doesn't fit neatly into any category... But wouldn't you be proud if you spied your 6-year-old daughter rehearsing such lines as 'Bink: I implore you, do not knock.' Indeed you would...Who says simple words must come first to readers? ...Love of language is one of the tried-and-true ways into the reading life. --The Los Angeles Times book review,

August 19, 2010

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