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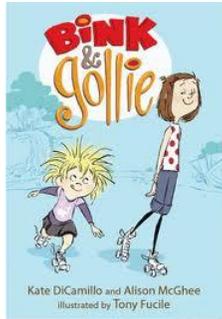
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DiCamillo, Kate and Alison McGhee. *Bink & Gollie*. Illustrated by Tony Fucile. Candlewick Press, 2010. ISBN 9780763632663. \$15.99. 81 p.

Reviewer: John B. Wright

Reading Level: Toddler, Preschool, Primary

Rating: Excellent

Genre: Fiction; Humorous stories;

Subject: Friendship--Juvenile fiction; Adventure and adventurers--Juvenile fiction;

Books--Reviews;

Three quick stories and two best friends make for a delightful time reading. Bink is short, squat, and has out-of-control hair. Gollie is tall, thin, and sophisticated. They both live in the same tree, but in different tree houses: Bink is grounded, while Gollie is swinging in the high limbs. Best friends can have a love for the same thing (like a speed-going roller skating) and can have a love of different things as well (like eating pancakes or peanut-butter and jelly sandwiches; like going on adventures or wearing brightly colored, zany socks; like having a fabulous pet or not). Celebrating similarities and differences, and learning to compromise can make best friends marvelous companions.

This Theodor Seuss Geisel Award winner is a great book for children learning to read (their parents will love it too!). The witty, simple, and repetitive language as well as the fun, active illustrations make it a worthy recipient of this award. Fucile's fun illustrations are a visual reminder of the themes of this book. All illustrations are black and white with grey shadings to produce dimension. Color is thoughtfully added to emphasize what is important (the two friends and the things they love) and helps move the stories along.

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