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## **Editorial Review**

From School Library Journal

Gr 4–8—Twelve-year-old Astrid realizes that her interests are distinctly different from those of her best friend. Mesmerized while viewing a roller derby, she dreams of becoming a "Roller Girl" but discovers that the sport is considerably more daunting than she imagined and is not without physical, social, and emotional pain. Nevertheless, Astrid is determined to succeed. While this graphic novel provides interesting information about the sport, at its heart it is a story of friendship, exploring the tensions which test the girls' relationship as they move from childhood to adolescence. Astrid learns to be honest with herself, her mother, and her friends through a series of stressful events. The graphic novelist employs several excellent visual devices: angles to denote action and effective placement and space within panels. Jamieson's clever use of imagery is noteworthy. For example, desert and prehistoric depictions are used to suggest exaggerated perceptions of elapsed time. Her clothes shopping "hell" sequence is spot-on. Panels with stick figures are employed for comments, notes, and explanations. A prologue effectively frames the story and the realistic style with full-color art is reminiscent of the work of Raina Telgemeier. While at times some panels are a bit text-dense, the story will engage readers who will identify with Astrid as she deals with frustrations and disappointments. It will especially appeal to those whose aspirations fly in the face of convention. Offer this comic to fans of Telgemeier's *Smile* (Scholastic, 2010) and Laura Lee Gulledge's *Page by Paige* (Abrams, 2011).—Barbara M. Moon, Suffolk Cooperative Library System, Bellport, NY

Review

**A Newbery Honor book**

**2016-2017 Texas Bluebonnet Award winner**

**A *New York Times* Bestseller**

**A Spring 2015 Indie Next Pick**

**A *New York Times Book Review* Notable Children's Book of 2015**

**A New York Public Library Best Book for Reading and Sharing of 2015**

**A *Publishers Weekly* Best Book of 2015**

**A *School Library Journal* Best Book of 2015**

**A *Kirkus Reviews* Best Book of 2015**

**A Top 10 Latin@ Book of 2015**

**A *Parents Magazine* Best Children's Book of 2015**

**A Chicago Public Library Best Book of 2015**

**A Texas Bluebonnet Award 2016-2017 nominee**

**A 2016 YALSA Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers selection**

**A 2016 YALSA Popular Paperback selection**

**An ALA Notable Children's Book of 2016**

**A 2015 Nerdy Book Club Award Winner for Best Graphic Novel**

*"Roller Girl's message of self-discovery, friendship, and perseverance will roll its way right into your heart."*

—Raina Telgemeier, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Sisters*

*"This spiky, winning graphic novel captures the bittersweetness of finding a new passion and saying goodbye to your former, more uncertain self."* —*New York Times Book Review*

\* "Jamieson captures this snapshot of preteen angst with a keenly decisive eye, brilliantly juxtaposing the nuances of roller derby with the twists and turns of adolescent girls' friendships...Full of charm and moxie—don't let this one roll past." —*Kiruks*, starred review

\* "The story will engage readers... Offer this comic to fans of Telgemeier's *Smile* and Laura Lee Gulledge's *Page by Paige*."—School Library Journal, starred review

\* "Readers will stand up and cheer."—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

\* "Jamieson's dialogue captures coming-of-age...so authentically"—*Horn Book*, starred review

\* "[A] sharp and engaging graphic novel"—*BCCB*, starred review

"Visually, *Roller Girl* is very appealing — think Lynn Johnston with a modern edge — but it's the storytelling that really sets this graphic novel apart...A great choice for tween girls, whether they're remaking themselves, renegotiating friendships or just weathering the stormy seas of early adolescence."  
—*Chicago Tribune*

#### About the Author

Victoria Jamieson received her BFA in Illustration from the Rhode Island School of Design. She worked as a children's book designer before moving to Portland and becoming a freelance illustrator. She has also worked as a portrait artist aboard a cruise ship, and has lived in Australia, Italy, and Canada. She maintains a not-so-secret identity as Winnie the Pow, skater with the Rose City Rollers roller derby league.

*From the Hardcover edition.*

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