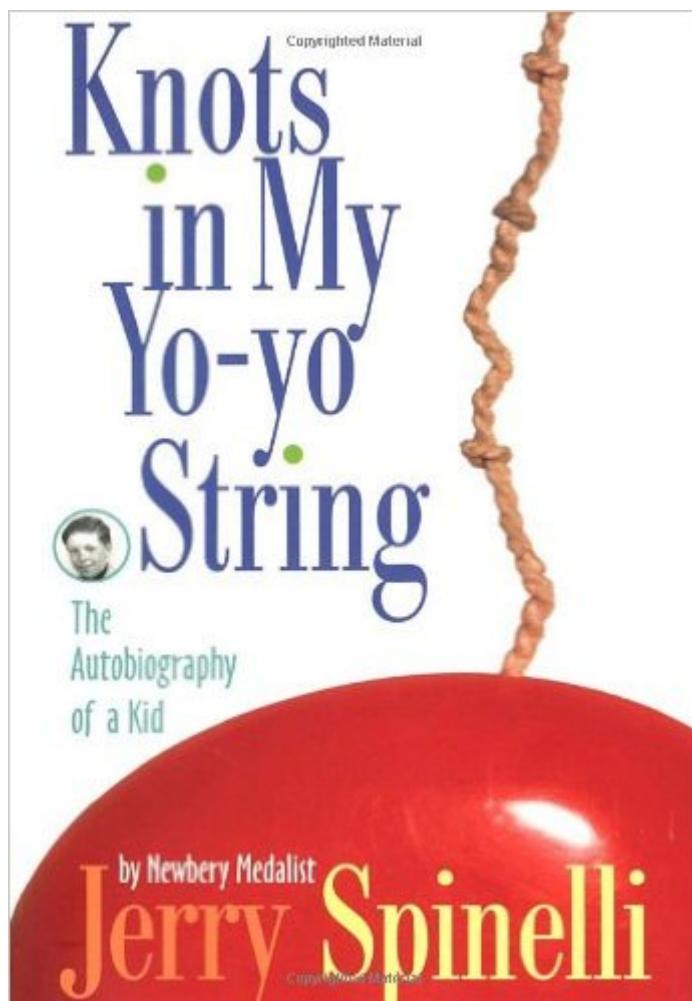


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# Knots In My Yo-Yo String



## Synopsis

"A master of those embarrassing, gloppy, painful, and suddenly wonderful things that happen on the razor's edge between childhood and full-fledged adolescence" (The Washington Post), A Newbery medalist Jerry Spinelli has penned his early autobiography with all the warmth, humor, and drama of his best-selling fiction. From first memories through high school, including first kiss, first punch, first trip to the principal's office, and first humiliating sports experience, this is not merely an account of a highly unusual childhood. Rather, like Spinelli's fiction, its appeal lies in the accessibility and universality of his life. Entertaining and fast-paced, this is a highly readable memoir-- a must-have for Spinelli fans of all ages.

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## Customer Reviews

This book is so great! It tells all about Jerry Spinelli's childhood in big events in his life. It is very humorous and touching. It talks about his dreams and accomplishments as a kid and how they effected him as a person and as an author. I highly recommend you read this book!

(Review by the 'Mrs'): I grew up in the same neighborhood as Jerry Spinelli - I knew the same people mentioned in his book. Jerry was older than me. I loved reading about all MY childhood playing places! Jerry's writing really captures the folks and areas. He keeps one's interest. I'm

looking forward to reading his other books.

Knots in my yo-yo string is a great book. This novel is about the one and only Jerry Spinelli and his childhood. The most interesting chapter to me was, When I Was King. The reason that chapter was interesting to me was that, it fun to hear about a great author being elected for class president. I give this book 4 stars out of 5 because, first when i was reading the book, i didn't like it. But as i kept reading the book, i started to like it more when i got to the middle of the book. I recommend this book to children and adults who likes to biographies. This is a great book about a childhood of the marvelous Jerry Spinelli.

My son, the teacher, has his class vote each year on a book that the whole class will read. Any Jerry Spinelli book has a good chance of winning. This autobiography is special written by a special author, who knows kids and what they face in life.

Knots in My Yo-Yo String is a book that tells of childhood memories. It is definitely geared towards younger readers; it would be the perfect read for a child around 12 years of age. The author, Jerry Spinelli, has done an exquisite job of capturing what most children experience during their short period of innocence. His memories are conveyed to the reader in a most descriptive way, and he requires the reader to think about what they have read. He never ends a chapter on a boring sentence; it is always a conclusive sentence that is usually quite witty. Some of his stories are so interesting that you wish you could go back in time and experience the same things he did but in your own childhood. The majority of his most pleasant memories took place while he was in junior high school. I would say that he wrote of his preteen teen years, 10 to 12, more than any other time in his life. The author also wrote about his teenage memories but those were less pleasant and less numerous. This book highlights how successful Jerry was among his fellow peers. He always seemed to be better than everyone else: he was athletic, he was very popular, and he was much more intelligent than the average student. The tale is constantly action filled with Jerry exploring and learning essential lessons in his childhood. The story is one big quest for Jerry to be happy and throughout the whole book it seems that he is happy and true to himself. The book starts out with his dog being struck by a car; it then goes back to his early childhood and all the events that led up to the tragic accident. Then in the final chapter the story resumes at the point were Jerry is standing over the dead dog. The dog being slain represents the troubles Jerry encountered as soon as he enters high school. When Jerry reaches this new school, all his prior achievements meant nothing

and he was forced to start from scratch. Several events happened to Jerry during this transition the drastically eroded his confidence. His girlfriend decided to discontinue the relationship, he struggle to grasps the concepts of his academics, and he was no longer the superior athlete. The worst thing that happened during those trying times was when his family departed from their neighborhood and decided it was time to move to another neighborhood. Jerry then finds what he loves to do. He starts to write poetry in his 11th grade year and soon things turn around for Jerry, as he is happy once again. Jerry then goes on to tell about how he wrote the novel *Manic Magee*, a story based off of a childhood friend. The success of *Manic Magee* has made Jerry a financial secure writer. This book connected with me because some of the events that he experienced as a child were similar to events that happened during my adolescence. Jerry Spinelli does a great job of making this book an interesting and eventful read for his target audience, children, while also telling of some important moral issues. The moral issues that occurred in this book made me remember of something dishonest I did as a child and it made my remember how bad I felt and how bad I still feel about the incident. So, I enjoyed this autobiography and I hope that you find a little bit of time to read this short adventure.

The best part of the adventurous book *Knots in My Yo - Yo String* is were Jerry Spinelli he learns a great lesson that you can't always be the best that you always want to be but you can always work up to it and I think that this is a very important thing to know. In this book you also learn other things like that there's always one moment in your life that your life feel like it's falling apart even if your only learning a lesson. I think that these are really important thing to always know. I think that this book is great for kids that like to learn new things and that like action, drama and real life situations. I would recommend this book for kids from the ages of 10 to 16 because this book has things about all of these ages and how some things change as you get older. I think that all kids should read this book no matter what kind of books you usually read. Because I think that you would enjoy this book as well besides the books that you are use to. So try something new and get out of your shell and brake out of the ordinary. So if you have the time to go to your local library go and get this action packed book *Knots in My Yo - Yo String* written by the author Jerry Spinelli right now and get ready to fill your brain with ideas and thoughts. By: Ben

just a book about growing up. My son needed this book for an 8th grade project. He wasn't very interested in reading it, however I found the book very interesting. Brings back many memories of growing up. I am certain that at some point in his life(my son's) he will relate to alot of what this book

says. It is well written and fun to read.

Knots in my yoyo stringsBy Jerry Spinelli.From playing baseball to losing girlfriends, playing basketball to making new friends, this is a book written by Jerry Spinelli called Knots in my yoyo strings. It's an autobiography of Jerry Spinelli.He is a famous writer and has written many other books.This is one book that I guarantee you will take you on one of the biggest adventures you've ever been on. if you even only read this book halfway through the book will just pull you in and you just cant stop reading it. Plus this book is really popular and over one million people have read it so if you're interested in reading this book then great and if you're lucky sometimes this book has a surprise in it if that kind of person.

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