

Jerry Spinelli

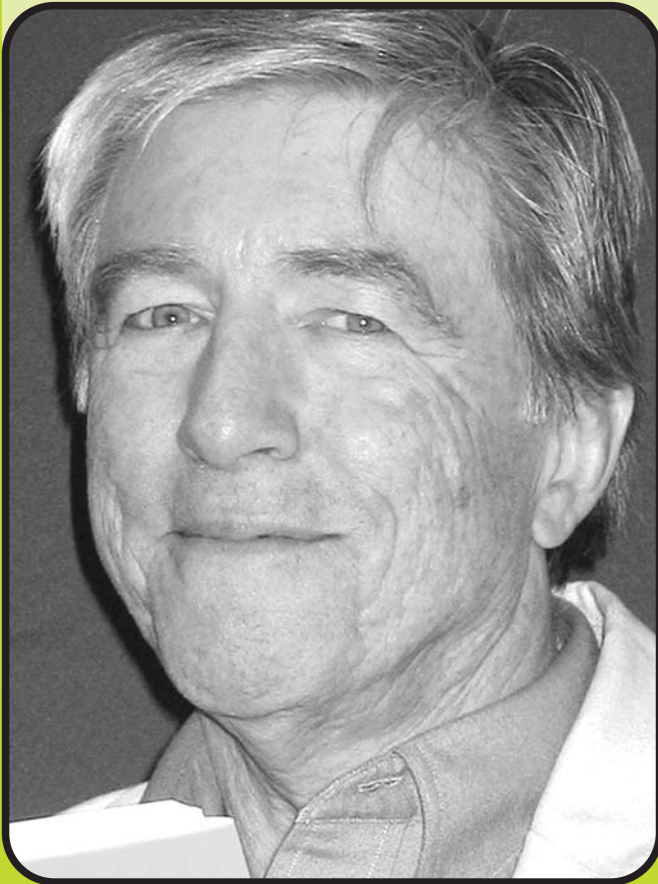


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“**W**hom do I write for?
I write for the story. Each
story, it seems to me,
knows best how it should
be told. As I once put my
ear to the railroad track,
I listen now for the voice
of my story.” —*Jerry Spinelli*

Newbery Medal winner Jerry Spinelli is the author of more than two dozen books for young readers.

About the Author

Growing up, Jerry Spinelli was only serious about baseball, but in high school, he traded in his baseball bat for a pencil. He knew he wanted to be a writer. After graduating from Gettysburg College, Mr. Spinelli worked full time as a magazine editor, writing novels during his lunch hour. He wrote his first four books for adults and all were rejected by publishers. His fifth book, about a 13-year-old boy, was embraced by children's publishers, so he feels he accidentally became a children's book author.

Jerry Spinelli's books are often hilarious and thrilling, while also emotional and true.

Mr. Spinelli lives with his wife and fellow writer, Eileen, in West Chester, Pennsylvania. While they write in separate rooms of the house, the couple edits and celebrates one another's work. Their six children have given Jerry Spinelli a plethora of clever material for his writing.

Praise for:

MILKWEED

★ "Add [this] stirring title to the Holocaust curriculum; the youth of the protagonist allows [students] to ask questions and get answers that will help readers learn the history."—*Booklist*, Starred

★ "Stunning."—*Kirkus Reviews*, Starred

MY DADDY AND ME

"Spinelli's poetic text honors fathers in a warm and childlike manner."

—*The Horn Book*

CRASH

★ "Readers will devour this humorous glimpse of what jocks are made of while learning that life does not require crashing helmet-headed through it."

—*School Library Journal*, Starred

KNOTS IN MY YO-YO STRING

★ "As Spinelli effortlessly spins the story of an ordinary Pennsylvania boy, he also documents the evolution of an exceptional author."—*Publishers Weekly*, Starred

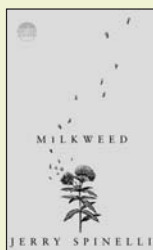
STARGIRL

★ "Newbery-winning Spinelli spins a magical and heartbreaking tale from the stuff of high school."

—*Kirkus Reviews*, Starred

★ "Part fairy godmother, part outcast, part dream-come-true, the star of Spinelli's latest novel possesses many of the mythical qualities as the protagonist of his *Maniac Magee*."—*Publishers Weekly*, Starred

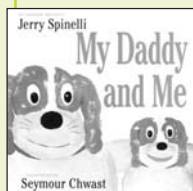
Book List



MILKWEED

Ages 10 up • Alfred A. Knopf
 HC: 978-0-375-81374-0
 (0-375-81374-8)
 GLB: 978-0-375-91374-7
 (0-375-91374-2)
 Readers Circle PB:
 978-0-440-42005-7
 (0-440-42005-9)

- An ALA Best Books for Young Adults
- A Carolyn W. Field Award Winner
- A Texas TAYSHAS High School Reading List Book
- A Golden Kite Award for Fiction Winner



MY DADDY AND ME

Illustrated by Seymour Chwast
 Ages 3–6 • Alfred A. Knopf
 PB: 978-0-553-11303-7
 (0-553-11303-8)



CRASH

Ages 12 up • Alfred A. Knopf
 Laurel-Leaf PB:
 978-0-440-23857-7
 (0-440-23857-9)
 Yearling PB: 978-0-679-88550-4
 (0-679-88550-1)
 GLB: 978-0-679-97957-9
 (0-679-97957-3)

- An ALA Best Books for Young Adults
- An Iowa Teen Book Award Winner
- A Kentucky Bluegrass Award Winner
- A Maine Student Book Award Winner
- A Massachusetts Children's Book Award Winner
- A Minnesota Maud Hart Lovelace Book Award Winner
- A Virginia Young Readers Program Award Winner



KNOTS IN MY YO-YO STRING

Ages 10–13 • Alfred A. Knopf
 PB: 978-0-679-88791-1
 (0-679-88791-1)
 GLB: 978-0-679-98791-8
 (0-679-98791-6)

STARGIRL

Ages 12 up • Alfred A. Knopf
 HC: 978-0-679-88637-2
 (0-679-88637-0)
 PB: 978-0-375-82233-9
 (0-375-82233-X)
 Laurel-Leaf PB:
 978-0-440-41677-7
 (0-440-41677-9)
 GLB: 978-0-679-98637-9
 (0-679-98637-5)

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- An Iowa Teen Book Award Winner
- A Kentucky Bluegrass Award Winner
- A Maine Student Book Award Winner
- A New Jersey Garden State Teen Book Award Winner
- A Texas Lonestar Reading List Title

TOOTER PEPPERDAY

Ages 5–8 • Stepping Stones
 PB: 978-0-679-84702-1
 (0-679-84702-2)
 GLB: 978-0-679-94702-8
 (0-679-94702-7)

BLUE RIBBON BLUES: A TOOTER TALE

Illustrated by Donna Kae Nelson
 Ages 5–8 • Stepping Stones
 PB: 978-0-679-88753-9
 (0-679-88753-9)
 GLB: 978-0-679-98753-6
 (0-679-98753-3)