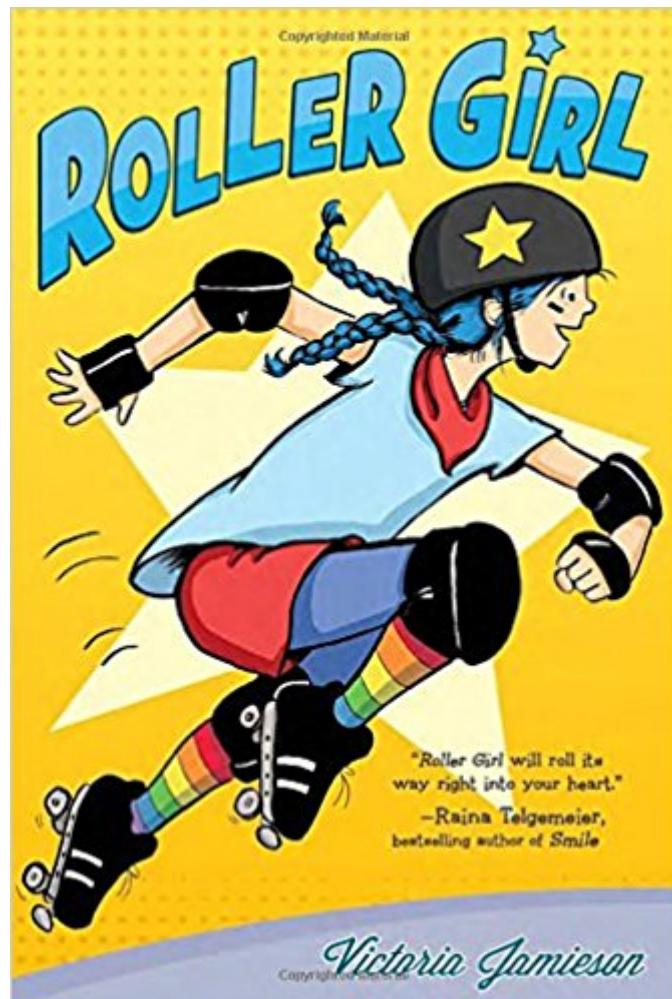


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# Roller Girl



## **Synopsis**

The Newbery Honor Award Winner and New York Times bestseller Roller Girl is a heartwarming graphic novel about friendship and surviving junior high through the power of roller derbyâ "perfect for fans of Raina Telgemeier'sÂ Smile!Â For most of her twelve years, Astrid has done everything with her best friend Nicole. But after Astrid falls in love with roller derby and signs up for derby camp, Nicole decides to go to dance camp instead. And so begins the most difficult summer of Astrid's life as she struggles to keep up with the older girls at camp, hang on to the friend she feels slipping away, and cautiously embark on a new friendship. As the end of summer nears and her first roller derby bout (and junior high!) draws closer, Astrid realizes that maybe she is strong enough to handle the bout, a lost friendship, and middle schoolâ | in short, strong enough to be a roller girl. In this graphic novel debut that earned a Newbery Honor and five starred reviews, real-life derby girlÂ Victoria Jamieson has created an inspiring coming-of-age story about friendship, perseverance, and girl power!

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 9 - 12 years

Grade Level: 4 - 7

## **Customer Reviews**

Gr 4â "8â "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

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to fans of Telgemeierâ™sÂ SmileÂ and Laura Lee Gulledgeâ™sÂ Page by Paige.â•â "School Library Journal, starred review\* "Readers will stand up and cheer."â "Publishers Weekly,Â starred review\* "Jamiesonâ™s dialogue captures coming-of-ageâ|so authentically"â "Horn Book, starred review\*Â "[A] sharp and engaging graphic novelâ•â "BCCB, starred review"Visually, Roller Girl is very appealing â" think Lynn Johnston with a modern edge â" but it's the storytelling that really sets this graphic novel apartâ|A great choice for tween girls, whether they're remaking themselves, renegotiating friendships or just weathering the stormy seas of early adolescence." â "Chicago Tribune

I liked this graphic novel, and I think young kids will love it. There is a message of growing up, as well as some older undertones (beware). It's an easier read than some of the other graphic novels. I recommend this for not only girls, but boys too.

A really good book. My husband bought it for his class but I he likes it so well I have caught him reading it more than once. The kids in his 5th grade love it too. It is about growing up, friends changing, and finding out who you are. Great girl power book.

Roller Girl is poignant, thoughtful, and beautifully illustrated. This book was enjoyable from cover to cover, and made me both laugh and cry. Astrid is personable and real, and the struggles she faces and overcomes are relatable to readers of all ages. This is also a marvelous example of a story written about a young girl who is smart, tough, fearless, and tenacious. She is dually finding her own strength and coming of age in this amazing graphic novel! A must read!

I learned what roller derby is! And the book wasn't even for me. This book gets read over and over again. A good coming of age book. This book has a super cool factor.

Although I did not want to encourage my granddaughter to dye her hair blue, I did want her read this fun filled story of friends finding friends. And what a story it is! Great for this middle school age group struggling with so many social changes as they search for their own identity. She read it in one night. The book is now making its way around her circle of friends....which is a great testament to the popularity it earns. I was reluctant to pick this one up, as just the thought of a "roller derby" did not sound like something I would want my lovely granddaughter to read. So glad I did.

My friends told my it was super good so I got it on my kindle. It is super inspiring, funny, and like any good book, it had drama. I totally suggest it to younger readers.ÃÃÃÃœ

9 year old son LOVES this book! He reads it over and over and says it's one of his very favorites! Wish there were more like it with a great story.

I read this book for 3 hours straight and since the book is so great it felt like only 30 minutes! This book also teaches you some life lessons. I hope you enjoy the book as much as I did!!!

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