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Your favorite marvelous companions are back! Meet them at the fair in this delightfully droll sequel to the Theodor Seuss Geisel Award-winning *Bink and Gollie*.

The state fair is in town, and now Bink and Gollie - utter opposites and best friends extraordinaire - must use teamwork and their gray matter while navigating its many wonders. Will the energetic Bink win the world's largest donut in the Whack-a-Duck game? Will the artistic Gollie wow the crowd in the talent show? As the undaunted duo steps into the mysterious tent of fortune-teller Madame Prunely, one prediction is crystal clear: this unlikely pair will always be the closest of pals. Get ready for more laughs in this wry, warmhearted sequel to the New York Times Book Review Best Illustrated Book *Bink and Gollie*, written by the award-winning, best-selling Kate DiCamillo and Alison McGhee and featuring the exuberant visual humor of illustrator Tony Fucile.

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La Coccinelle says

I read the other two *Bink & Gollie* books earlier this year, since they were the only ones the library had. I requested *Two for One* last week, and now the library has the full series... so people can read the books in order. That said, there's really no *need* to read them in order, since the stories are all self-contained. There are little touches here and there (like that rainbow sock from the first book) that continue throughout the series, but knowing the origins of those things isn't necessary for enjoying the rest of the books.

In this installment, Bink and Gollie go to the fair. There didn't seem to be quite as much witty dialogue in this one as in the other two, although the pictures pick up the storytelling slack. The first story, where Bink tries to win a giant donut by playing Whack-a-Duck, is pretty funny. The poor Whack-a-Duck man! But the girls show their kindness in a heartwarming way, turning what could've been a tragedy into a sweet episode.

The last story involves Bink and Gollie visiting a fortune teller. It's a cute ending that wraps up everything that happened that day, and reaffirms the girls' friendship.

As always, the illustrations are great. The expressions on the girls' faces are priceless, and I love how their clothes reflect their personalities (without them always wearing the exact same thing, as characters in comics sometimes do).

While it wasn't my favourite of the series (that honour goes to the first book), I still really liked it. I wish this trilogy had been around when I was a kid. And I wish there were more books about Bink and Gollie's adventures as best friends!

Quotable moment:

"What's next?" said Bink. "The Ferris wheel? The Big Daddy Octopus? The Bump-a-ramabumper cars?"

"Destiny," said Gollie.

"Destiny?" said Bink. "Is it a ride?"

"In a manner of speaking," said Gollie.

Mary says

I love Bink. I relate to Bink. But I am probably more like Gollie. Tony Fucile's illustrations, especially the page in which Bink is winding up to throw the ball, are a big part of what make this series so enjoyable. Now - where can I get some donuts?

Colby Sharp says

5 stars don't get much easier to give. I am completely in love with this book.

Donalyn says

Bink and Gollie are the best duo in kidlit. Funny, touching, and real.

Barbara says

No two friends could be more different than Bink with her messy hairdo and daredevil attitude and Gollie with her prim and proper ways and neatly combed hair. But they're friends, and really, that's all that matters. In this follow up title to the inaugural Bink and Gollie that won a Theodore Seuss Geisel Award, the two friends head to the fair. There Bink tries to win a prize by throwing a baseball at ducks, Gollie tries and fails to participate in the talent show, and the two have their fortunes told. The text and digital illustrations make it clear that come what may, the bond between this unlikely duo is sure to hold. I cannot imagine anyone not liking these two.

Chris Go says

This is the second Bink and Gollie book, the two complete opposite girls who are friends in spite of their many differences. In this installment, Bink and Gollie go to the State Fair. It is quite an adventure! Bink tries her hand at knocking down ducks in hopes of winning a giant donut. Then Gollie signs up for the talent show. Finally they have a sit down with the fair's fortune teller, and learn all they need to know.

This book is quite funny. It will make you giggle out loud. The characters are as loveable as they were in the first of this witty series that proves opposites attract. I hope that there are more.

Erin says

"Destiny? Is it a ride?" - Bink

"In a manner of speaking" - Gollie

I LOVE BINK! The second installment of Bink and Gollie is even better than the first, in my opinion. The illustrations are amazing and the tongue-in-cheek humor captured me from page 1. I cannot WAIT to share this with students.

Joshua says

For those parents who are despairing the vapid worthlessness of modern children's literature, I offer you Kate DiCamillo. Of course, this is not a new name, but her picture books and easy readers are absolutely pitch perfect. We read through all of the Mercy Watson books (they're great) and just started on this Bink and Gollie series, which is just wonderful. It's reminiscent of Suess and Sendak, which is a nice alternative to the horrid Pinkalicious books.

Bink and Gollie center around a friendship between two girls, and their adventures remind me of Calvin and Hobbes. In one vignette, Bink and Gollie have a disagreement, and they are both searching for ways to compromise and make it better. The entire story illustrates that they are upset, and that they want to make it better.

Compare that to the story arc of Purplicious, where the protagonist spends the entire story being bullied in absolutely horrible ways, only to find a new friend on the very last page (and somehow that makes the rest okay.) Purplicious presents bullying as a fact of life and does nothing to redeem it. Bink and Gollie illustrate how wonderful a good friendship can be.

So far there are only two Bink and Gollie books. We are desperately hoping for more.

Sarah W says

Bink and Gollie are back and on their way to the state fair. One of their first stops is at the Whack-A-Duck booth where Bink's aim is no match for her enthusiasm. While she doesn't win the world's largest donut in one toss, Bink's pitching technique is bound to make young readers laugh.

It's Gollie's turn to put herself forward when the girls discover the Amateur Talent Show. Gollie joins the long wait to perform while Bink settles in next to the purple-suited judge to watch the other contestants. The first act is a pickle-juggling boy with a balancing problem and the second is a singer who brings a new meaning to caterwauling. Bink's enthusiasm as Gollie takes the stage is precious, but I find the audience she gives Gollie afterwards more endearing.

Then the two girls have an appointment with destiny, though Bink has no idea of the meaning of the word. Madame Prunely tells the girls their immediate past, but it is the future that most excites them. My favorite illustrations came in this chapter of the book when the girls wait outside the fortune teller's tent and when Bink charges on to her future.

Tony Fucile's illustrations are marvelous. Bink's personality pops right off the page with her spiky blond hair and expressive features. I love the use of color to spotlight the two friends and focus the reader on the immediate action. I also enjoyed the buttons both girls sported by the end of the book.

These three stories would make an excellent classroom read aloud. Quirky, lovable, realistic characters make this book a delight. In this first book the two girls had to work through their differences and in this one they enjoy their day despite disappointments. I hope there will be more Bink & Gollie to come. I can't wait to purchase this title for my school library.

My copy of this book came as a digital galley through NetGalley.

midnightfaerie says

We really enjoyed this one. Great detailed imaginative pictures, it captivated my 5 yr old as well as my 3 yr old twins. Took us a bit to figure out they both were girls but in the end it was obvious. All three of my boys enjoyed this book even though its main characters were girls. The stories were something they each could relate to and yet not easy to guess the ending, which made it more fun. Although it was a chapter book, there weren't really enough words to make it a stand alone reader, maybe somewhere around a level 1 or 2 reading book. Too easy for advanced readers, but still fun. My 5 yr old asked for more Bink & Gollie books and that's what I was hoping for. They've already been added to our hold list at the library, which is once again past 100 books!

Brianna says

I loved it even more than the first one. I laughed so hard while reading "Whack a Duck" that my abs hurt. And then I teared up a little during the talent show bit in the barn. I just adore Bink and Gollie - probably because I like to imagine my sister and I in those scenarios. (Alanna would be Bink. I would be Gollie.)

Full review forthcoming on www.slatebreakers.com

Alyson (Kid Lit Frenzy) says

I am still chuckling over Whack-a-duck. I love Bink & Gollie. I have waited so long for this one and now I'll have to keep reading it again and again until the next one comes out....please tell me that there will be a next one?!

babyhippoface says

I cannot adequately express my love for Bink & Gollie. They are, I am pretty sure, my all-time favorite book-related best-friends duo. I love them more than Frog & Toad. I love them more than--dare I say it?--more than Elephant & Piggie. That's a lot of love.

Two for One is the second book in what will be, I hope, a gazillion-book series. However, Kate & Allison probably don't have that kind of time, so I'll settle for a dozen, *bare minimum*.

Bink & Gollie go to the State Fair here, and why am I not surprised that Bink hits the midway right off the bat? The Whack-a-Duck booth gets her attention, because of the marvelous prize. This book doesn't come out until summer 2012, so I can't give away any details. But rest assured, if you loved the first appearance of Bink & Gollie, you will love this one, as well. There were at least two illustrations that made me laugh out loud, and in the last of the three stories there is one illustration that just killed me. **Priceless.**

Calista says

These two make such good friends. They have 3 adventures at the state fair together that are fresh and funny. The art is light and these are wonderful books.

Bink cannot throw and Gollie cannot recite to people and they both are pleased with their destiny. I loved the fortune telling ending and Bink's answer. It was amazing.

This is such a great beginners reading book. Kate DiCamillo is so talented.

I will read the last one.

Paul Hankins says

LOVE this follow-up to BINK AND GOLLIE. This time, the two friends find themselves at the fair where games await promising super prizes, a talent show beckons one to stage, and a fortune teller provides the friends with a message they had been carrying with them the whole time.

This one begs for One Book Four Hands sharing. Three separate stories coming out the fair would work nicely spread out over the course of a couple days during shared reading time, but I have the feeling that most younger readers will want to keep going through until the end.

The stories are short, whimsically-illustrated, with words that can be read with relative ease by the very small.

The spread-page illustrations are delightful. Seeing Bink wind up for the baseball pitch is a favorite of mine from the collection.

After reading this BINK AND GOLLIE, I can only hope that there are many more in store for younger readers. BINK AND GOLLIE make for a natural "ladder" to series for older readers to include IVY AND BEAN.
