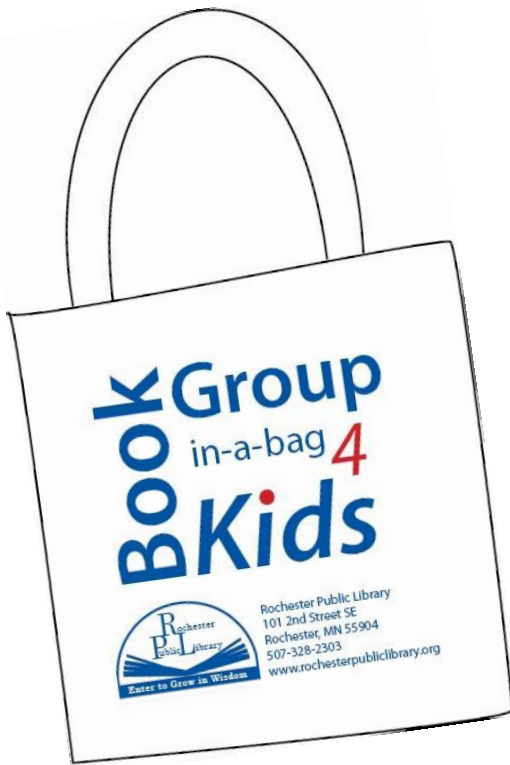


# Rochester Public Library BOOK GROUP IN-A-BAG 4 KIDS



## A Year with Butch and Spike

BY Gail Gauthier

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1. What did you enjoy about this book?
2. Do you identify more with Jasper or more with Butch and Spike?
3. Do you think Jasper learned anything from Butch and Spike? Did Butch and Spike learn anything from Jasper?
4. What do you think Mrs. McNulty expected to happen by seating Jasper between Butch and Spike? What was the actual outcome?

Here is a special question written for RPL's *BGB4Kids* by the author, Gail Gauthier:

Toward the end of the book, Jasper asks Ms. Spendolini to stop Mrs. McNulty from making Spike repeat sixth grade. She won't because remaining "free and wild" isn't the best thing for Spike. She's talking about learning to conform or get along in society.

- Is she right?
- Do people have to give up being themselves in order to get along with others?
- Does Spike manage to stay himself and get along, too?

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### Sequels or prequels

Unfortunately, there are none for this book. ☹

### Awards & Accolades

- Nominated for the Maude Hart Lovelace Award for 2001-2002.
- Selected as one of the best children's books of the year by the Children's Book Committee at Bank Street College.
- Selected for the 2000 West Virginia Children's Book Award List.
- Selected to appear on the 1999-2000 Dorothy Canfield Fisher Book Award master list.
- Nominated for the 1999-2000 Georgia Children's Literature Book Award.
- An Accelerated Reader title.

Lexile level:

790L

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