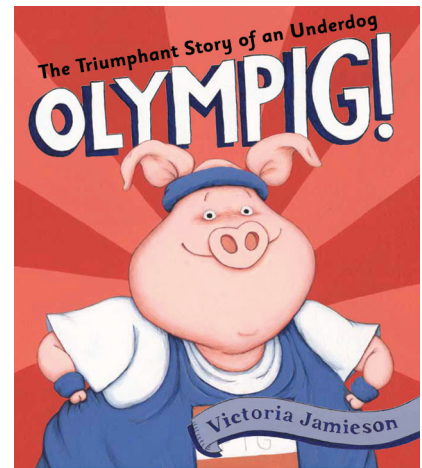


Just in time for the Olympics, a spirited,
sporty book to get kids up and moving

OLYMPIG!

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Boomer the pig has been training his entire life for one moment: the chance to win gold at the Animal Olympic Games. When the big day arrives, Boomer is anything but worried. After all, he has practiced hard. He will try his best. What could go wrong?

Plenty. Boomer finds he is no match for a cheetah in a running contest. He can't outjump a kangaroo. A gorilla turns him to mincemeat in the wrestling competition. Even his perfectly executed cannonball earns him a score of 0.1 from the diving judges.

With a pesky reporter urging him to quit, Boomer's good sports-pig-ship reaches its breaking point as he quits the competition in a fiery tantrum. But with a timely JumboTron-sized word of encouragement from his mother, Boomer finds the courage to compete in the Gymnastics grand finale. With sequins flying and fireworks erupting, Boomer certainly goes down in Olympic history... just not quite in the way he expected.

Victoria Jamieson has known her share of athletic disappointments; her devastating loss in Gymnastics at age 6 in her block party's Kid Olympics inspired her to write this story. Despite the loss, her participation in a Kid Olympics fostered in her a life-long passion for the Olympic Games. She hopes this book—as well as the activities and crafts offered on her website—will inspire parents, schools, and community centers to stage their own Kid Olympics to get kids up and moving. Victoria writes and illustrates from her home in Portland, Oregon, where she also teaches at the Pacific Northwest College of Art. While she never made it all the way to the Olympics, she has completed two marathons, and plays competitive roller derby with Portland's Rose City Rollers.

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The unhappy author (*front, right*), after her disappointing performance in her street's 1984 Kid Olympics



The author in her Portland, Oregon painting studio