Tonight Show host and bona fide household name Jay Leno tries his hand at writing children's books with this fun embellishment from his own childhood—a story of an effusive Italian father, a stingy Scottish mother, and a rotisserie roast beef gone airborne. Many celebrities—and even some fellow comedians, like Jerry Seinfeld—have tried to write children's books in recent years, all with varying degrees of success. Thankfully for Leno, his readily recognizable and affable voice keeps this effort above average, with plenty of help from S.B. Whitehead's playfully busy illustrations. Not unlike a Tonight Show monologue, though, If Roast Beef Could Fly relies more on delivery than substance: Leno's trademark comedic style comes through clearly (right down to an asterisked aside to the audience: Kids, don't try this at home!), but the story sometimes seems to sputter—albeit in that ingratiating Jay way—from one gag to the next. Tonight Show fans (and hopefully their kids, too) will surely enjoy this personal glimpse into the late-night king's early years, especially as Leno reads along with the included audio CD. Plus, If Roast Beef Could Fly also appears to clear up a long-standing question among serious Leno scholars: Yes, even as a child, his chin was just that big. (All Ages) --Paul Hughes

My Personal Review:
Greatest thing about reviewing a children's book is that you don't have to read 500 pages. This book is shorter than a short Leno monologue. This reviewer only read the book. Did not listen to audio. Nice illustrations by S.B. Whitehead are a major part of the book. The story shows an energetic father, slightly mischievous son and forgiving father and lovable dog who saves the situation. Good for children and enjoying it can help adults to relax.

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