



# JACKIE

*The adventures of a little boy trying to grow up*

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## Find out how boys had fun in the 1930s and 40s...

In this true story, you can join Jackie on his adventures as he deals with the pains of growing up, from the terrors of the school nurse to the pangs of his first crush, with a good few snowball fights thrown in for good measure.

### **Kirkus Reviews says:**

*"... Debut author Tammela's memoir is quite entertaining, told through a child's eye with folksy wit reminiscent of Jean Shepherd's narration in A Christmas Story. 'Armie and Jackie had zero desire for any such thing, but they were trapped,' he says, for example, about the pressure to perform for adults to earn treats at Halloween.*

*"Let's hope Tammela is considering a sequel set in Toronto. Charming, humorously observed boyhood anecdotes."*

### **Just One More Page says:**

*"Reading this book is kind of like having your grandpa (or great-grandpa) sit down with you and talk about the good ol days 'when I was a boy...'"*

### **Portland Book Review says:**

*"Jackie's progression is the most enjoyable thing about the story; by the end he's determined to prove to himself and everyone around him that he's capable..."*

### **Book Review Buzz says:**

*"This book may seem best suited for middle grade readers but not so. There are oldsters, grand-parents and parents too who will become teary-eyed as they recall similar experiences."*

### **San Francisco Book Review says:**

*"This book is reminiscent of the 'Little House on the Prairie' books as it matter-of-factly recalls adventures that would seem quite foreign to most children today. But Jackie and his friends are so easy to relate to as they go through the common challenges of childhood..."*

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