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Published last fall, *Gallop!* introduced the amazing technology called Scanimation and took the children's book world by storm. It became an instant bestseller—#1 on The New York Times children's list.

Now *Swing!* does for kids what *Gallop!* does for animals—a boy rides a bike, a girl kicks her soccer ball, a swimmer cuts through the water, and a skater pirouettes on ice. The effect is joyous, magical, mesmerizing, and taps into the the endless fascination that children find in watching other children. The second book created by Rufus Butler Seder, the inventor, artist, and filmmaker who developed Scanimation out of his obsession with antique optical toys and other pre-motion-picture illusions, *Swing!* uses "persistence of vision" and a patented state-of-the-art multiphase animation process to create astonishment. There is nothing else like this unique, patented technology that literally inspires wonder.

The images burst with activity, and adding greatly is a happy, rhyming text that captures in words the pure energy of the figures in motion. You can't put it down.

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Josiah says

What makes this story so interesting to me is the fascinating "scanimation" technique that is used! The rhythm of the athletic events that take place in the pages is startlingly realistic, and a lot of fun to observe!

Gracee says

Another home run with the "Scanimation" books. Stood in the book store and took 20 min to "read" each simply book. Not much more advanced than a board book, but WOW these fascinated me! LOVE it!

Kristin Fletcher-spear says

liked it better than waddle.

Blackbook says

Thanksgiving hit with 5 year old twins.

Jack Kirby and the X-man says

Basically my comments for Gallop! A Scanimation Picture Book also apply to this book.

The Scanimation is fun, and relatively robust. The storyline is perfunctory at best.

It loses one star this time around because it is essentially exactly the same book - just with sports instead of animals.

Violet Moll says

This is the coolest children's book! I love the animation of the illustrations, probably more than Violet does. I like that it's focus is the many ways to use our bodies, particularly in this time where our children spend too much time indoors and plugged in. I have also seen other books by this author such as Gallop and I just love them. We will be getting more of them in the future.

Lisa Vegan says

I didn't like this one quite as much as Gallop! A Scanimation Picture Book partly because the concept was no longer as brand new and also because I didn't find it quite so charming. However, it's a terrific book for sports minded kids. I did love the figure skater. Each page shows a different sport so there's no story here. These Scanimation books are fun to look at though.

Danielle says

Awesome!

jacky says

I liked *Gallop!* better since it had animals. However, the scanimaation pictures are still really awesome. This book is great for anyone who is a sports lover (even an adult might get a kick out of it). It is also a good book for getting a moving by mimicking the actions in the book.

Susan says

What a great book! After looking at it, I immediately ordered both it and Gallop! from Amazon for my nephew.

Paul says

Interesting images and design. I think it takes a while to appreciate this book as it is not the simple children's book. Nevertheless a good read.

Meg McGregor says

Lexi reads this book over and over again and just loves it! It is one of her favorite books! The motions of the girl skating, the boy playing basketball, and the boy hitting the baseball are her favorites!

Zack says

The "Scanimation" is really cool and would work well with boys or girls. The text doesn't show up until after the animation, but a slight movement of the page will show it again. Not a storytime book, but would work well in one-on-ones.

Kymerly says

Cute book! The kids love to see the figures move though I wish there was a little more to it.

Stephanie Nierste says

Scanimations books bring ordinary pictures to life! Not only will children be fascinated by the moving pictures, but they also have the opportunity to learn about a variety of sentences, as well as past/present verbs. The text and moving pictures engages children and allows them to become excited about reading.

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