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The Pepperday family is moving to Aunt Sally's farm. Mr. Pepperday, Mrs. Pepperday, and Chuckie Pepperday are happy as hogs in slop. But Tooter Pepperday is not. There's no cable TV, no playground, and she's gone three days without pizza! What does a girl have to do to show her family she'll never get used to life on the farm?

"Tooter is a real-life, plucky, resourceful heroine . . . in a good sound story that has a lot to say about the choices we make and the impact they have."—*Booklist*

"Tooter Pepperday . . . is sure to bring on the chuckles and the giggles."  
—*School Library Journal*

Jerry Spinelli is the author of the Newbery Award-winning *Maniac Magee*, as well as many other titles, including *Stargirl* and his autobiography, *Knots in My Yo-Yo String*. The author lives in Pennsylvania.

## Tooter Pepperday: A Tooter Tale Details

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## **From Reader Review Tooter Pepperday: A Tooter Tale for online ebook**

### **Deanna says**

This story is a great read for struggling readers. I read it with a 3rd grader and she loved it. Great confidence booster for strugglers. Read the next story for more laughs.

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### **Angela King says**

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### **Jenny says**

Reading with Michelle... She makes me laugh because somebody at school told her a little about the movie Chuckie and Tooter's little brother is Chuckie. She insists on calling him Chuck now so it doesn't scare her...not that the book is at all scary. Cute beginning chapter book so far.

Cute, easy read for 2nd/3rd graders. Tooter is spunky and has a terrible attitude about living on her aunt's farm. That is until her aunt "punishes" her by taking her on a tour and telling her to look for a couple of things. Suddenly, Tooter feels like 2 people (who can't relate to that?)... one who hates the farm and one who kind of likes it but doesn't want to admit it.

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### **Megan Farley says**

It kept my kids' attention which makes for a good book in my opinion. The one complaint my 6 year old had was that it is labeled as a humorous book (there is a comedy mask in the upper right hand corner of the cover), but she thought that Tooter was too grouchy for the book to be funny.

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### **Josiah says**

I would give this book two and a half stars.

"Tooter Pepperday" is written with the same sweet touch that marks all of Jerry Spinelli's literary offerings, a quality that is only slightly muted by the necessary brevity of the book. Tooter's specific adventures may or may not be identified with by the reader, but her feelings are common to all, and it is this asset that makes "Tooter Pepperday" a revealing and worthwhile story for any reader who likes good books.

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## **Laurie Trout says**

RL: 2.9

Lexile: 525

Fountas & Pinnell: N

The story starts with Tooter Pepperday handcuffed to the bathroom sink. Her family is moving to her Aunt Sally's farm and she refuses to go. She loves her life in the city and can't imagine how she can live without McDonalds, her friends, and other city-life amenities. As the family gets to the car to leave Tooter threatens the silent treatment which lasts until they get to the farm and are having supper at Aunt Sally's. Tooter's adventures on the farm are enlarged due to her reaction to them. This is a cute book about a young girl discovering who she really is.

Classroom Use:

Point of View: I live in a farming community and reading the book to students would help them see how outsiders see farming.

Attitudes and Learning: Tooter made sure that everyone knew she was not going to be a farm girl. Her younger brother loved the adventure. Embracing new things is a part of life and how you approach new things makes a huge difference.

Mentor Writing Traits:

Voice: The first chapter title sets the tone for Tooter; Never! Tooter's attitude comes through loud and clear and when she starts to change her attitude the writing changes.

Word Choice: Aunt Sally has a unique set of words that she uses. Tooter asks her about why she uses words like critter, reckon, yonder, and the phrase hog in slop.

Conventions: Tooter lists all of the things she will miss about Morgantown in a series of sentence fragments. You can just hear the pouting voice come through because of the structure.

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## **Rachel says**

I read this book in school, but I really need to read it again. Jerry Spinelli is an AWESOME author!!!

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## **Michelle L. says**

A great Short Jerry Spinelli book for readers who want to read this author but need a shorter book.

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## **Susanne Davison says**

Just one more of the many books I never grow tired of reading to my students! Tooter learns that change is hard, but given some time, you can become "a hog in slop".

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### **Kristine Hansen says**

Tooter annoyed me for the most part, until the end of the book. I was happy to see the change in her as she comes to accept (somewhat) farm life. But she's hard to get used to. I think perhaps I'll try the second book and see if she continues to grow on me.

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### **LINCCReviews says**

My kid about died laughing as she read this. Good for about Grade 2 level readers, and lots of fun - hard for a kid to put down. (Calafia)

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### **Danielle says**

An adorable book that is sure to bring some giggles to each reader. In this book Tooter Pepperday and her family are moving from their suburban lifestyle to Aunt Sally's farm. Tooter has a hard time dealing with no McDonalds and no television.

This would be great to use in a classroom to have your students see that there isn't always a right way to do things in your life. Especially, that technology isn't always so important.

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### **Sammy says**

I thought this was a very cute chapter book. Not everyone can identify with the story line itself, but anyone can identify with the feeling of doing something that you don't want to do. I would recommend this book for second or third grade.

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### **Alexis says**

I really did not enjoy this book, but my 3rd graders are really liking it. I love Jerry Spinelli, but I think this beginning chapter book level takes away his ability to use the writing style I so appreciate of his books for older children.

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### **Kathy Maggiacomo says**

Tooter isn't happy she has to move to a farm because her father wants to write a book and while he is writing they don't have much money. Everyone is as happy as a pig in slop except Tooter. It's a funny book and has a happy ending.

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