

SUMMERTIME FUN WITH PICNIC AT CAMP SHALOM!

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When Carly unthinkingly makes fun of Sara's last name at mail call, her bunkmate refuses to be consoled. But their mutual love of music brings harmony to their friendship, and Carly finally gets the chance to reveal her own secret.

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By Jacqueline Jules Illus. by Deborah Melmon

Jacketed Hardcover 978-0-7613-6661-4 \$17.95 Paperback 978-0-7613-6662-1 \$7.95 Ages 5-9, Grades K-3 32 pages "The summer-camp experience is celebrated, from scavenger hunts to water sports to crafts to whispering after lights out. . . . A good choice for fans of friendship stories, summer camp aficionados, and Jewish readers in general." -- School Library Journal.

"Unlike most sleepaway-camp books for this age, this one is reassuring and positive, especially for first time campers." -- Booklist.

"Without even thinking, [children] can say words that sting and hurt their friends and others in their lives. This book would be great to use with children to show them why it is so important to stop and think before saying something too quickly." -- The Angel Forever Blog.

"This is a wonderful story about two new best friends that realize they have more in common than they think and that friendship is really worth fighting for." -- The Picture Book Junkies Blog.

"This is a sweet slice-of-life book with colorful cartoonish illustrations showing giggling campers and understanding counselors. The theme of misunderstandings in a friendship is universal, so share this with all readers despite the Jewish named camp." —*Children's Literature*.

About the Author and Illustrator

Jacqueline Jules is a teacher, librarian, poet, and award-winning author of twenty-two children's books, including Zapato Power, the winner of the 2010 CYBILS award for Short Chapter Book and Unite or Die: How Thirteen States Became a Nation, winner of The Library of Virginia Cardozo Award. Sarah Langhs and Benjamin and the Silver Goblet were both recipients of the Sydney Taylor Honor Award. She has two grown sons and lives in Northern Virginia with her husband.

Deborah Melmon has illustrated greeting cards, cookbooks, and children's books. She has also created environmental art for the California Science Museum. She first realized she was going to be an artist when a papier-mâché lion she created in seventh grade art class grew so large that it had to be driven home in the trunk of her parent's Oldsmobile with the lid up!