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## Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Grade 1-3?This disappointing offering from Australia has a '50s look and a very pointed moral. Three lines are the best of friends. On a whim, one of them starts "jumping in humps, twirling in whirls, pointing his joints," and "creeping in heaps," much to the mortification of the other two straight-arrows. One day, a famous film director discovers the expressive line and makes him a star. That's it folks. The repetition is monotonous and there are no surprises. The India ink and dark watercolor cartoons are lively, but cannot salvage this tired story line. There are so many other picture books about the value of being true to oneself that this one is unnecessary.?Carolyn Jenks, First Parish Unitarian Church, Portland, ME

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From Kirkus Reviews

The illustrator of Daniil Kharms's *First, Second* (1996) rises ingeniously to the challenge of a story Fox (Feathers and Fools, 1996, etc.) published in Australia ten years ago. Weary of being straight, a line goes off "jumping in humps, twirling in whirls, pointing his joints, and springing in rings." Friends chase after, begging him to "Stay straight, silly!" because "People will stare!"--but when his gyrations blow the beret off a famous film director, off he goes to fame and fortune. In a style reminiscent both of 1930s cartoons and 1960s underground "comix," Rosenthal populates uncrowded streets with straight, black lines, cleverly differentiated by height and headgear, posed either stiffly upright or at casual angles. Fox and Rosenthal make a lively pair--and, is there a subtext here? Let readers decide. (Picture book. 6-8) -- *Copyright ©1997, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.*

Review

This adorable picture book is ideal for children ages 5 or 6 to 10 or 11. Fox tells the tale of three "straight lines" who are best friends. One suddenly begins to twist and twirl. Humiliated by his desire to be different, his look-alike, act-alike friends desert him. But the twirling line wins for his faith in following the practice of to thine own self be true: he's discovered by a film director. After the twirler becomes a star, of course, his friends flock to him, eager to bask in his glory. The colorful, lively pictures will delight both parents and adults. The moral is illustrated, rather than preached, through Fox's gentle prose, and it is a moral well-worth remembering by both adults and children. -- *From Independent Publisher*

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