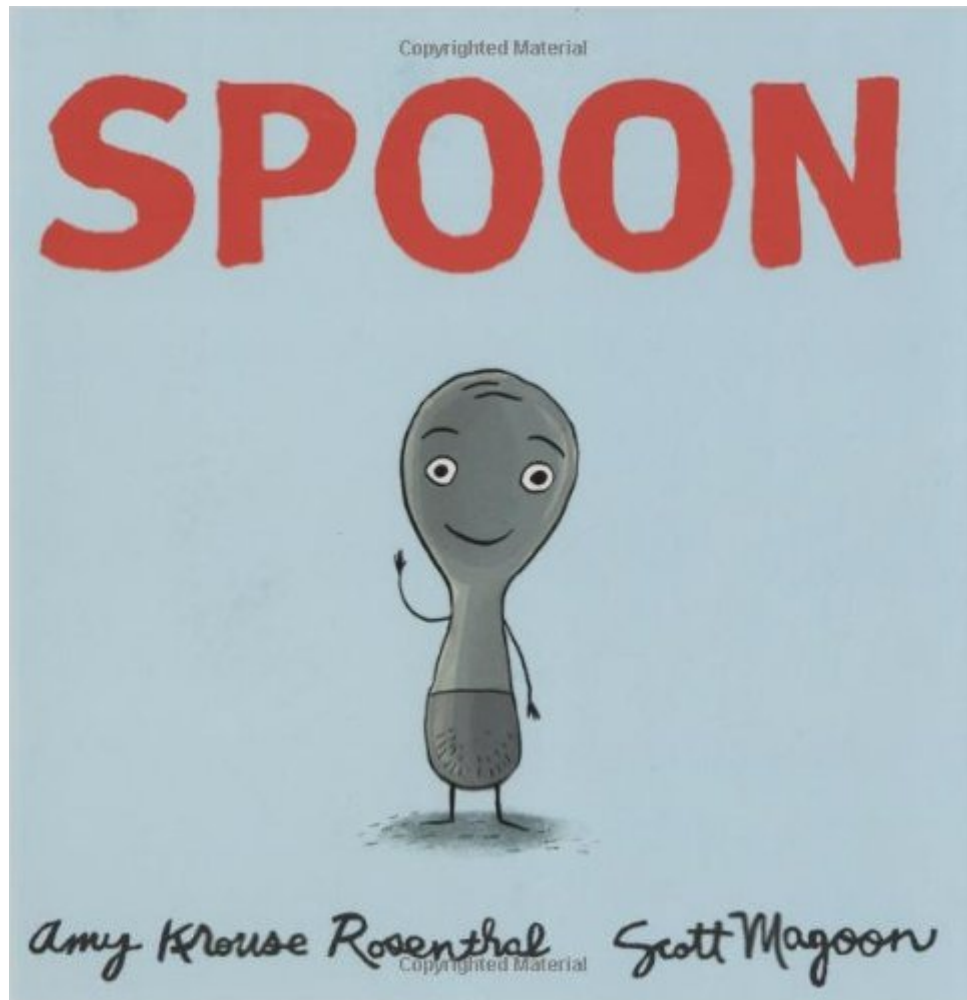


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# Spoon



## Synopsis

Meet Spoon. He's always been a happy little utensil. But lately, he feels like life as a spoon just isn't cutting it. He thinks Fork, Knife, and The Chopsticks all have it so much better than him. But do they? And what do they think about Spoon? A book for all ages, Spoon serves as a gentle reminder to celebrate what makes us each special.

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## Customer Reviews

This is an absolutely darling book with a perfect marriage of author and illustrator. One day, little Spoon sits on the edge of a bowl full of blueberries: he "had been feeling blue" so his mother who is lying on a napkin at the edge of the place mat asks him what is wrong. She comments, "You look a bit out of shape." Spoon tells her that he is envious of his friends, the Knife and the Fork who both have more fun than he does. He remarks that "Fork is so lucky! She gets to go practically EVERYWHERE. I bet she never goes stir-crazy like I do." A series of very cute pictures show Fork snagging lettuce and cucumber from a salad dish, twirling spaghetti, and reveal its tines deeply submerged in a piece of cake. Mother acknowledges his feelings but then reminds him about the many fun things that he can do including diving into a bowlful of ice cream. This insightful fable highlights the importance of accepting yourself. There is a wonderful picture of Mother and Father Spoon lying in one section of a drawer and Spoon peers at them over the drawer divider, his chin resting on one arm and says, "I can't sleep." The father replies, "Come, snuggle" and the mother

chimes in, "Come, Spoon" (parents may need to explain why they are chortling). The illustrations are very colorful and full of humor, and despite a small format, clear enough to share in a story time.

Spoon had a large family. There were all kinds of spoons in his family. There were teaspoons, drawing spoons, measuring spoons, soup ladles, tasting spoons, coffee spoons, dessert spoons, fancy ones and plain ones. If you could name it, they were in Spoon's family. On Sunday when they went to visit his prim and proper Aunt Silver he had to behave himself (talk about fancy!). At night his mother would read him a story about his "adventurous great-grandmother, who fell in love with a dish and ran off to a distant land." That was a story that made him smile! What didn't make him smile was the fact that he was a bit jealous of his friends, the fork, the knife and the chopsticks. They could do all kinds of things he couldn't do like fork up a salad, swirl up spaghetti, slice up a piece of cake and even pick up sushi. But what Spoon didn't know was that they were all talking behind his back and were very jealous of him. "Spoon is so lucky!" they were all saying and telling everyone the fun things Spoon could do that they couldn't. Was Spoon ever going to understand and realize just how lucky he was? This is a delightful story with a serious message that can be read to the young child whether or not they are experiencing jealousy issues. A story like this can reassure and assure them that each one of us has some very special assets that others look at and admire (and sometimes are jealous of). We are all very unique with special qualities. Spoon's friends "will never know the joy of diving headfirst into a bowl of ice cream." This is an adorable cuddle up and read in a rocking chair you won't want to miss!

There's a lot of chatter about the little spoon getting in bed and spooning with his parents at the end. People who are troubled by this or think it's inappropriate, sick, or perverted--you need to take a long, introspective look and try to figure out why that's your perception of something completely sweet and innocent. The little spoon doesn't feel like he's as good as other utensils, and he's jealous of the things they get to do that he doesn't. His mom helps him realize all of the great experiences that are unique to him as a spoon, and he learns to like who he is and appreciate his own life journey. Yes, he DOES get into his parents' bed at the end of the book ~~because he can't sleep~~ and there is a picture of the spoon family spooning each other. IT ISN'T PERVERTED!! It's a very sweet picture showing a loving family snuggling together in bed. Only teenagers and adults are going to realize that the spoons are spooning, and it takes a sick, disgusting, twisted mind to allow this one, innocent picture to corrupt the entire story. Lots of families co-sleep. Lots of parents let restless kids get into bed with them on sleepless nights. Lots of ads show families together in

parents' beds, doing INNOCENT things together--cuddling, reading stories, tickling one another, etc. This is a great, positive story about learning to be yourself--don't listen to the negative chatter!!

My 3-year-old son LOVES this book. It's all about a spoon who is jealous of his friends Knife, Fork and Chopsticks. Then you find out what they're saying about HIM! He comes to realize that being a spoon is pretty fun after all. The illustrations are just perfect and very entertaining. It's a short book, but when we read it, we really make emphasis on what everyone is saying, so that makes it more exiting. It's fun.

I was in a toy store with my son, a seven-year-old 2nd grader, when he spotted this book. He told me that it was a great book; he had read it at school. He then proceeded to sit down in the store and read the entire book out loud to me. My son is not a big reader, he mostly reads comic books and Captain Underpants, and sometimes says he's too old for picture books. This book might appear very simple and appropriate for little ones, but it has enough charm and humor for older children as well.

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