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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

K-Gr 2—Roland the wave suffers from being separated from friends by a big ship. When he reaches the coast where he expects his life to end, he realizes that he is not just a wave, but the whole ocean. The idea of interconnectedness is commendable, but the text doesn't express it in a child-friendly way. As soon as Roland realizes he is the ocean, we see him in rivers, but also in puddles, sinks, and even tears. This will be confusing to readers with no understanding of the water cycle. The illustrations are indistinct; it is difficult to determine what some spreads depict. The last line of the book ("You're like Roland and you'll always be rollin' along. The End?") reveals an admirable message, but the end product falls short.—Laura Stanfield, Campbell County Public Library, Ft. Thomas, KY

Review

"*How Roland Rolls* contains profound truths written in simple and moving prose for children. Jim Carrey speaks authentically and authoritatively about courage to challenge limitations and the freedom that ensues. Jim's success as an artist and humanitarian is an eloquent testament of the truths he reveals in *How Roland Rolls*."

--**Jack Healey**

Human rights activist and pioneer

Former Director, Amnesty International

"Philosophers and scientists struggle to understand cosmic consciousness, but Jim Carrey explains it with elegant simplicity to the child in all of us. We are the ocean rolling along as Roland the Wave becoming raindrop, river, cloud, and becoming the life throb of ages dancing in us this moment."

--**Deepak Chopra**

Author, Teacher, Physician

"Jim Carrey does for children what he does for adults, using humor and light-heartedness to reveal deeper insights. Like all great fairy tales, *How Roland Rolls* addresses ultimate truth in a fanciful package. Bravo."

--**Marianne Williamson**

Author, Teacher

"Carrey's created a charming, fun to read, beautifully illustrated book with Roland the wave as a metaphor for the interrelatedness of everything in the world."

--**Jane Fonda**

Actress

About the Author

Jim Carrey is an award-winning actor/artist/activist. The winner of two Golden Globe awards -- Best Actor for *Man on the Moon* and *The Truman Show* – he was also nominated for a Best Actor Golden Globe for his critically acclaimed performance in *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*. Carrey has appeared in 33 feature length films, is one of Hollywood's most successful actors, and is known for his humanitarian efforts.

Rob Nason is recognized as one of the world's premiere illustrators and animators, awarded for his work on

a variety of feature films. Nason's artwork for the inspiring children's book *Saltwater Taffy* was nominated as Cover of the Year and was a finalist for the prestigious Benjamin Franklin Award in 2012.

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