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### **Editorial Review**

From School Library Journal

Kindergarten-Grade 3-- Jolly, cartoon-style illustrations in inks, watercolors, gouache, and acrylics, filled with active little people and animals, swoop and curl appropriately across the pages to show how important strings, ropes, cables, chains, straps, thongs, and the like have been throughout the ages. Even sinews, or "living strings," are included. The concept is interesting and entertaining, but the execution is confusing, nonchronological, and cluttered. After a jumbled introductory page, the time jumps back 2.5 million years to ancient man and then proceeds forward by fits and starts, often detailing totally unrelated events. A sprightly but haphazard text extols stringy things throughout--sometimes it rhymes, but not always, and the mood changes from serious to humorous. Sometimes, it has no connection to the pictures that accompany it. Despite the charm of the separate elements, the whole is a disjointed informational overload that often loses its focus. --Patricia Pearl Dole, formerly at First Presbyterian School, Martinsville, VA  
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### **Review**

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### **About the Author**

Judy Hindley is a children's author who has written over fifty books, many in verse, and about different sorts of subject matter, from spies to string. Her works include, Sleepy Places, Crazy ABC and Isn't It Time? Margaret Chamberlain first illustrated a book while still at the RCA. She has illustrated numerous books - one of the most successful was called The Man Whose Mother was a Pirate, which is still a bestseller after 20 years.

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