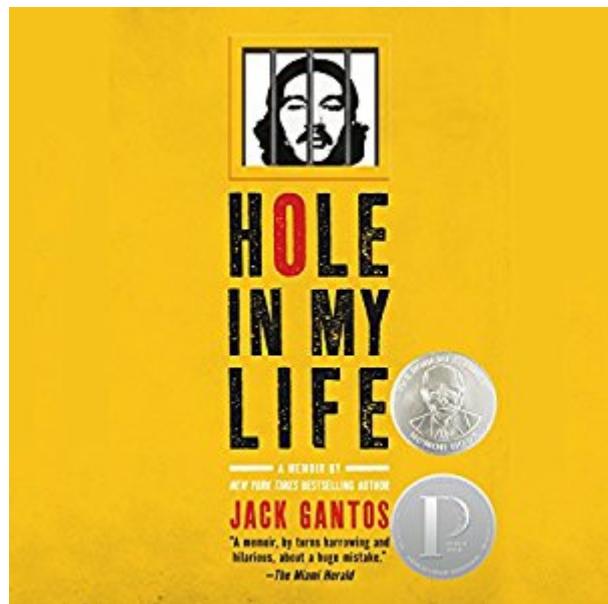


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# Hole In My Life



## Synopsis

Becoming a writer the hard wayIn the summer of 1971, Jack Gantos was an aspiring writer looking for adventure, cash for college tuition, and a way out of a dead-end job. For ten thousand dollars, he recklessly agreed to help sail a sixty-foot yacht loaded with a ton of hashish from the Virgin Islands to New York City, where he and his partners sold the drug until federal agents caught up with them. For his part in the conspiracy, Gantos was sentenced to serve up to six years in prison.In *Hole in My Life*, this prizewinning author of over thirty books for young people confronts the period of struggle and confinement that marked the end of his own youth. On the surface, the narrative tumbles from one crazed moment to the next as Gantos pieces together the story of his restless final year of high school, his short-lived career as a criminal, and his time in prison. But running just beneath the action is the story of how Gantos — once he was locked up in a small, yellow-walled cell — moved from wanting to be a writer to writing, and how dedicating himself more fully to the thing he most wanted to do helped him endure and ultimately overcome the worst experience of his life. *A Hole in My Life* is a 2003 Bank Street - Best Children's Book of the Year. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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## Customer Reviews

Fantastic novel depicting the life of author Jack Gantos and how he ended up in prison after peddling hash. There were many great parts to the story that will make you laugh, other parts will keep you on the edge of every page waiting for what happens next.

bought this book for my brother, and he liked it. it's nice and new.

This book should be required reading for all at-risk boys in their teens. I heard Jack Gantos speak at a conference and immediately went out to buy this book. He made some poor choices in his youth and this book describes those choices.

A friend recommended this book to me about a month ago. I am a teacher and love Gantos' books for kids. Most recently, I read *Dead End In Norvelt* with my fifth graders. Everyone, including me, absolutely loved it. I hadn't heard of *Hole in My Life*. What a fun, surprising read about a popular children's writer.

I had to read this for a class. Very good book, very depressing. Glad the author found his way. Would recommend to parents of teenagers off to college who may not be able to find their way.

Omg!!

As I was reading, I was very disturbed by Jack's naivete but then remembered he was a teen and teens have limited thoughts of consequences and "getting caught". If I had not had a great book club discussion, I would have rated the book low. The conversation at book club allowed me to reflect and think about the value and intent of the book.

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