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Two Old Potatoes and Me

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One day at her dad's house, a young girl finds two old potatoes in the cupboard. "Gross." But before she can throw them away, her dad suggests they try to grow new potatoes from the old ones, which have sprouted eyes. Told from May to September, the potato-growing season, the story includes all the basic steps for growing potatoes while subtly dealing with the parents' recent divorce. Just like the new potatoes that emerged from ugly old potatoes, this dad-and-daughter move on and make a new life together in the face of unavoidable and unpleasant change.

Carolyn Fisher's artwork will be instantly recognizable from her recent picture book debut, *A Twisted Tale*, and her trademark high-energy art and design infuse joy and humor into this heartwarming story.

About the Author: John Coy is the author of the picture books *Night Driving*, *Strong to the Hoop*, *Vroomaloom Zoom*, *Two Old Potatoes and Me*, *Around the World*, and *Hoop Genius: How a Desperate Teacher and a Rowdy Gym Class Invented Basketball*. *Strong to the Hoop* is also available in Spanish as *Directo Al Aro*, and *Two Old Potatoes and Me* is available in Chinese.

John is a member of the NBA Reading All-Star Team as part of the Read to Achieve program. *Crackback*, his first young adult novel, is about high school football and his second, *Box Out*, is about high school basketball. He is also the author of the popular 4 for 4 middle-grade series, featuring *Top of the Order*, *Eyes on the Goal*, *Love of the Game*, and *Take Your Best Shot*. John lives in Minneapolis and visits schools nationally and internationally.