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Gymnastics Girl Maya's Story: Becoming Brave (Go! Go! Sports Girls)



Synopsis

An engaging tale of overcoming one's fears and finding friendship in unexpected places that will have kids itching to hit the tumbling mats after learning about gymnastics. Go! Go! Sports Girl products are designed as a fun and educational way to promote self-appreciation and the benefits of daily exercise, smart eating and sleeping habits, self-esteem, and overall healthy life skills for girls. The books and dolls in the series encourage all children to dream big and work hard to achieve their goals and have fun while doing so. Kids will meet Maya in this extremely relatable, 730 Lexile story. Maya is afraid of everything: climbing trees, thunder, spiders and she's especially afraid of the squats and handsprings she has to do in her gymnastics class. With the big meet coming up, though, she'll have to become brave. Readers will find out how she does it, and the unexpected friend she makes on the way, in this book. The Go! Go! Sports Girl app is available on iTunes.

Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 7 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 2

Customer Reviews

My almost 3 year old daughter was signed up for and awaiting the start of her first gymnastics class when she got this book. I'm sure the timing plays into it, but she LOVES this book. We read it

multiple times each day for about 2 weeks after she received it. Since then, I'd say we read it about once a week. The book teaches gymnastics terminology and the importance of practicing and being brave. It's truly a great book for anyone interested in gymnastics or probably for any other girl in the 3-6 year old age range.

I got the gymnastic book and doll for my 8 year old granddaughter. She is excellent at gymnastics and is in the gym five days a week. She is also a very good reader. She loved both the book and the doll. Such a better doll than Barbie.

The seller was very good - the book arrived on time and is in excellent, brand new condition. But the story is stupid. I would have to guess that someone who is NOT a gymnast wrote it. She obviously just threw in a few "facts" here and there to make it sound more credible. I bought it for a little girl who is just starting out as a competitive gymnast and giving her this book would actually be insulting. I'm not returning it, it didn't cost enough to make it worth the effort, but I would definitely NOT recommend it for anyone remotely involved, or interested in gymnastics. Personal preference - I also didn't like the way the girls' feet were disproportionately large. Their feet looked as stupid as the story was stupid to read. No idea what I'm going to do with it, I would not want anyone who might be considering gymnastics to read it so I can't even donate it to the library. Recycling bucket I guess.

I recently purchased all of the Go! Go! Sports Girls books for my daughters. (I played college basketball, and I have dreams of both of my girls discovering the fun of team sports). The real surprise came in reading them. They are NOT the average children's books. These are story-driven and beautifully written. I think the reason they impress so much is that they deliver on what Dr. Seuss identified as children's seven basic needs: love, security, belonging, achievement, knowledge, change, and aesthetics. (I ran across this while reading Theodor Seuss Geisel by Donald Pease pg. 77). The characters and plots are entertaining and meaningful without being didactic. Of course, I also loved the illustrations and the fact you can purchase dolls to accompany the stories, dolls that don't send our girls the wrong message about how their bodies should look. I can't wait to make it a Go! Go! Sports Girls-themed Christmas with all of my family and friends. I sincerely hope this product line finds the success it deserves. I hope for a day when our stores (and high schools) have fewer Barbies and more Go! Go! Sports Girls!

Got this as a small Xmas gift for my daughter whom is 9 years old and loves gymnastics. Books is short, easy to ready and I figure she would like it. Time will tell. Overall I have no issues with the book, price or delivery time.

I love the Go! Go! Sports Girls dolls and books. They empower young girls by promoting an active lifestyle, setting goals and creative play. Isn't that what we want as moms? Empowered girls grow up to be empowered women! Erica Carlson -- mother of one empowered daughter and two empowered sons

I thought this book would be a little longer. I bought it for my 8 year old daughter when she started to not progress in gymnastics because of fear. She liked the book but thought it was a little "babyish." I agree.

I have bought a few of these books for my nieces who are 5 and 7. They love the books because they involve all the activities they love to enjoy. As an educator, I feel the books also portray a positive message for all girls that they can be strong and confident. My favorite ibook is Suzi the swimmer girl. I saw my own two daughters in that book. Years ago her younger sister lapped her in a swim race. My daughter realized that her younger sister's practice and perseverance paid off which was the exact message of the book. These are great books for young readers with encouraging messages to be the best you can be.

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