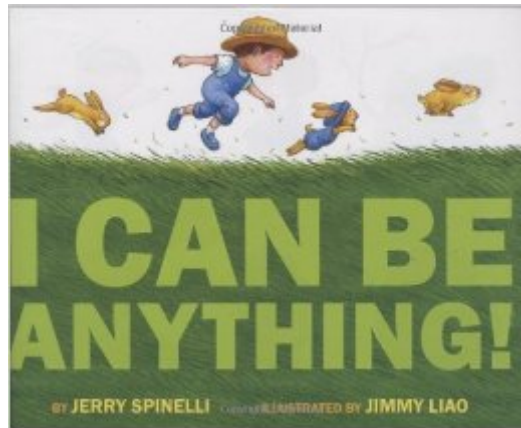


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# I Can Be Anything!



## Synopsis

When I grow up, what shall I be? This exuberant book offers up everything from a paper plane folder to a puppy dog holder, from a silly joke teller to a snowball smoother. Newbery-Award winning author Jerry Spinelli's simple and charming rhymes are accompanied by internationally-renowned illustrator Jimmy Liao's vibrant and fantastical illustrations. This book is an imaginative joyride about hopes and dreams, and a reminder of all the possibilities life has to offer. So, what do you want to be? Remember--you can be anything!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 6 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

This is a great read aloud for the preschool set! I asked a group of 3 to 5 year olds what they wanted to be when they grew up and received a variety of answers from them; one said a dentist, two girls said ballerinas and one cutie I think said he wanted to be a bear. Nobody said they wanted to be a "puppy holder" or a "snowball smoother", or a "tin can kicker" or a "mixing bowl licker". Those are just a few of the hilarious options in this book. This book is sure to get some chuckles both because of it's great rhymes and it's colorful illustrations. Every kid can identify with being a "puddle stomper" - it's nice that they realize there are lot's of "jobs" they can do really well right now. Any "ear to ear grinners" out there? This book has a sticker on the front that says it's great for graduates, and sure it gives a nice sentiment for people just starting out on their careers, but it's an even better book for little kids who might need a reminder of all the fun things they can do now.

Don't miss sharing this one with your little ones, either as a group read or one on one so you can really relish all those energetic illustrations. HUGE RECOMMEND.

This is a wonderful book for teaching toddlers to dream about what they might do/be someday. The book, which is well written and colorful, stirs the child's imagination in a beneficial, positive way, which videos and TV do not do nearly as well as books. Also, the person reading the book to the child becomes their cheerleader and an added reinforcement that the child can be anything!

I was very unsure about this book, even after seeing a few pages. However, the kids LOVE IT. My 3 & 4.5 yr old love it and laugh throughout. They also like to act out each job. I read it to my sons preschool class and they really enjoyed it. I only wish the cover wasn't the extra sheet that can be removed. I never understood why children's books have these.

This book is just perfect for young kids because it talks about a lot of things they have already done - "bubble popper, apple chomper", so kids can relate and imagine that they really can be ANYTHING. At this age they are not ready to be anything but fun! Cute illustrations too.

A little boy lay in the grass dreamily looking up to a bird in the sky. He sat up, put on his straw hat, and asked a bunny, "When I grow up, what shall I be?" He began to run and several bunnies began to hop through the grass. There are so many jobs, but he was wondering which one he would do. Perhaps he would grow some BIG pumpkins or maybe he could sit on a rock and blow on dandelions. Maybe he would be great as a "paper-plane folder" or a "puppy-dog holder." It was going to be hard to decide what he would be best at. He could stomp through puddles with ducks or chomp on apples. Little boys are very good at licking bowls and kicking cans. Clunk, clunk! He could hop like a bunny or become a "bubble gum popper." He could be a "snowball smoother / baby-sis soother / gift unwrapper / jump and clapper / cheek-to-cheek grinner / dizzy-dance spinner." There are so many interesting things that a boy could grow up to be, but what would he choose? This vibrant, rollicking, rhythmical tale will delight all the young readers who want to grow up to be bubble gum poppers. The tale was very lively and the rhyming pattern didn't miss a beat. The artwork is bright, bold and sure to please. It will be very difficult for the reader to choose a favorite page or pages, but one thing I do know and that will be that it would be a perfect story or circle time book or a kindergarten graduation gift!

This book is cute, fun and imaginative. Honestly, the first time I read it I was a little disappointed. The book talks about all the many things you can be when you grow up, then talks about "jobs" like "apple chomper," "barefooted hopper," "jump and clapper" and "lemonade swigger." I'll be honest, I thought it was kind of weird. But, my two-year-old son really enjoyed it - it is a great one to read aloud, thanks to the fun rhymes. The best part of this book are the colorful, imaginative illustrations. They remind me of Mary Engelbreit's illustrations in her books, like Mary Engelbreit's Mother Goose: One Hundred Best-Loved Verses. They are very fun to look at! Overall, this book was so-so for me, but I do admit it is growing on me...

My 4 year old son enjoys this book. I read it to his preschool class and the kids giggled with all the possible things that are suggested you could be. It's a great book!

I CAN DO ANYTHING! is a wonderful book. my 4 year old loves to look at all the kids and what they are doing in each page. we also love that the kids are named and have a short biography in the back of the book!!

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