

Book Title: You Can Do It!

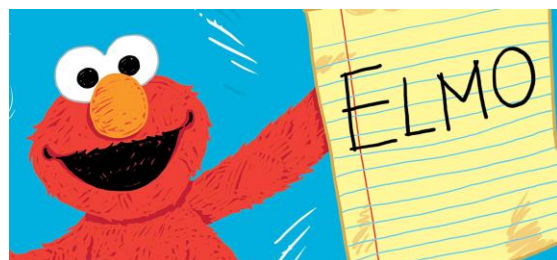
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Story Content:

This book talks about how different Sesame Street characters are trying to learn something new. Elmo was the first one. When he tried to write his name but kept mixing up the letters, Elmo's mother told him not to give up and encouraged him, letting him know that he could do it when he practiced more.



Book Recommendation

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After Elmo succeeded writing his name, he was thinking to use the same encouragement on some of his friends.

Elmo met Grover on the street and gave a hand to Grover when Grover was learning to skate.



Grover finally knew how to skate with Elmo's hand. Grover then met Mr. Count who was trying to paint a castle but he thought his painting was a mess. Grover encouraged Mr. Count by telling him practice makes perfect.



After Mr. Count painted a castle, he met Cookie Monster who could not count. Mr. Count taught Cookie Monster that he could use his fingers and toes to help him when counting.



Shortly after Cookie Monster knew how to count, he saw Telly who could not recognize all the shapes except triangles. Cookie Monster taught Telly to look at circles as cookies and Telly finally got the shapes right.

Telly then went to the park and met Rosita and Abby who were playing ball but Abby could not catch the ball and started to pout. Telly asked Abby not to stress and take a big breath. Abby then caught the ball at last. After playing ball, Abby bumped into Julia who loved dancing but could not leap and felt so sad. Abby encouraged her by telling her to enjoy dancing, Julia could do it finally. Julia then met Zoe who could not do her laces. Julia asked Zoe to keep training her fingers and she could finally tie a knot and a bow. When Zoe finally tied her laces, she went to the park and met Big Bird



whose big dream is riding a bike. Big Bird learned how to ride the bike by taking Zoe' s advice that it' s okay to fall and just to get back up.

No matter how difficult it is, there must be a way to learn it and you can do it eventually!

I recommend this book because...

This book brings several positive messages to everyone; never give up when you are trying to do or learn something new and you can do it as long as you are willing to practice more. These messages are indeed very important to every child, especially when most children rely on their caregivers so much nowadays. Parents need to learn how to let their children learn and not to do everything for them. **"You can do it"** is really something that parents need to tell their children everyday so that they will keep learning and growing.

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