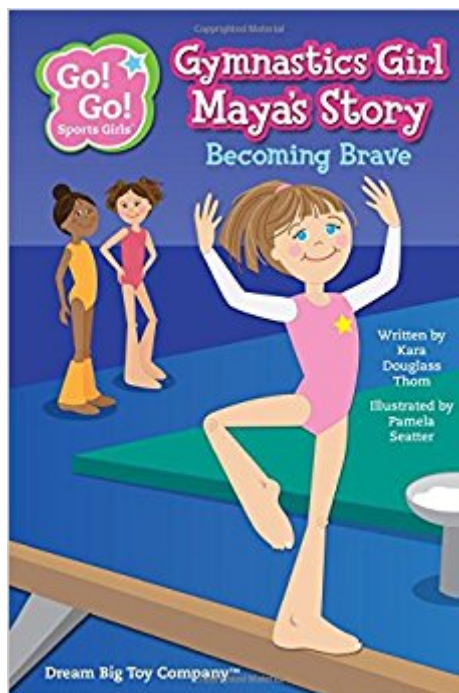




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Gymnastics Girl Maya's Story: Becoming Brave (Go! Go! Sports Girls)



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

Lexile Measure: 730L (What's this?)

Series: Go! Go! Sports Girls

Paperback: 32 pages

Publisher: Dream Big Toy Company (June 23, 2014)

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Product Dimensions: 6 x 0.2 x 9 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.6 ounces

Average Customer Review: 4.6 out of 5 stars 39 customer reviews

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Age Range: 5 - 7 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 2

Customer Reviews

"We love that The Go! Go! Sports Girls encourage creative play through sport and now the dolls come to life with books in the new Read & Play sets. Promoting active play and empowering girls is

a much needed themes on today's toy shelves." •Stephanie Oppenheim, publisher and co-founder, Oppenheim Toy Portfolio "We love a story with a strong female lead, so the Go! Go! Sports Girls, a line of award-winning books and doll sets, get our endorphins flowing."

•Kristin Barnett, another mother runner.com "This type of positive role model is not always easy to come by in the real world, so it's a breath of fresh air to be able to offer a child a doll and book set that are wholesome."

•Jackie Breyer, the toy insider.com "I love the message the Go! Go! Sports Girls dolls and books promote, and glad my active daughter has something like this to identify with and to inspire her."

•Dara Torres, 5-time Olympic swimmer "The Go! Go! Sports Girl books provide a departure from the diva storyline. . . . and show girls that it is necessary to work hard towards a goal, be it celebrating an athletic achievement, overcoming a personal fear, or seeing past a teammate's weaknesses to help her find her strengths."

•Carrie Goldman, author, Bullied: What Every Parent, Teacher, and Kid Needs to Know About Ending the Cycle of Fear "Growing up, my mom told me I could be anything I wanted to be with hard work and perseverance. I highly recommend these books for kids who want to read about good role models and achieving goals."

•Gretchen Carlson, FOX News host, The Real Story with Gretchen Carlson "Being an Olympic runner and now a mommy, it is so important to me to help my children learn early on how to be active and stay healthy."

•Carrie Tollefson, 2004 Olympian "Go! Go! Sports Girl Founder, Jodi Bondi Norgaard, is a female entrepreneur creating true alternatives for girls. The Go! Go! Sports Girl books and dolls empower girls to be active, encourage creative play through sports and promote healthy life skills."

•Jennifer Siebel Newsom, writer, director and producer, Miss Representation and The Mask You Live In "The Go! Go! Sports Girls dolls designed to emphasize physical achievement and fitness are now coming alive in books too. The 32-page stories about each doll teach the basics of a sport, along with teamwork and healthy habits for girls ages 5 and up."

•Parents magazine "You gotta love it when the toys you select for your family also empower girls through sports, what a great message!"

•Chris Freytag, chrisfreytag.com "The Go! Go! Sports Girls dolls and books are a true alternative and will encourage and inspire girls in so many ways. Brava!"

•Jean Kilbourne, author, filmmaker, A Killing Us Softly "Girls love to run track. Wow at a dance recital. Score the winning goal. Being active in sports helps girls to become strong and confident throughout their lives. Author Kara Douglass Thom knew that when she wrote the book series to accompany Dream Big Toy Company's Go! Go! Sports Girls dolls. We are thrilled that girls can now enjoy signed copies of these books in our library exhibit, 'Girls Writing the World.' Check out the Go! Go! Sports Girls for the sporty girl in your life!"

•Girl Scouts

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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.

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

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.

My daughter loves this book. We initially thought it would be all gymnastics based, but it was more broad than that, focusing on becoming brave in life and using that in gymnastics. My daughter has been insisting we get all of the others in the series and she insists we read it nightly. A great addition to our bookshelf!

My granddaughter loved this!

My gymnastics princess really enjoyed this book.

Good book

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.

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