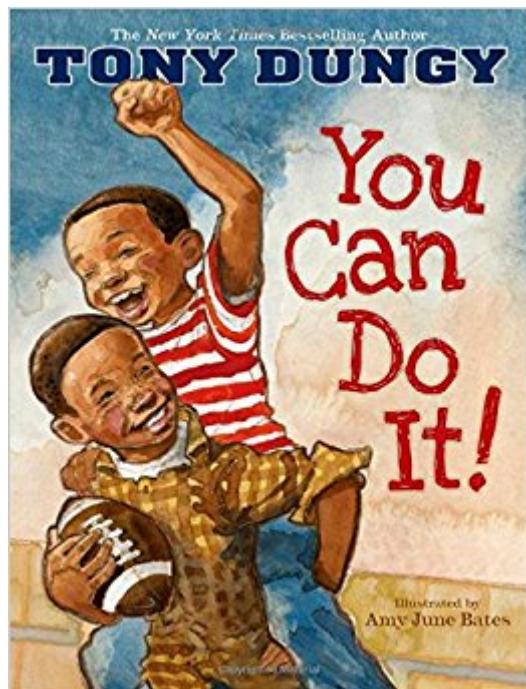


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## You Can Do It!



## **Synopsis**

Tony Dungy's little brother, Linden, is a third grader who is having a bad day at school. Linden is the youngest of the Dungy family and the least motivated because he hasn't found "it." In a family where everyone seems to have found their special talent, all Linden knows is that he wants to make people happy. With encouragement from his parents, a helping hand from his older brother Tony, and inspiration from God, Linden learns that if he dreams big and has faith, he can do anything!

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## **Customer Reviews**

Kindergarten-Grade 2  
•This is a sweet and earnest story about the author's younger brother, who struggles to name his "it" and begin the road to fulfillment in life. The Dungy family puts its faith in God and encourages the boys to do so too. When a toothache brings Linden to the dentist's office, he finds the excitement he's been looking for and ends up becoming a dentist himself. Dungy is a natural storyteller, and readers will buy into this warm family despite some disconnected narrative elements and a tired plot. Bates is skilled at creating charming characters, and her watercolor paintings evoke a vibrant family life. Dungy's name will be familiar to Pro Football fans.  
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Tony Dungy and his wife Lauren Dungy are active members of a number of family, faith, and community-based organizations, including All Pro Dad, iMom, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Mentors for Life, Family First, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, and the Boys and Girls Club of America. Tony is a former NFL player and retired head coach of the 2006 Superbowl Champions, the Indianapolis Colts of the National Football League. Amy June Bates has illustrated many picture books, including Sweet Dreams and That's What I'd Do, both by singer-songwriter Jewel; Hillary Rodham Clinton by Kathleen Krull; and The Brothers Kennedy, also by Kathleen Krull. She lives in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, with her husband and three children.

My son absolutely loves this book. As an avid reader, I purchase books that my son can relate to and that exemplify positivity and creativity. And the fact that this wonderful story is by such a man of integrity as Tony Dungy, really made it special. I was in search for books written by African Americans whose main characters expressed strength, integrity and all of the great characteristics and traits that we see everyday in those of African descent all across the country and the world. It's a great book for every child and we love it!

have not read it yet, sure it will be great!

I am a children's author myself, and doing some research on works of literature. I am focused especially on children's literature for minority children. This book provides a great message, uplifting and simple. It is also beautifully drawn, and wonderfully told. I hope that I might get the chance to work with Mr. Dungy, or have him come to speak with children in our local community at some point in the future. You may also check out my work here, [www.jayzacharylittle.com](http://www.jayzacharylittle.com), or [www..com/dp/0990811603](http://www.com/dp/0990811603). Thanks.

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three-year-rotational basis. The 2011 Rodda Award focuses on books for children and this year's award will be presented at the CSLA annual conference to be held at the Hilton Embassy Row Hotel in Washington, July 19-22. To learn more about CSLA and the Rodda Award go to [...].

We enjoy family story time with our two children every night before bed. It's a big deal in our home and we're always looking for books with a fun story line, great illustrations, and books that teach good morals, principles, manners, and so forth. My hubby is a HUGE Dungy fan so I bought this book when I read about it. It's a good story and my children and hubby enjoy it. :-)

This book is not my kids' favorite, but I trust that they will appreciate it more as they grow older and begin to question their abilities and aspirations.

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