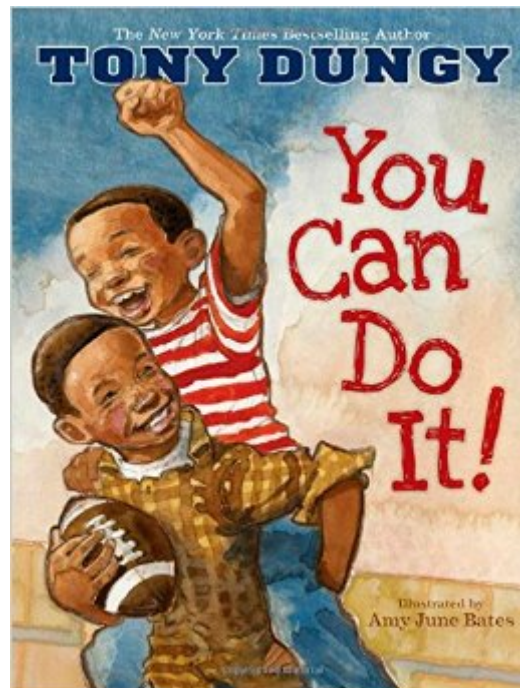


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# You Can Do It!



## 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

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## Customer Reviews

Dungy's book is promoted to be for children ages 4-7, but I don't think you can put an age limit on its topic which is reminding readers (adults too) to trust in God and dream big. The book conveys an episode in a family with 4 children--2 brothers & 2 sisters. It seems all of the children know their dreams and talents except for Linden who is unsure about his talents or his dream for his life. A toothache and the support and encouragement of his family lead him to his desire. The family encourages Linden to trust God, and they pray for him that God will show him his "it" for his life. Even in a such a brief episode, there is a caring family dynamic conveyed in the book that is refreshing and serves as an excellent model. The story emphasizes that God has made each of us special and takes an interest in our lives. It is from him that we learn our "dream" for our lives. The story is for children and I think for parents who play a role, along with God, in shaping and guiding

children. I also think boys and girls will enjoy reading a book for children by a Super Bowl coach. The illustrations are excellent and very colorful. The book's size is just right. Craig Stephans, author of *Shakespeare On Spirituality: Life-Changing Wisdom from Shakespeare's Plays*

Faith. Family. Love. In a time when values oftentimes have more to do with pop culture than the family, Tony Dungy provides a wonderful story for young people, though adults can learn from it, too. The wonderfully-illustrated book - done by Amy June Bates - tells the story of Dungy's younger brother, Linden, as he figures out his life dream and is encouraged by his family to pursue his goal to become a dentist. Faith and the support of a loving family help Linden as he turns his frustration in being the only one in his class or at home who does not know what he wants to be when he grows to positively pursuing and ultimately achieving his dream. It is an inspirational story of leadership on the field of life and the outcome that will occur when positive energy and faith are allowed to carry a person over the goal-line.

I am absolutely WOWED by this book. My four eldest children, ages 6, 4, 3, and 19 months, all thoroughly enjoyed this book, made comments as we read, and asked EXCELLENT questions. The book is Christian based and is also based on real life, both excellent traits! The quality is TOP-NOTCH. The full color pictures (I'm talking NO WHITE SPACE on a single page!) are truly works of art in water-color, and not overwhelming or too kiddish. The moral of the story is not forced - that everyone has a dream, an "it" to find. When the big brother prays for his little brother at dinner time, I just about lost it, couldn't contain my tears, but our children all smiled at one another. So, sibling bonding, good messages, dream big, pray a lot, and go for your dreams! What a fanTAStic book! We're reading it again tonight. We're not big sports people, but I'm sure the fact that it's written by a football star is also a huge plus among boys that know more about that. Buy it! You'll LOVE IT! This is WORTH having in your HOME library, not just at the public library. Oh, and it even has a nice book jacket - something most kids' books don't have these days. Sra. Gose Author of *Flip Flop Spanish: Ages 3-5: Level 1 & Spanish Fun Activity Calendar*

Tony Dungy is a successful author, family man, public speaker, and a fine example of how to be a Christian gentlemen. Oh, he also manages to coach an NFL team in my city, the Indianapolis Colts. Tony takes us back to his childhood in Michigan and tells the story of his little brother, Linden, who is a cut-up in class but can't seem to find his way. He can't figure out what is his "it". Tony is an athlete. His sisters take care of animals. What is his thing, his "it"? To Dungy's credit, the story is

simple, but not preachy and not so simple that it bores the adult reader. I read right to the end and was genuinely interested in seeing how it came out. The illustrations are perfect and really help tell the story. My daughter, an 8 year-old and an excellent reader liked the story as well. She liked the way Dungy addressed the issue of Linden not knowing what he wanted to be when he grew up. What kid has not wondered what he or she will do when he or she grows up? (Right now she wants to be a combination waitress/veterinarian/race car driver with Danica Patrick) She also liked the fact that it mentioned prayer and God. If this is the quality of work we can expect from Tony Dungy, I hope he comes out with many more books.

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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