I Can Do It Too!

Great Book For Toddler

Anyone can pour juice, bake a cake, and kiss away hurts—right? But maybe—just maybe—it’s not so easy when you are very small! Daddy pours juice without even thinking about it, Grandma bakes a cake effortlessly, and the next-door neighbor rides a bike as if he were born on one! Whatever is happening, our little heroine wants to join in and do it too. With caring support from her family and many friends, she not only finds she can do it too, but soon she is big enough to pass on loving encouragement of her own. The simple cadence of the text and the direct-to-the-heart art result in a book as warm and generous as its message.

My Personal Review:
You just dont realize how few early picture books featuring African-Americans there are out there until you stumble across one thats really fantastic. Looking at Karen Baickers enjoyable, And I Can Do It Too!, Im struck by how she has taken such a simple subject and applied it to a variety of situations. More impressive by far, however, are Ken Wilson-Maxs brave and deceptively simple illustrations to the story. If youre looking for something to read to those antsy early readers that lets them play along and join in on the chorus, this books for you. The book jacket to this story puts it best when it says that this is truly a tale about, growing up surrounded by love. The little protagonist in this story is doing her darndest to do everything the grown-ups around her do. Her dad pours orange juice? I can do it too! Her grandpa reads to her? I can do it too! You get the idea. The thick paints employed by skillful Wilson-Max are bright and colorful. They expertly convey everything from a fancy tea to a tender moment of hugs. Additionally, the sturdy pages in this book hold up well to little hands. As for the pictures, there are no tiny details here, making this book a perfect one for group storytimes. You can make out every person and action in this tale from quite a distance. And those brushstrokes. Those wonderful wonderful brushstrokes. You can tell Wilson-Max had a lot of fun painting these pictures. Its a lovely story told with eloquence and style. A perfect story for any little one thats just getting the gist of everyday chores and actions.