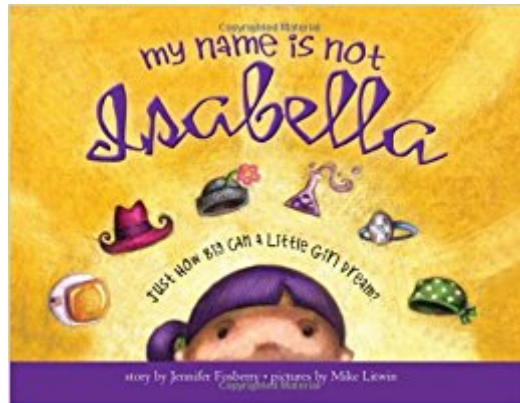


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My Name Is Not Isabella: Just How Big Can A Little Girl Dream?



Synopsis

New York Times Bestseller! Just How Big Can a Little Girl Dream? Ask Isabella... She takes a wild ride-and discovers the sky's the limit! "This story...speaks frankly about self-identity and self affirmation as Isabella decides at the end that she is actually herself...because she possesses the best parts of all of the women she looks up to." -ForeWord Magazine "The colorful mixed-media artwork reinforces the fanciful, upbeat tone of the book. Use this story to ignite young readers' interest in women's history." -School Library Journal Who Is Your Hero? Isabella's include U.S. Astronaut Sally Ride, activist Rosa Parks, and sharpshooter Annie Oakley-but there's no bigger hero than Isabella's own mommy! Join Isabella on an adventure of discovery-and find out how imagining to be these extraordinary women teaches her the importance of being her extraordinary self. A rollicking read-aloud and terrific "read-to-myself" story, *My Name Is Not Isabella* is capturing hearts and awards, including: Silver ForeWord Book of the Year Award for Picture Books Gold Moonbeam Children's Book Award Gold Independent Publisher Book Award Amelia Bloomer List Jennifer Fosberry is a science geek turned children's book writer. Until recently, she worked as a project manager in Silicon Valley in the high-tech electronic field. She currently divides her time between the San Francisco Bay Area and Costa Rica with her husband and three children. Mike Litwin combines a variety of media to create scenes that serve the imagination and education of women. A graduate of the East Carolina University School of Art and Design, he plays both designer and illustrator with an often wacky, always delightful style that uniquely blends playful innocence with devilish mischief. Illustrating and telling stories for children is his passion, his entertainment, and his dream. He currently lives in Greenville, North Carolina, with his wife and three daughters.

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Customer Reviews

Kindergarten-Grade 2 "Good morning, Isabella," says a mother to her daughter. "My name is not Isabella!" says the child. She is Sally, the "greatest, toughest astronaut who ever was!" At breakfast she becomes Annie the sharpshooter, and then Rosa on the bus ride to school. When she gets home that afternoon, she is Marie, the scientist; then Elizabeth, the doctor; Mommy, the greatest mother; and, finally, Isabella again. She falls asleep thinking about who she will become tomorrow. Throughout the day, the mother good-humoredly encourages her daughter's flights of imagination. The repetitive text, while somewhat contrived, serves to drive home the message that girls can do and be anything they want. The inclusion of motherhood in the list of worthwhile occupations is refreshing. The colorful mixed-media artwork reinforces the fanciful, upbeat tone of the book. An appendix gives more information on the lives and careers of all the women alluded to, and a list of works consulted presents opportunities for further research. Use this story to ignite young readers' interest in women's history.â "Rachael Vilmar, Eastern Shore Regional Library, Salisbury, MD
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"The exuberance of the text and typography, coupled with Isabella's force of personality, ensures that the pages fly along, largely and blessedly free of the earnestness that plagues so many "girls can do anything" books." - Publishers Weekly "A tremendous book." - Mommy's Memorandum "A great story for little girls!" - Amanda's Favs "The perfect book to teach young girls about the inner strength of their gender." - New Age Mama "It's the kind of book that can open a little girl's mind up to a world of new stories simply by letting her explore all the possibilities." - BabyCenter "Fun inspiration...sure to be enjoyed." - Chronicles of an Infant Bibliophile "A delightful tale of young Isabella trying on the personality of daring women who left an indelible mark on history." - Modern Home Modern Baby "Empowering to young girls and very positive." - Eco Child's Play "Isabella puts an imaginative spin on her day-to-day activities that reminds us all that we can do anything and

be anyone we choose."" - Parenting Pink""The perfect book for the girls! "" - Mommy Mandy""This book does a superb job at introducing the reader to real life women who were and are strong role models for young women."" - Dad of Divas""Perfect for any kid who is constantly imagining what they want to be when they grow up."" - Momtrends""Not only is this a great story to help inspire little girls, it's a great book to help teach any child about women's history."" - Katie Talks About""Would willing share this book with friends and family."" - My 5 Monkeys""This book will inspire and empower young girls to make a difference in whatever they choose to do, and show them they don't have to pretend only to be mermaids, princesses, and fairies."" - Non-Toxic Kids

One of my favorite books to read with my daughter, *My Name Is Not Isabella* is a sweet and empowering story about a little girl who acts as her heroes throughout her day. From Rosa Parks to Marie Curie and finally Mommy, Isabella allows my daughter see strong women and their impact on the world. She loves Isabella's purple hair and sassy spirit, and the repetition is a great way to keep her engaged. Every time Isabella says, "My name is not Isabella", my daughter says it along with me and then laughs. It's short enough for a quick read before bed while also allowing for some deeper learning at the end where the author includes more in-depth information about the different famous women noted in the book. I highly recommend this cute book for little girls. I'm a fan of other Isabella books as well (we also have *Isabella: Star of the Story*). Definitely check this series out!

Can a little girl be an astronaut, sharp-shooter, and scientist? Isabella can, and she can do that and more all in one day. Although this book seems to be a little over my four-year-old granddaughter's head, she still loves it and asks to read it over and over. I think she enjoys taking it all in. I can almost see her little brain cogs turning as we flip through the pages. She likes the repetitiveness of "My name is not . . ." and the suspense of who the little girl will be next. The action-filled illustrations set a nice pace as the reader watches Isabella imagine her way through the day. I like what Mike Litwin does with the illustrations of Isabella's mother. He clearly works through Isabella's eyes. Even though the illustrations only reveal the mother's face once, her presence is felt throughout the book via illustrations from Isabella's perspective. The mom asks questions on every other page such as, "Then who has been sleeping in my daughters bed?" and "Then who will eat this fine breakfast I cooked?" My granddaughter likes the playful interaction between Isabella and her mother. I'm not sure which she enjoys more: When Isabella says, "I am Mommy . . ." or when the story comes full circle and Isabella snuggles up under her blankets. Now back to the book being over my granddaughter's head. She overheard my daughter and me talking about how cool it is that Jennifer

Fosberry includes short blurbs on each famous woman, including Mommy, in the back of the book. The next time my granddaughter and I read the book, she went to the back pages and asked, "What does it say about the women?"

I love the Isabella stories!! So empowering for young girls!! Shows them they can be anything they want!! I want my girls to defy the stereotypes that are placed on women, and This is a great start to teaching them what women and girls could actually be capable of and what some amazing women have done in the past. I love at the end of the story that they provide a history of the characters introduced in the book such as Rosa Parks. I copied and pasted this review from the other Isabella book (star of the story) because this whole series should be read and often!!

This might be pregnancy hormones, but even the dedication on the front page of this book brought tears to my eyes. I love everything about this book. I even considered naming my baby after the main character.

Very cute book to introduce important women from history and giving Mommy her place among them.

I have two little girls who are almost 4 years old and they have absolutely fallen in love with this book. I purchased this book after seeing it listed on the "Mighty Girl" website - which is a must see for any parent with daughters. Too many books for girls are about being fancy and waiting for a prince. This book inspires girls to think about themselves as smart, tough, and kind in such a clever way - providing real life role models for them -yet keeping it simple. My girls have already asked who Elizabeth Blackwell is and want to more about her. I think that is a wonderful thing. Well written. Buy it!!!

This is my favorite book to read to my daughter. It is fun and educational. She got it as a gift for her 5th birthday. The first time I read it to her she loved it, but was not interested in the biographies in the back of the book. Now, just a few months later, she is very interested in them and pays attention. I read it to her kindergarten class and the children really enjoyed the book. I have been giving it as a gift to other little girls in my life. This price (11.55) is very reasonable, especially if you can benefit from the free shipping on orders over \$25. In the city where I live, this book is only available at Barnes and Noble; it is about \$20 there.

This is an amazing book. With so much for little girls centered around princesses and fairies it's nice to read a book that shows women in strong powerful roles. I love that my daughter asks questions about scientists and activists after reading this book. She also loves reading about the real women the book discusses they are featured on the last page. She has loved this book since she was 2 1/2 and I just purchased it as a gift and the little girl loved it as well (she's 4).

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