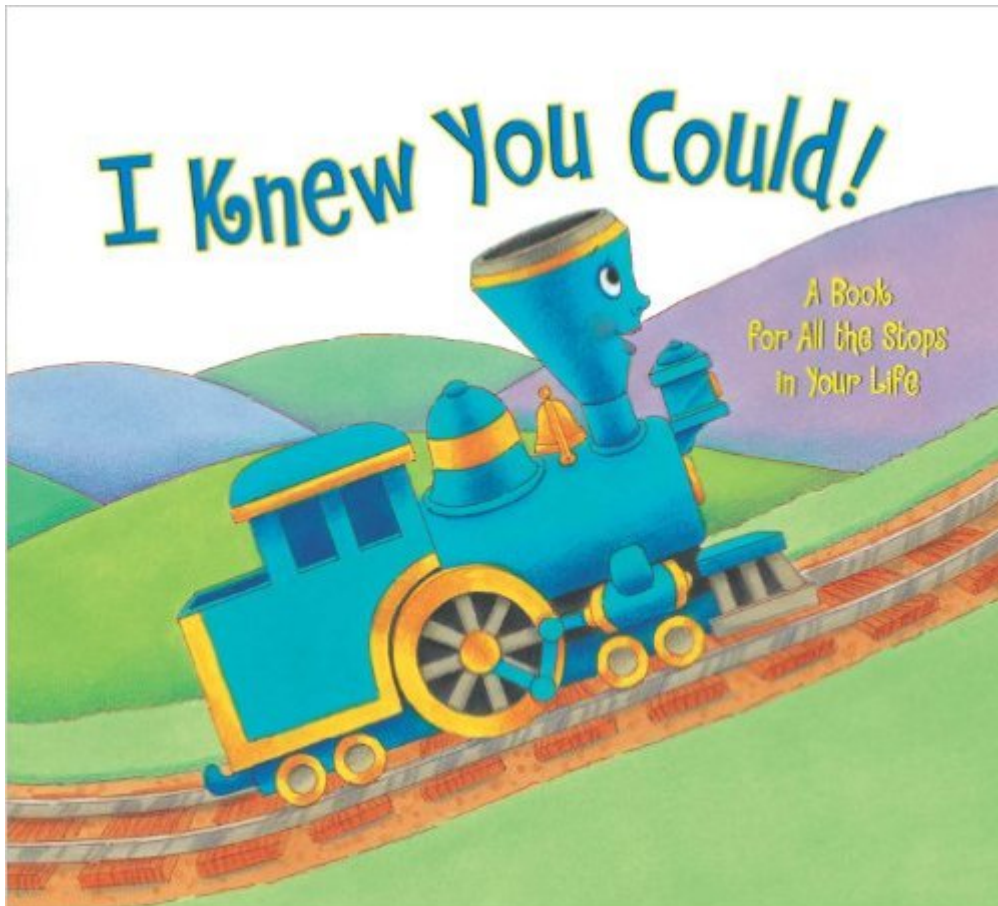


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# I Knew You Could!: A Book For All The Stops In Your Life (The Little Engine That Could)



## Synopsis

The determined Little Blue Engine is back, bringing inspiring and enlightening words of wisdom to graduates of all ages as they make the transition from one phase of life to the next. *I Think I Can!* provides familiar comfort in changing times and serves as a wonderful gift that will be treasured for years to come. Readers will revisit the story again and again as they move forward along life's path. From "I think I can" to "I knew I could," *The Little Engine That Could* helps kids of all ages realize that anything is possible if you just put your mind to it!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## Customer Reviews

I was given this book by my cousin for my high school graduation. I read it after my party was all over and my friends had gone home. I sat in my room and read through the book with tears welling up in my eyes. It was a gift that meant more to me than money, or a coffee maker, which was a gift from another cousin which I know will be very usefull in college, could ever compare. Don't get me wrong, money and coffee are good things, but I can imagine this book getting me through some interesting and possibly hard times in the future. The inspiration is greatly appreciated.

My 3 1/2 year old son checked this book out from the library and is enchanted with it. It features the little blue engine from the Little Engine that Could. Although the book ostensibly is intended to guide

"graduates" in their life choices, it may not be as appealing for older children, simply because of the cartoonish illustration style. The text has the same lilt and rhyme style as a Dr. Seuss book (which may not be an accident since this title is in a similar vein as Seuss's "Oh, the Places You'll Go"). My son may be too young yet to get the metaphors in the text of the book, but he thoroughly enjoys hearing it and finding familiar train items in the illustrations. I appreciate the fact that I can read a book that sneaks in a little motivational advice (surely some of it sinks in at this age). Close to the end of the book is a bit about how doing one's best involves resting once in awhile. This makes it a terrific bedtime "story."

I am an elementary school teacher and also the mother of 4. My oldest is graduating from high school this year. After I read this book, I bought several. One for my son and several for his friends. I also sent it to my nephew that is leaving for a mission to Honduras for the next 2 years. It's a perfect book for those that are heading off in new directions in their lives and it gives them advice and encouragement! I love it!

I Knew You Could!: A Book For All The Stops In Your Life by Craig Dorfman is an enthusiastically recommended picture book based on the beloved classic children's story "The Little Engine That Could." Sing-song rhyming verse combined with inviting illustrations by Cristina Ong of a happy and plucky blue engine encourage readers of all ages about the importance of believing in oneself.

Came across this book while shopping for a baby shower, and couldn't put it down until I read it front to back! Perfect for children OR adults going through milestones or hardship in life. It's like Dr. Seuss' Oh, The Places You'll Go! -- except better rhyming IMO and easier to read/understand for younger children. Both great books though! OTPYG gave me encouragement when I was lost, whereas IKYC lifted me up when I was depressed. I only wish I came across these when I was younger!

Such an adorable book! We read it online for free through We Give Books and loved it so much we immediately bought it for our daughter. It's one of her favorites and my husband and I both really love it too. It's nice to have an entertaining book that also teaches a lesson rather than just reading silly book after silly book. I have since bought this book 3 more times to give as birthday presents.

A soft cover copy of this book "I Knew You Could" was given to me at my high school graduation

by a dear family friend and inside the cover she had written the most loving meaningful letter to me about how far I had come in life and how far I was going to go and that she was excited to be there along the way and watch me on the journey! That simple gift means so much to me! Now that I have my own children I want to give them each something that will bring that feeling of love and acceptance for them that I feel when I read this book. I decided to replicate the graduation gift idea but with a little spin! I purchased this hardcover book so that each year my sons teachers can write him a special note inside and at his high school graduation I will present it to him. I think this book it is a much more "man friendly" gift option that can be easily saved throughout the years for me to take to each grade and afterwards for my son to take with him to college and off into life. So far we have 2 years of preschool teachers, kindergarten and he just started 1st grade. I have a while but I am so glad that I have this book to have loving words added to along the way. The book itself is hardcover with a protective sleeve. Great quality and the book I remember and love so much!

This is a perfect book for graduation gifts. It has a powerful life message and is very inspirational. I even bought one for each of my young children. They love the graphics and colors. Throughout the year, I add quotes and funny things they say inside the pages and when they graduate high school, I will give it to them for keepsake. This book is amazing!!

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