Girls Can!: Make It Happen.
**Synopsis**

Written in verse, this children's book is intended to inspire girls that they can do anything! Included in the book are the stories of Sandra Day O'Connor the first woman on the US Supreme Court; Sally Ride the first American woman astronaut; and Jackie Joyner-Kersee an Olympic medal winner in track and field. Girls Can! is a powerful message to let all girls know they can be anything they want to be! Bright and bold full-color illustrations are used throughout the book.

**Book Information**

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years  
Grade Level: Preschool - 3

**Customer Reviews**

I really like this book for my (...) girl. It talks about different ways to dream big dreams and make them happen. It’s a wonderful addition to our nighttime reading library!!

Girls Can! By Rick Kupchella is a celebration of girls and what they can accomplish when they believe in themselves. Kupchella writes his story with the cooperation of Sandra Day O’Connor (the first female Supreme Court associate justice), Jackie Joyner-Kersee (Olympic gold medal winner) and Sally Ride (the first American woman astronaut in space). Kupchella’s book celebrates girls and all the wonderful things they can do when they are determined and put forth the energy and hard work. Through the individual stories of O’Conner, Joyner-Kersee and Ride, Kupchella inspires and challenges all girls to do what they want and to be what they want to be. Girls Can! is an important
message that must begin early and continue forever! The illustrations are colorful, bold and inviting and children will love them. This is a keeper book. Armchair Interviews says: We would love to see a book for boys also. In this day and age, we all need encouragement.

I have mixed feelings about this book. As has been stated, the illustrations are really bright and colorful. And obviously, the women featured are amazing people. But...it does have a very simplistic (even for a kids book) heavy-handed way about it. And somehow it bugs me that the primary author is a man. No women authors available to do the job? The underlying message, though, that with determination you can do it, is a useful one for little girls.

My two daughters received this book from their Great Aunt and Uncle last week, and we liked it so much we decided to purchase one for my sister’s two daughters. I was so surprised to see such negative reviews that I had to write a review myself. It is truly astounding that anyone could take such a positive message as this book represents and try to make it sound negative, but I suppose some people could find negative in anything. The message we get from Kupchella’s wonderful book is that each girl, throughout her life, will determine the road she will travel. She gets to choose from all the incredible possibilities out there, and it doesn’t matter where she begins. I love that Kupchella mentions motivation coming from within, and being as individual as each person. Further, the illustrations are very colorful and captivating. My four year old loves the page where Sandra is daydreaming, looking at the clouds, which represent all the boundless possibilities for her life. If you like having positive energy in your home, this book incorporates plenty of it throughout its pages.

This is a fun story that I really enjoy reading to my girls. It has a good message and honors some great women.

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