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Set long ago in the heart of the African savanna, *Dream Big—a mythological fable*—follows moody Baboon as he discovers a powerful secret.

One by one, Caterpillar, Tadpole, and Flamingo gaze up at the night sky and wish upon a star for their wildest dreams. Baboon insists these dreams could never come true. But when he sees Caterpillar turn into a winged butterfly, Tadpole into a dancing frog, and Flamingo into a beautiful pink bird, Baboon realizes that a transformative power exists between the stars and the animals once they truly believe in themselves and their dreams. When Baboon tries out this secret, CATCH-M, his Magical, Mystical, Wished-Upon Star, *whooshes* down from the heavens to *wham!* ignite the courage in his chest. Read on to see if his dream comes true too . . .

Dream Big's inspirational message makes it a perfect gift for dreamers of all ages, from children to young adults about to enter a new chapter in their lives. Together we can all be inspired to identify and pursue our dreams, no matter how big or impossible they may seem.

Dream Big Details

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From Reader Review Dream Big for online ebook

Kristi Betts says

I love the idea to "dream big" and follow your dreams. However, I feel this book misses the boat. Are the animal's (caterpillar, tadpole, and flamingo) dreams really being fulfilled, or is it simply their life cycle? To me, the book is almost confusing. As an adult, I know the caterpillar will transform into a butterfly and the tadpole to a frog. As I was reading I kept trying to figure out what the baboon was going to turn into at the end of the book. Maybe I am being too critical, but that is where my adult brain went while reading.

The illustrations are bright and bring a lot of character to the animals.

Gail Lynch says

This is the best new picture book I have read in awhile. Different animals dream to be better versions of themselves, and their dreams come true. The African animals are different ones which children will be familiar. The book helps children believe that their dreams can come true too. The illustrations are wonderful too.

I won my copy from Goodreads and will be giving it to my grandchildren.

Jennifer says

Great book! Should be read to all children! This is a great book about believing you can become anything you want, if you wish for it hard enough and believe and work for it! Great illustrations!

James Schattel says

All I can say is wow! I absolutely loved reading this book to my child. He loves to read about animals and learn from them. This book is beautifully illustrated and written. It has great encouragement in the book and helps children to believe in their dreams. There is also a good website that anyone can go to that has great activities, that you and your children can do together. It is: www.katkronenberg.com which has awesome coloring sheets, facts about animals from the book, and also great curriculum activities that align with the TEKS. This is great for my son because we live in Texas and he will be soon be dealing with standardized testing. I am so glad that I have received this book and I recommend this book to children, teachers, and adults.

Melanie Haynes says

This book is perfect for little kids who are in the early stages of reading or still need read too. It is a great book for the formative years in teaching them confidence in their dreams and themselves despite what others

may say. Written in a way to entertain the child and to teach them the power of positive thinking. Much love for this book!

Lynn Demsky says

A most wonderful inspirational book for kids of all ages! The illustrations are stunning with some concealed meanings in them --- a song to learn, a dance to play with your other friends ---not enough stars to rate this book! A truly Inspirational Messages for ALL OF US – you can be whatever you want and how to be the best of what you are! Also has some great ideas and suggestions at the end to help you “follow your dreams.”

Janet says

This book is great for young readers. We all experience that one person we tell our dreams to, our friend. Some times they tell us that our dreams are unattainable. We have to hold on to our dreams and wish upon a Star. The Universe is listening. We can attain our dreams, if we keep on believing.

Liz says

This is a great inspirational book for the younger child. It is full of lots of captivating scenarios where dreams come true. It's a pleasure to read and is so easy to get into the spirit of the book that it brings laughter and joy to the both the narrator and listener. And I cannot say enough about how I enjoyed the illustrations ... they were really beautiful. A wonderful gift idea!

I won a copy of this book in a Goodreads giveaway for this honest review.

Whispering Stories says

Dream Big, is a bedtime-esq children's story book.

Moody Buffoon is always grumpy and tries to quash the other animals dreams. First, he tells Caterpillar, who dreams of being able to fly, that he won't be able to with all of his feet clinging on to the tree.

Next, when Tadpole dreams of dancing, Buffoon tells him that he's got no chance as he has no feet to follow a beat. He then tells Flamingo that she is too ordinary, when Flamingo tells him that she dreams of being beautiful.

When one by one the animals dreams come true, Buffoon is left flabbergasted and looking a bit silly. He's also a little envious and makes a dream of his own, but will his own dream come true?

The book is all about teaching children to believe in themselves and to dream big, as you never know, your dreams may just come true. It also teaches them not to listen to those who try to make fun of your dreams.

The book is extremely colourful throughout, which is aesthetically pleasing, but with the full page being

brightly coloured, sometimes the writing merged into the background, and I couldn't quite make out the text without looking at it really closely.

At the back of the book, the author has also included a resources section, which is helpful for parents and teachers. This is a sweet children's book, with a powerful message.

Reviewed by Stacey at www.whisperingstories.com

Kenny Rutherford says

I'm surprised at how many reviews there are for this book that are overly critical and negative. It is a children's book. It has bright, colourful pages. It uses words/sounds that would be fun for children to hear/say. It has a few parable-like stories that are intended, not to be taken literally but, to promote self-confidence and ambition. The world needs more positive messages like this for children and even adults. It uses a recognizable children's song to further its point. It even ends with instructions for easy art projects to keep the message alive after the book is closed. I think it accomplished the job it wanted to do. Visually and auditorily stimulating for the sake of positivity.

Reader Views says

Reviewed by Evan (age 3), Sarina (age 4), and Mom for Reader Views Kids (9/18)

Could there be a more positive storyline than the one found in, "Dream Big" by Kat Kronenberg? We don't think so! This hardcover, beautifully illustrated story takes place in the Savannas of East Africa, where the inhabitants are finding that they want to be more in life, but wonder if they have the courage to make it happen?

"Dream Big" is about a grouchy baboon and his inability to accept that we can be whoever we want to be if we only believe we can. His first encounter is on a starry night when he notices Caterpillar on a branch looking up at the stars. He was wishing he could be like a bird and fly. Baboon just laughed which made the Caterpillar very sad. But Caterpillar was determined to make his wish come true and would not give up even though Baboon said it was impossible.

During the story Baboon meets several other creatures all wishing to be more, but he could still not accept that they could change. Only after seeing for himself that change is possible if you wish and believe hard enough, did he realize how foolish he had been.

Evan and Sarina both liked the butterfly and how his wings sparkled when he made his wish come true. They both listen intently and had many different questions about the characters in the story. They loved the brightly colored illustrations that seemed to jump off of the pages and would not let me turn the page until they finished looking at every little detail the pictures had to offer.

"Dream Big" was such a pleasure to read with my kids and what a wonderfully positive storyline. I think all parents would enjoy reading this story to their kids. All through the book Evan and Sarina were clapping and saying, "But I can! I Believe." We have read "Dream Big" several times now and each time they will notice

something different in the pictures or come up with a new question about the story. Their favorite part in the story was when the characters sat around the fire at night and made up a song for Termite.

“Dream Big”, by Kat Kronenberg is a very special book that should belong in every family’s home. The positive feeling you and your kids receive from this story is exceptional. We look forward to reading more stories by Kat Kronenberg.

Heather says

I totally loved this book and all the swag it came with! My daughter loved it too. Very cute pictures to go with a great story. A fun book for the great meaning behind the plot.

I won this book through Goodreads for my honest opinion.

Caroline says

I read this with my 5 year old daughter.

We thought the story was just okay.

The pictures were very bright and colorful, my daughter gives them a thumbs up.

We liked that the story was about not giving up on your dreams.

I wish the dreams were not things that are going to happen because of nature/biology, but because the creatures had to work for them. I think the author missed an opportunity there. With the story as is (caterpillar becoming butterfly, tadpole becoming frog, etc.) these are things that would happen anyway, even if they didn't dream of it.

2 stars for pretty pictures, but meh storyline.

Brandy says

I read this to my 3 year old last night; she was filled with awe. It was such a positive, thought provoking story. After our second reading of the book she looked at me and asked, "So I can be an Elephant right?" I found myself laughing and she asked what was so funny; I then straighten my demeanor. I looked at my daughter and said, "Yes, you can be whatever your heart desires; even an elephant! Are you sure you want to be that big though?" She replied, "No silly, I just wanted to know it was ok to be something like an elephant!" I replied, "You can be anything you want to be just like the story says! Just make sure you reach for the stars and dream big!" She smiled and said the most amazing thing, "Well, today I just wanna be here, with you right now; but someday I'm gonna be something big! Like elephant big!" Today, we have read the book three more times. I can almost recite it by memory. It's a book that truly teaches a child they can be anything they want to be they just have to believe in themselves and their dreams! An amazing read! Tomorrow, it is going to preschool with, Liv for share time. I want to say, from my own personal experience- it's never to late to Dream Big! You never know when wishes will become life! 10 stars!!

Jasmine Nangauta says

I was so amazed as soon as I opened the cover of this book! It has such a good storyline and wonderful eye catching illustrations! It's definitely something I could read every night to my daughter!
