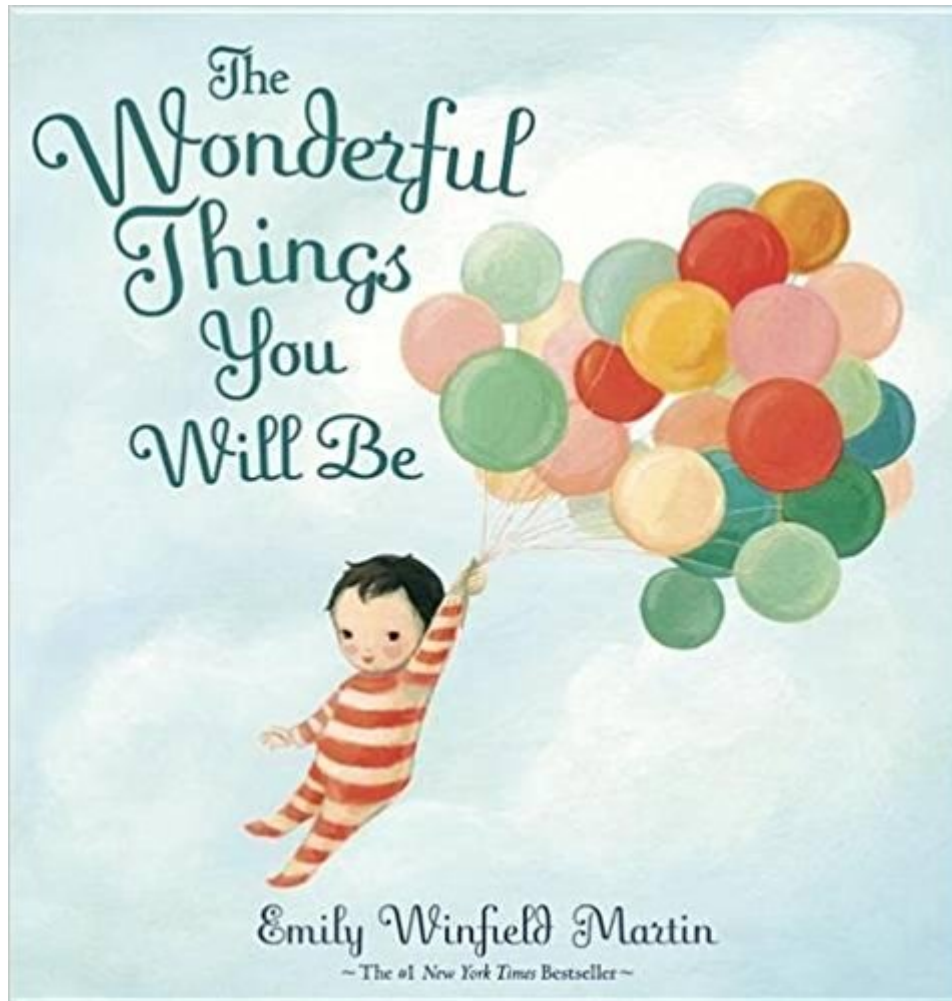




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The Wonderful Things You Will Be



Synopsis

The New York Times bestseller that celebrates the dreams, acceptance, and love that parents have for their children . . . now and forever! A perfect gift for recent grads! From brave and bold to creative and clever, Emily Winfield Martin's rhythmic rhyme expresses all the loving things that parents think of when they look at their children. With beautiful, and sometimes humorous, illustrations, and a clever gatefold with kids in costumes, this is a book grown-ups will love reading over and over to kids—both young and old. A great gift for any occasion, but a special stand-out for baby showers, birthdays, and graduation. *The Wonderful Things You Will Be* has a loving and truthful message that will endure for lifetimes.

Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

Customer Reviews

Pre-Childhood is a time full of potential, and Martin celebrates this promise in this work. The general premise of Dr. Seuss's classic, *Oh, The Places You'll Go* is pared down to elegant simplicity. "Will you stand up for good/By saving the day?/Or play a song only you/Know how to play?" While the rhyming text falters a bit in spots, the word choice overall is spare, inspiring, and accessible to preschoolers. Children are encouraged to be kind, clever, and bold, to take care of the small, and to help things grow. Martin's oil paintings have the same retro, mid-century feel as her other illustrations, with large-eyed children of many ethnicities playing, gardening, and sharing

together. VERDICT A go-to gift for new parents, and a potential bedtime favorite for many children. — Martha Link Yesowitch, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library, NC

— “Her children are so serious and so unflappable that they convey not just hope for the future, but a sense of manifest destiny. — Publishers Weekly — A starred review — “Sweet but not saccharine and singsong but not forced, Martin’s text is one that will invite rereadings as it affirms parental wishes for children while admirably keeping child readers at its heart. — Kirkus — A starred review

Purchased this book as a "card" for a baby shower gift from a group. The book can have many meanings and fit mostly any child. I found it perfect to give to a new baby. I'm sure it's parents will love to read this one to their new little one!

I loved this book!! It is beautifully written and illustrated. The story is sweet and simple and easy to read. I also own this author's other books "Dream Animals" and "Day Dreamers" and I like this third book MORE than the first two. I think that this would be the perfect book to give as a gift for a baby shower or a first (or second/third) birthday gift. My son is 5 and he loved it. After reading it we talked about all of the things he wanted to be when he grows up. One awesome thing I noticed in this book is how gender neutral it is. There are both boys and girls depicted in the book, but it is a boy having the tea party, a boy using the sewing machine, a girl on the tree swing, and a girl as a superhero. I love how the author didn't stick to awful stereotypes of boys being super heroes and girls being princesses. This is one of the first children's books I've ever seen that shows the REALITY of little kids....that boys and girls do all sorts of similar things. You will NOT be disappointed with this book. Highly recommend!

There are a great many positive, self-affirming messages in this beautiful book for youngsters to soak in - nice little antidote against some of the other messages out there that children are exposed to! Sometimes, I feel a little fearful when I think of how children can't help but be exposed to the negative influences in the world at much younger ages than ever before, no matter how much we try to protect them. At the same time, there are so many BEAUTIFUL and good influences in the world as well, like this book, and I truly believe that keeping a steady diet of healthy, positive "mind food" going into a youngster's brain can go a long way in equipping them to counteract the junk that creeps in from time to time. This precious book is such a great tool to help them begin... soft

illustrations complementing simple words, a book that encourages a youngster to use his/her imagination and think of all of the possibilities in answering the age old question adults pose to them, "So... what do you want to be when you grow up?" There are SO many things I like about it. Many of the children's books we've accumulated over the years for our grandchildren go into possible occupations - but life is so much more than occupations, isn't it? "Who" you become is so much more than that, and the pages reflect that sentiment with deeper questions, one of my favorites being, "Will you tell a story that only you know?" You'll find that so many of the pages contain encouraging and supportive statements of belief in a child's capabilities, i.e. "I know you'll be..." (kind/clever/bold/brave/bright), with the last page assuring him/her "And I'll love you, whoever you've grown up to be." I really believe books like this can be so instrumental in promoting a good self-image, as a child's rapidly developing mind soaks in positive messages. Think youngsters will especially enjoy a 2-page spread toward the back that has flaps opening up into a full 4-page spread, with children dressed in various Halloweenish-looking costumes (isn't that what they're actually doing while they're tricking-or-treating... an early testing out imaginative possibilities?), and the diversity of the children depicted is a nice plus. I doubt there's a parent or grandparent out there who hasn't gazed at the face of a newborn cradled in their arms and not dreamed of "the wonderful things you will be"? At our Christmas gathering this year, it was so terrific for my husband and I to look at all of those beautiful little faces and think about the wonderful things they will all be! This was one of the gifts for our 2+ year old grandson, but I know his two older brothers will enjoy it as well, along with his baby sister one day.

This is the sweetest book! We have ordered it for two of my sisters' baby showers; we have the guests pass it around while she opens gifts and leave a message for the baby. It has the cutest illustrations and a sweet story for mom to read to baby. I definitely recommend this for baby showers or just a perfect gift for mom-to-be!

Fantastic book that my 3 year old daughter asked me to read over and over again to her upon its arrival. My hope is to have it as a keepsake and save for her graduation later. It'll be something much different than those Dr. Suess books and more relevant. Such a fantastic sweet book that follows not just what careers she could choose but also her character and personality.

Beautiful book and rest quality and texture. Definitely one every family should have on the shelf!

This is such a cute pic! The illustration are very well done. I love the story. When I started reading it to my son who is 16 months he loved the pages and stayed focused the whole story. I love that it's not too long and the pages have only like 1-2 sentences, which is great , it keeps my child entertained.

I bought this book for my daughter after seeing it on a baby shower registry. The book is pretty large so you'd definitely want your child not at the stage of tear pages on books. My daughter was a little over 2 and she loved the pictures on each page of the book and comments on every page as we read it. It has a good message also and I enjoy reading it as well. Highly recommend!

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