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Bert has been preparing for this for a long time. He is ready, mentally and physically. But before he takes the plunge, he might need a bit of encouragement from his friends. You can do it, Bert!

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## From Reader Review You Can Do It, Bert! for online ebook

### **Nicola says**

Miss 3 didn't like it (and probably didn't really get the contrast between the expectation that he is trying to fly and the actuality that he is trying to dive into a pool).

Miss 3 and I like to explore different books and authors at the library, sometimes around particular topics or themes. We try to get different ones out every week or so; it's fun for both of us to have the variety and to look at a mix of new & favourite authors.

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### **Jennifer says**

Sparse text, but perfect with the expressive illustrations. I love this book about courage and friendship. Highly recommended.

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### **Kelly says**

Very simple, very fun story of a bird named Bert who is learning to...fly?

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### **Amy Layton says**

Y'all.....this book is so cute. I love the artwork, I love the story, and I absolutely adore Bert. I love the simplicity of it all, the calmness of the page versus Bert's obvious inner turmoil about jumping for the first time. This is a great book for kids about to try something new, or who are nervous about something. It's definitely worth the read.

Review cross-listed here!

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### **Cat says**

What a great story for young ones just trying something they find frightening for the first time! Love the encouraging friends! This is another one of those stories that has a fun twist ending! The Illustrations are bright and bold and silly! Story is relatively short, but amusing! Kids and parents alike will enjoy this happy little book!

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### **Kristina Jean Lareau says**

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A fun story with ample white space that really lets the illustrations breathe, pause and wait for the next spread. The illustrations are humorous and dynamic. This is a solid picturebook.

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### **Celeste says**

I don't think I would have thought of this book for toddler storytime until I saw someone else use it so successfully. It's surprisingly very fun when you get into it.

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### **Flossmoor Public Library (IL) says**

This is a cute, simple picture book with a surprise half way through. Bert is a bird out on a tree limb, who along with the encouragements of the narrator, is trying to psych himself into jumping off. The reader is lead to believe that he is learning how to fly for the first time, but there is a twist in the plot that puts a smile on the reader's face.

- Miss Emily

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### **Brett says**

So cute!

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### **Adrienne Pettinelli says**

This made me snort-laugh. I always appreciate a picture book that manages to surprise me, and the interplay between the text and illustrations is great. The text is spare, but so well-chosen that you can hear the intended inflection, which is especially impressive in a translation.

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### **Barbara says**

The anticipation builds as Bert approaches the edge of a tree limb and prepares to leap. Just when it looks as though he's ready to do it, he heads back for a snack, and seems to be putting off making that big leap. When he determinedly steps off the branch, young readers are expecting him to fly upward or to land in a thud on the ground. Instead, his downward spiral results in a splash as he hits the water where all his friends await, calling out encouragement. (And don't we all need that sort of thing?) As readers see all the other animals climbing onto the branch that makes a perfect diving platform, they realize that diving into the unknown, even when it is just a pool, can be a bit frightening. I enjoyed how the author/illustrator played around with my expectations about what was coming. Even with a brief picture book, it's delightful to be surprised by a twist in the story.

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### **Dolly says**

This is a fun tale about taking a leap of faith and trying something new. It's good to face our fears, whether it's learning to fly...or something else. The simple tale has a fun plot twist that we thought was terrific; in fact, our youngest read it a couple of times just to relive the effect of the surprise.

This is an English-language version of a German story, and I was very impressed with how well the story comes across. Granted, the narrative is quite basic, but sometimes books lose something in the translation.

The illustrations are fairly simple and sparse. The birds are cartoonish and we loved the expressions on Bert's face. Overall, it's an engaging and humorous story and we really enjoyed reading it together.

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### **Khloe Belfiore says**

"You Can Do It, Bert!" is a motivational and simplistic childrens book. Bert is a bird that might need some encouragement from his friends when it comes to plunging himself into the unknown. He tries to stall the adventure by using tactics to by him time such as "Im Hungry" and then proceeds to go eat a banana. Its not long before he realizes that he can do it. His friends give him confidence to jumped into the swimming pool.

This book is about one overcoming a difficult fear and trying something new. It delivers a powerful message to young kids about reassuring them to not feel reluctant when wanting to try new things. Im sure many kids can connect to this story and tell about a time when they were afraid to do something which opens up for a great conversation after the book has been read. Its fun and exciting to read because you expect one things to happen when at the end something completely different takes place. This is a great message to teach young kids, don't be afraid to go for it, and you are capable of anything especially with the support of your friends. Friendship, adventure and challenge are all displayed throughout this short story.

The illustrations in this book are simple but bold. There is so much emotion that is conveyed through the characters face especially the eyebrows. The amazingly simple illustrations and vibrant facial expressions make for a pleasant story. His pictures match his text, theres not much to them but they are very effective. the bright color scheme accompanied by a lump some of white space leave room for the child's imagination. He does a good job of only drawing what is essential to the story, he relies on the colors and facial expressions of the characters to allow the reader to feel how Bert is feeling.

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### **Laci Dawn says**

I used this book as a mentor text on predictions for my class kiddos. They were very surprised by the ending.

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### **Angelina says**

Meh!

