

Evaluated Book: We Can Do It! By Laura Dwight, 1997

For each item below, indicate whether you believe the criteria are evidenced in the STORYLINE, LANGUAGE, or ILLUSTRATIONS. Circle YES if the criterion was addressed positively, circle NO if the criterion was addressed negatively, and circle NP if the criterion was not present in the story line, illustrations, or language. YES responses are preferred responses. The reviewer is cautioned to be aware of the NO responses when reading and/or discussing the books, as these responses may influence your use and adaptation of the book. For example, a NO response to item 7 may result in a discussion of behaviors and feelings with the parent and/or teacher modeling respect for all persons

1) Promotes empathy not pity. YES NO NP

This book talks about everything the children can do.

2) Depicts acceptance not ridicule. YES NO NP

3) Emphasizes success rather than, or in addition to, failure. YES NO NP

Talks about each child's individual success.

4) Promotes positive images of persons with disabilities. YES NO NP

5) Addresses abilities and disabilities. YES NO NP

Clearly talks about the child's disability and then their abilities.

6) Assists children in gaining accurate understanding of the disability.

YES NO NP Very informative and age appropriate.

7) Demonstrates respect for persons with disabilities. YES NO NP

8) Promotes attitude of "one of us" not "one of them." YES NO NP

9) Depicts valued occupations for persons with disabilities. YES NO NP

10) Uses language which stresses person first, disability second philosophy

(e.g. Jody who is blind). YES NO NP

11) Describes the disability or persons with disabilities as realistic

(i.e. not subhuman or not superhuman). YES NO NP

12) Depicts persons with disabilities in integrated settings and/ or activities.

YES NO NP

13) Illustrates characters in a realistic manner. YES NO NP

Uses wonderful pictures to illustrate the children.

14) Uses similar art styles for persons with and without disabilities.

YES NO NP

15) Illustrates accuracy in technical detail of equipment. YES NO NP Very clear and accurate pictures.