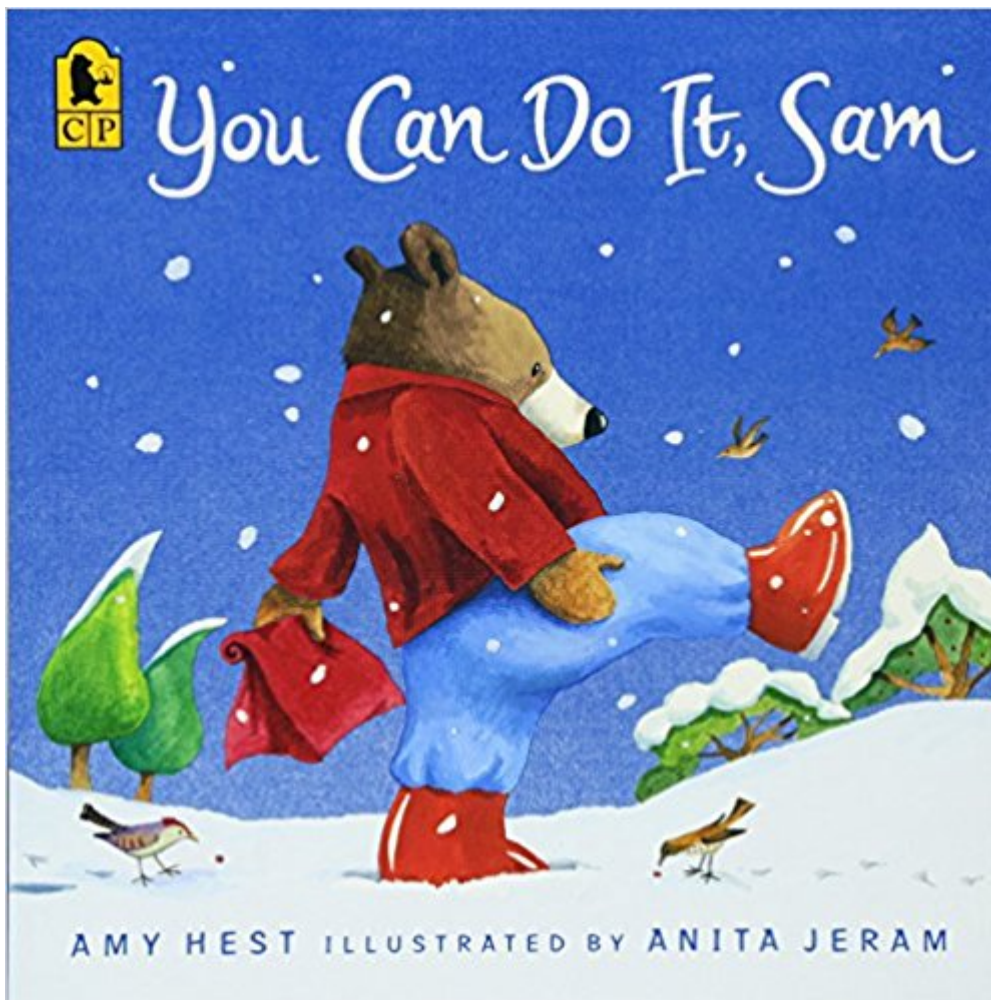




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# You Can Do It, Sam



## Synopsis

Sam goes all by himself to deliver treats to his friends in an endearing new tale from the creators of the NEW YORK TIMES bestseller KISS GOOD NIGHT and DON'T YOU FEEL WELL, SAM?"Little ones will find this both a suitable precursor to nap time and a spur to be brave and act generously. "Just like Sam." • BOOKLIST

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## Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 1-In this third visit to the cozy home of a little bear and his loving mama, Sam has grown just a bit bigger, but not much bolder. When the two of them set out to make early-morning deliveries of the tasty cakes they have baked for their friends, Mrs. Bear encourages him to go to their doors. "All by myself?" he whispers. A heartening hug helps him to muster up his courage and make his way through the new snow to leave a red-bagged surprise on the doorsteps of several houses. And when they return home from making these neighborly gestures, there are two bags left over, just right for a brave little cub and his caring mother. Mrs. Bear in her big green sweater, the homey quilt-square curtains in the snug and humble kitchen, and the white mice with whom the bears share their home are warm and familiar. Jeram's bright, acrylic palette is gold-kissed and glowing. And while this story is not as fluid or as rhythmic as its companions, Sam's fans will find little fault with it. Kathy Krasniewicz, Perrot Library, Greenwich, CT Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

PreS-K. In this cozy picture book about a mother and son's quiet adventures on a winter morning, Mrs. Bear (a very gentle-looking bear) builds up Sam's confidence in a sweet and memorable way. Mom and Sam bake cakes together, and Sam is encouraged to deliver them to friends' doorsteps. All by himself, through the newly fallen snow, he goes up to each door and leaves a "tasty surprise." Then he runs back to Mom for a tender hug, his sense of accomplishment shining forth from the illustrations. Hest uses a soothing, repetitive voice for this instruction in gift giving ("Mrs. Bear and Sam counted cakes, and there were twelve. They tucked them in bags, and there were twelve red bags"), and Jeram's acrylic paintings capture the subdued light of winter mornings. Little ones will find this both a suitable precursor to naptime and a spur to be brave and act generously--just like Sam. Abby NolanCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

We checked this out of the library today. We've had to read it to our two-year-old son probably 12xs already. It combines two of his big interests -- cooking and trucks. The illustrations are beautiful and the story is lovely. Highly recommend!FOLLOW UP: We bought this book in hard cover from an independent seller, since the hard cover isn't in print. We received a smaller version of the book that seems to have been put out via a Kohl's fundraising campaign. It is not nearly as nice as the original hard cover version we checkout of the library. Buyer beware / clarify if you are interested in a hard cover copy!

I had to buy this book after my then-4 year old made me check it out from the library 3 times. He calls it "the Sam Cakes book," and whether it is the cozy atmosphere, the warm, encouraging mother, the I-can-do-it-by-myself... with a little help from Mommy, the cake, or the primary colors (likely a combination, right?), he LOVES this book and wants to re-read it again and again. And I truly don't mind, because it's very sweet.

My kids (6 and 4) have loved this book. I love to give it as a gift. It's beautifully written. Poetic. It doesn't follow that same old sing song of other books. It's evocative and sweet. I love when the little bear snuggles into Mama's soft, round belly and they warm their toes in fat socks and they tell the story about a little bear who brings cakes to their friend "all by himself" and his friends love them so much. It rings so true and so beautifully.

I don't know what it is about this book, but my almost 3 year old boy loves it (and it doesn't even have one dinosaur in it!) We checked it out from the library and renewed it for 2 months, but I finally pried it out of his hands to return it before the late fees mounted- so now I must buy one of our own. The illustrations are bright and attractive making self reading as fun as when mom/dad reads it.

These books are some of our favorites! The illustrations are wonderful, and Mrs Bear is the kind of mom I aspire to be!

I love this book!!! Good service; fast shipping. thank you

Sam and his mama are great characters any young child can enjoy and even relate to. This book is a great read and my children have loved all of them, so now I'm purchasing them years later for my own nieces children. Buy it! You won't regret it.

Our grandchildren have all been quite attached to these books. They are fun to read, and the kids thoroughly enjoy the pictures.

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