



I am pleased to share with you another review of the book, Red Socks Go With Absolutely Anything, from the 23rd Writer's Digest Self-Published Book Awards.

Note that books were evaluated on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 meaning "needs improvement" and 5 meaning "outstanding". (This scale was used as a point of reference.)

"Judge, 23rd Annual Writer's Digest Self-Published Book Awards."

Structure, Organization, and Pacing: 5

Spelling, Punctuation, and Grammar: 5

Production Quality and Cover Design: 4

Plot and Story Appeal: 5

Character Appeal and Development: 5

Voice and Writing Style: 5

Judge's Commentary

Darla Woodley has written an entertaining and meaningful book that parents will enjoy reading to their children and children will love hearing it. "Red Socks Go With Absolutely Everything" is the story of a child through all stages of life and how mother always supported and encouraged. Mom always wears red socks...with everything! She uses this to teach her child that they are strong, they are ready, and they can do anything. We see the child through such universal moments as the first day of school, going to the dentist, playing in a sports game, going off to college, calling for that first date, and getting married and becoming a parent. The book ends with the now grown child reminding mom when she is older and in the hospital that she is strong, she is ready and she can do anything. What a great lesson to learn.

The story is easy to read and children will love the repeating at the end of every page: I am strong, I am ready, I can do anything.

The illustrations by Evan Munday are in black and white with only the socks in red on every page. This really makes them stand out. I did find the illustrations a little distracting in that it was hard to tell if the child was a boy or a girl and the script does not mention a gender, the mom just refers . This may have been on purpose so it can apply to boys or girls.