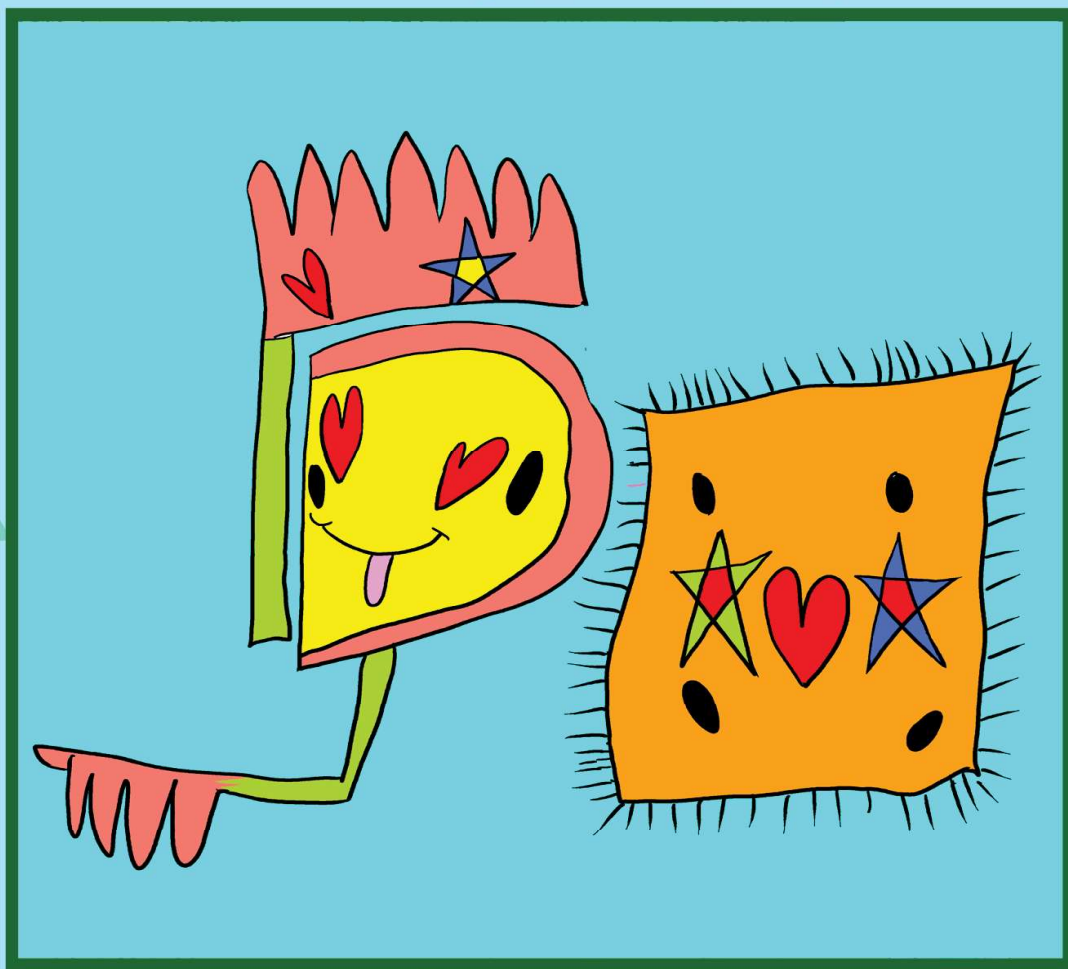


Always Believe in Yourself!



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Foreword

This book is dedicated to every child who was told they are not good **enough!** Elyse believes that she can do anything she puts her mind to. She chose the cover photo because it shows her determination. She wanted to climb the tree, but couldn't at first. She kept trying, again and again, not giving up until she completed the task.

Elyse wanted to share some of her own art work, her pictures are captured on the first and last pages of the book.

The message of the book was written by Elyse. We tried to preserve the essence of her thoughts because she wanted the book to be for "seven-year olds" written by a seven year old. She said she did not want the book to be written by a grown up because seven year olds may not understand the words. Even though she wrote the book for children, the message is for everyone.

By Elyse's Mom, Uso Sayers



You are a leader! You can change the world.

Author's Note

Hi! I am Elyse Sayers. Thank you for reading my book. I hope you enjoyed it. I am seven years old and live in Atlanta, Georgia with my Daddy, Mommy, Brother, and our Dog, Caesar.

I love biking, swimming, science experiments, crafts, reading, helping others, and nature. I wanted to write a book because I love reading books about kids and wanted to write a book for other kids. I thought writing a book would be hard but my Mommy told me that I can write a book if I wanted.

One night my Mommy asked me what I would write in my book. My Mommy typed the words as I told them to her. I told her I needed an illustrator so she worked to find Alby. I also made two drawings to put in the book.
I am very proud of this book.
