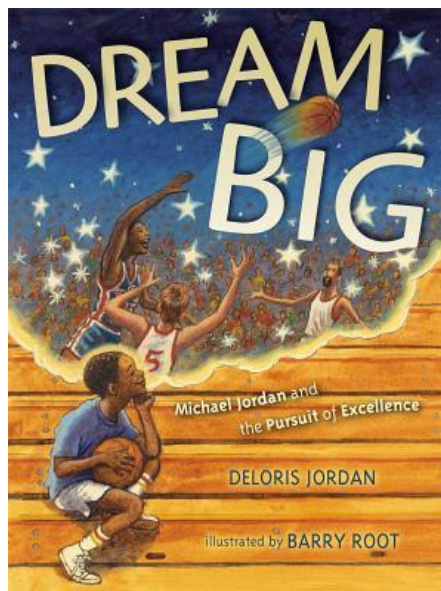




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It's never too soon to dream big—or to take action! Pursue excellence with this inspiring picture book from the mother of star basketball player Michael Jordan.

Before Michael Jordan was a record-breaking athlete, he was a young boy who dreamed of playing basketball for the United States Olympic team. His mother tells him, “Dreaming is for dreams. If you want to play, you better get busy.” So what did Michael do? He got busy! Discover how Michael made his wish into a reality—Olympic gold medal included—in this motivational picture book for sports fans, go-getters, and anyone with big dreams!

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AMY says

Nice basic story of Michael Jordan's life. Discusses how he reached his goal to play basketball for the USA Olympic team. Nice watercolor illustrations. Recommended for Grades K-2.

Jenese Wilson says

This was a cute book about Michael Jordan dreaming of playing in the Olympics when he was younger. You get to read the story of how Michael has this dream goal and works hard so he could accomplish his goal. With support from his family and a lot of practice, Michael was finally able to do what he dreamed about: playing in the Olympics and winning a gold medal.

Mario Flores says

I truly enjoyed this book, and not just because I was a Michael Jordan fan as a kid, but because of the message that it offers its readers, which was "That before you dream, you need to take care of business." In Michael's case, as told to him by his mom in the book, his business was about going to school and getting good grades. I thought that seeing Michael being told as a kid by his mom that he needed to do good in school before playing basketball outside with his friends, was something that you no longer see being echoed in the majority of today's families. Therefore, If I were to use this book I would use it as a teaching tool in school, to let kids know that they must do good at school first, before moving onto a career of their choice when they become adults. One last thing that I would like to add, is that this book was huge and its illustrations took up the majority of each page, which is sure to capture the attention of your youngest of readers.

Maddypictures says

Michael Jordan's mother offers her perspective on Michael Jordan's athletic success in this lengthy picture book. Her emphasis on "homework first!" felt a bit didactic, and seeing his Olympic dream far outweigh thoughts of a pro-basketball career seemed a little artificial, but no matter. Michael Jordan fans, kids looking for sports books will gobble this one up. With the Olympics around the corner, and this summer's library reading theme of "Dream Big" this is sure to garner plenty of attention. Full-color watercolor and gouache illustrations by Barry Root (known for his work on sports chapter books by Tiki Barber) elevate would could have been an otherwise dull read.

Alex Beteta says

This book goes through the story of Michael Jordan as a child. It starts with Michael just playing basketball

all day everyday. Eventaully he decides to join an actual basketball team. Then proceeds to tell his mother that he will play on the olympic team when he gets older. Michael also gets the opportunity to play on his older brothers basketball team. The book ends with telling about how Michael Jordan did make the olympic team and becomes one of the best basketball players to ever live. The major theme of this book is that no dream is to big to achieve it just takes a lot of hard work and dedication to achieve dreams. I grew up loving sports along with playing them so it is really neat to see that Michael Jordan all started just playing basketball in his own backyard, which is where everyone starts. I recommend this book because it can inspire younger children. Everyone knows who Michael Jordan is but its really important to show where Michael Jordan first started and how worked his way up. It gives young children hope and to never give up on their dreams.

Heidi-Marie says

A sweet book based on a well-known icon. Sometimes the writing was a little slow or blah, but the message if dreaming and working toward your dream was ever present. It wasn't until I finished the book that I looked at who the author was. Michael's mother. Who better to know how he worked on that dream as a child? I thought that pretty neat. I liked the illustrations. They gave me a sense of warmth and encouragement-- exactly what one needs when being prodded to fulfill your dreams.

This is a great book to come out right now, with the Summer Olympics in August and our Summer Reading theme being "Dream Big!" Pretty sweet!

Emily Hilkemann says

Young Michael Jordan loved basketball, but most of all he dreamed of playing basketball in the Olympics. His mom told him that he could not just dream about playing in the Olympics, he also had to work hard and do something about his dream. And he did. He ended up playing in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics. I would recommend this book for kids in second or third grade. It tells the kids that they can dream big, but they also have to take some action and do something about those dreams. This book would be good to help introduce Michael Jordan and his story, but it would also be good during an Olympic year to get the kids started on learning about that.

Jordan, D., & Root, B. (2012). Dream big: Michael Jordan and the pursuit of Olympic gold. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers.

Hailee says

I thought the message behind this book was nothing short of amazing. This book is about Michael Jordan's road towards making the Olympics team. He knew it was a dream and he worked towards it, good or bad. This shows that no matter what, you should always dream big and strive for the highest goal. I think this is a good story for anyone to read, especially 2nd through 4th grade where kids tend to have huge dreams and goals for their life, whether they're realistic or not. I think it's perfect for that age group because maybe it will make them work harder for their goals if they see that anything can happen you just have to be dedicated and

work towards it. I would use this book any time of the year, just as a fun book to read to the class and then afterward have them fill out a worksheet that explains what their goals are for themselves and how they plan on making those dreams a reality!

Takee Jobe says

Dream Big: Michael Jordan and the Pursuit of Olympic Gold by Deloris Jordan is a children's biography. This book is written by Michael Jordan's mother, as she narrates his childhood dream of one day becoming a professional basketball player in the Olympics. While Michaels' friends aspired be an astronaut or pilot, he had dreams of becoming professional basketball player. Just like many young aspiring basketball stars, Jordan's' love for basketball is highlighted in illustrations of him as he "carried his basketball everywhere." His passion for the game of basketball reminds me much of my sons, and I can relate to his mother as she has to continuously remind him to not play ball in the house. His mother has a strong influence is the storyline as she is continuously reminded him to put his schoolwork before basketball. This is an ideal read for children ages 4-8. The cartoon like illustrations in muted watercolor are remarkable. There is great detail in the illustrations as they help to narrate the inspiring story. This is a terrific story for young aspiring basketball players. I would also recommend this book as the perfect bedtime story for a child with ambitious dreams.

Gwendolyn Harris says

This book is written by Michael Jordan's mother about her basketball star son, Michael. This would be a good book to read to class to give the boys something they are really interested in. I feel like sometimes it's hard for the boys to get engaged in a book but most boys love sports and basketball so they would love this story! I bet the boys would be asking questions left and right and begin to tell you their dreams of playing sports. It's good for them to hear about a famous star they look up to in their childhood years before they were famous and going to school just like them. It helps them relate to that person much better.

Laura Simon says

This book follows Michael Jordan through his journey to becoming an Olympic basketball player. It starts off with Jordan's grade school days. School was always very important to him, but basketball was always on his mind. He took his basketball with him everywhere, and he played every day after school with his friends. When he thought about what he wanted to be when he grew up, he knew he wanted to be a basketball player. Michael was pushed by his mother to do well in school. She also told Michael he had to work hard if he wanted to reach his goals. Michael worked very hard and it all paid off. Michael's dream of playing in the Olympics came true.

I would use this book for upper elementary students because there are a lot of words on the pages and the book is very informational. I think boys especially would enjoy this book. I would use this book to teach the students that dreams really do come true. It would also teach them that you have to work hard for what you want in life. It does not come easy.

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Beth Maline says

This book is going to my son (33) who adores Michael Jordan (actually, he thinks he IS Michael Jordan...a notion I have tried to dissuade him of, but he disagrees!!!) Written by Michael Jordan's mother, Deloris, it is intended to be inspirational for children, and tells the tale of a young Michael who got the Olympic 'bug' at age 9, and worked hard to achieve his dream of playing on the Olympic basketball team (a goal he achieved in 1984). The artwork in this book is simple, and the story is simple as well. The (not-so-underlying) message is 'work hard and you can achieve your goals' (with the undertone of) keep your dreams at the top of your wish list, but do your schoolwork, because at the end of the day, you need to be educated first.

And Mrs. Jordan is strong in saying to the reader that you should never ever never give up on your dreams not even for one single day. Michael Jordan is an inspiration to young athletes because of his talent and ability on the basketball court, but this story shows that he had other dreams and inspirations. And that he did his schoolwork. And that he kept practicing, even though he was short and not the most talented player when he first started out.

This book is perfect for my 'future goal' of connecting young people and seniors - many of the 'senior' generation saw Michael Jordan play in his prime and pointing to a success story and then talking about how he got there is a good point of connection. The target audience is 3rd grade and up, and is really a good grab for children who are just exploring what they want to be when they grow up. Nothing is impossible, is it?

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Barbara says

Describing how nine-year-old Michael Jordan put work behind his dreams of playing basketball in the Olympics, this picture book reminds readers that dreaming alone is not enough to accomplish those dreams. The great basketball player's mother captures her son's personality and determination perfectly here as well as making sure that he prioritizes, putting school and homework first. The watercolor and gouache illustrations feature lots of movement and action while also showing the expressive faces of Michael and his family and friends. This title is certain to inspire young readers to dream, yes, and then work toward that dream.

Nicole Hibbert says

Summary: In this story we learn about Olympic Gold Medalist Michael Jordan's dream of playing basketball. We learn when his dream started and how very hard he worked to make his dream true! Even when Michael was cut from his high school team he pressed on to be even bigger and better and earn that gold medal.

Audience: This book is for students with a dream.

Appeal: This book was meant for children who have a dream in mind. In this book we learn how to make

those dreams come true.

Implementation: I would use this book when talking about working hard to get what you want. We would talk about how we all have dreams and like Michael's mother mentions there is a difference between a dreamer and a doer. I think this book would connect with a lot of students because we all have big dreams when we are younger and often end up just being dreamers.

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Kayla says

Dream Big is the story of Michael Jordan's childhood. Michael Jordan's love for basketball is expressed throughout the book along with every day life scenarios that children face including his friends, siblings, and family. Some of Michael's struggles are brought to light and the compassion and determination prove to be much stronger than the let downs he faced along the way to success.

Dream Big is a great book to read to students about Michael Jordan. He is seen as an idol because he was famous; children don't always understand that people who are famous had to work hard and dedicate a lot of their time to their passion. This book shows students that they can accomplish anything they want if they try hard enough, and to never give up.

Connections to this book: Family Huddle by Peyton, Eli, and Archie Manning and The Babe & I by David Adler

"Michael go do your homework"
