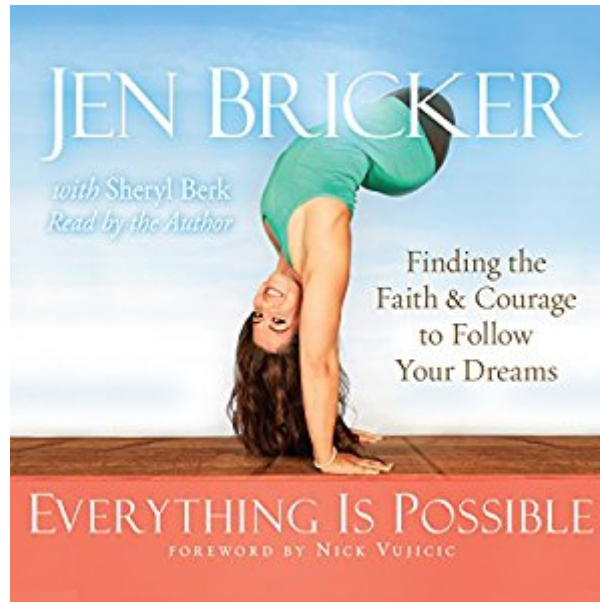


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# Everything Is Possible: Finding The Faith And Courage To Follow Your Dreams



## Synopsis

Born Without Legs, She Inspires Others to Overcome Jen Bricker was born without legs. Shocked and uncertain they could care for her, her biological parents gave her up for adoption. In her loving adoptive home, there was just one simple rule: never say "can't". And pretty soon there was nothing this small but mighty powerhouse set her sights on that she couldn't conquer: roller-skating, volleyball, power tumbling, and spinning from silk ribbons 30 feet in the air. Everything Is Possible is her incredible story - a story of God working out his plan for her life from before day one. Listeners follow Jen from the challenges of growing up different to holding captive audiences numbering in the tens of thousands. Everything Is Possible shows listeners what they can accomplish when they remove the words coincidence and limitation from their vocabularies. Filled with heart and spirit as well as Jen's wit, wisdom, and no-holds-barred honesty, this inspiring true story points the way to purpose and joy. Foreword by Nick Vujicic.

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In 1981, a couple gave birth to a daughter. Former gymnasts, they saw promise in her and started her gymnastic training when she was 3. A prodigy, she excelled. Then she was 6, they had a second daughter. Born without legs, her father made the decision to surrender the child for adoption, possibly seeing caring for a handicapped child as an inevitable disruption of their firstborn's future career. EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE is the story of this second child. Jen Bricker may have been born without legs, but "can't" was not in her vocabulary. Her down-to-earth adoptive family and supportive community encouraged her to do the same things

other kids do â ” softball, volleyball, even basketball. She tried tumbling and loved it, naturally moving into gymnastics. Watching the Olympics in 1996, she was enthralled with Dominique Moceanu of the USA womenâ™s gymnastics team. She wanted to be just like her. They even looked alike! Jen was 16 when she learned that, in fact, Dominique is her older sister, and that she has a younger sister as well. Imagine waking up one morning and finding out your childhood idol is your sister! Believe it or not, that is only ONE of the amazing aspects of Jen's incredible life and story. Jen went on to become a gymnast, performer and public speaker. Her story leaves me feeling that if she can chase and capture her dreams, so can I.

Today I didn't feel like going to yoga class. I'm out of shape, and I knew the class would take a lot of effort. But I went nonetheless, having just read Jen Bricker's inspiring book, *Everything Is Possible*. All I could think about was the fact she didn't let a "little" thing like being born with no legs stop her from living life to the fullest. It's hard to make excuses when this incredible lady does the opposite - for example, in gym class she didn't want any special treatment. Her story made me want to try harder and not let my weaknesses get in my way. Not only is Jen a determined, athletically-gifted woman, she also possesses a rock-solid faith that makes her shine. Her positive outlook on life is so uplifting, I will for sure return to this book whenever I feel discouraged. *Everything Is Possible* is without a doubt one of the most inspiring books I've ever read. Please pick up a copy of this - you will not regret it!\*I was provided an ARC for my honest review.

I was excited to read this book, but had trouble connecting with it due to the constant mention of God and religion throughout it. I am open minded and really tried to see past it, but that was just about impossible. I was able to connect with the chapter on love for the most part, but that was about it. Other than the word "Faith" on the cover, I was unaware that it would be so God-heavy before I started reading it. I am not religious so I was unable to relate to 95% of it, but Jen's story overall is inspirational. She has overcome a lot to get where she is today and seems like a delight to be around! If you are Christian then you will probably love this book but if you are not, then you will probably react the same way to this book that I did. I admire Jen and all that she has accomplished, but this book was not for me. It got nauseatingly positive at times and it doesn't seem believable that someone could be that positive about everything all the time. Everyone has to deal with hardship and it would've been good to read about how she got through some hard times rather than glossing over those quickly. Nevertheless, I wish Jen all the success in the world with her book and she should be very proud! Disclaimer: I received a free copy of this book as part of the book launch

team.

Jen Bricker was born without legs â “ but that hasnâ™t stopped her from becoming a champion tumbler, acrobat, and aerialist. In Brickerâ™s memoir, *Everything is Possible: Finding the Faith & Courage to Follow Your Dreams*, Bricker reflects on her life experiences, inspirationally showing readers how she turned her dreams and goals into reality. Bricker is a determined person, and she has overcome many obstacles in life with strength, grace, and courage. This memoir â “ which includes discussion of her adoption at birth, and later being reunited with her biological sisters â “ is a definite page-turner, and Bricker writes with a sense of enthusiasm for life. This is a highly motivational story. \*I received this book for review\*

Overview: Jen Bricker never says "can't". She was born without legs but that hasn't stopped this amazing athlete from performing acrobatic routines all around the world. Themes: You can do anything! Positive elements: I loved reading about her adoption and how she later makes peace with her birth family. I also loved reading about how her parents really fought for her and supported her. And of course, it is inspiring to see the amazing athlete she has become. The book also has a section of photos, which were fun to look at. Negative elements: The story is written like a pep rally, which gets annoying after awhile. She seemed to talk way too much about herself and how great she is. (I think this is just because she's young.) She does talk a lot about God as well, but it seems an afterthought to her achievements. Conclusion: I am glad Jen Bricker wrote her story. I may not have enjoyed everything about it, but I think it's important for young people to know that people with disabilities are people, too. And you can accomplish a lot with hard work. Jen is still young, and I look forward to watching what God does in her life. I received this book for free in exchange for an honest review.

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