

REVIEWS AND ENDORSEMENTS

“Ruby Lee the Bumble Bee boosts the confidence of every kid who's ever said, ‘I can’t’.” - The Arizona Republic



Advance Reviews for *A Bee of Possibility*

★★★★★ **We love this book!**

With beautiful illustrations, this wonderful story is sure to teach even the youngest children the great lesson that anything is possible.

~ Liz and Jay Scott, award-winning authors of *Alex and the Amazing Lemonade Stand*.

★★★★★ **A must have book for every young child's collection.**

Bright, imaginative illustrations and effective rhyme make for a very special children's book that will instill in young hearts an awareness of their own individual gifts. A

~Janet Mary Sinke, author of *Ten Lessons Learned, Gifts From Those Remembered* and the award-winning *Grandma Janet Mary* children's book series.

★★★★★ **This beautifully illustrated book emphasizes the important life lesson that “achieving begins with bee-lieving”.**

When the award-winning team of Dawn Matheson and Pamela Barcita get together you know something wonderful will come of it!

~Deb Capone, author of the award-winning children's classics *Families Are Forever, Dumplings Are Delicious* and *Tooth Fairy Tales*

Reviews for *A Bee's Bit of Wisdom*

★★★★★ **An uplifting and positive picture book story encouraging self-confidence and self-respect! Midwest Book Review ~ Children's Bookwatch**

Dawn Matheson's Ruby Lee The Bumble Bee: A Bee's Bit Of Wisdom is a thoughtful picture book about the importance of believing in oneself. A young girl lacks self-confidence and feels she is good at nothing. Yet she learns a lesson from a wise and brightly colored bumble bee. The young girl's neighbor tells her the legend of the bumble bee: "When God made the bumble bee, it shouldn't have been able to fly, but God whispered in its ear, 'You can do it.' The bee trusted Him, and so it flew." Nicely enhanced with illustrations by Pamela Barcita, Ruby Lee The Bumble Bee is an uplifting and positive picture book story encouraging self-confidence and self-respect.

“A must-have book for your child's personal library!” - The Reading Tub

A beautifully told story – one which transcends generations with its positive message. This book will withstand LOTS of repeated readings without becoming boring. It talks about faith (in something greater than ourselves, as well faith within) without preaching.

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★★★★★ A Delightful character building story children and parents will enjoy many times together! - Elizabeth Hamilton, best-selling author of *Character-in-Action Books*

Ruby Lee the Bumble Bee's story is a delightful blend of powerful, proactive character teaching and warmly beautiful illustrations. Author Dawn Matheson dares to write a purposeful story, infusing Ruby Lee with wisdom that will help young listeners overcome fear of failure and do what they know they should do.

"Well," said Ashley, "I'm not good at anything. What if I break a pot? What if I ruin her beautiful flowers? What if - ?"

Ruby Lee has little time for such fearful thoughts, and changing the young girl's focus, points out that, "Scientifically speaking, our bodies are far too big for our little wings. We shouldn't be able to fly."

But bees do fly. Bees have the courage to do what seems impossible. They trust their Creator for ability, and so can children.

Rejecting foolish words and bizarre illustrations, author Dawn Matheson and illustrator Pamela Barcita have given us a solid book that children and parents will enjoy together many times.

★★★★★ An enchanting story of conquering fear by example!

Madeline Frank, Ph.D., best-selling author of *The Secret of Teaching Science & Math Through Music*

Dawn Matheson's Ruby Lee The Bumble Bee: A Bee's Bit of Wisdom is a lovely enchanting tale of Ruby Lee the Bumble Bee sharing with her new young friend, Ashley, how to conquer her fear with courage and faith through Ruby Lee's example. Children of all ages and their parents will enjoy this marvelous tale through the wonders of Dawn Matheson's lovely story and rich illustrations by Pamela Barcita.

★★★★★ Beautiful illustrations and a story line that keeps the children's attention as well as inspires them to believe in themselves.

Judy Snider, Licensed Clinical Social Worker & Librarian

"A beautiful book in every way."

Jay and Liz Scott, award-winning authors of *Alex and the Amazing Lemonade Stand*

"A beautiful book with a simple but all important message for young and old alike." - Janet Mary Sinke, award-winning author of *I Wanna Go To Grandma's House*

Dawn Matheson has written a beautiful book with a simple but all important message for young and old alike, Bee-lieve in yourself and come to recognize that all of creation is a wonderful gift. Through Ruby Lee, the Bumble Bee, simple wisdom is shared in a simple setting, a garden. And it is here, in the garden, where a young girl named Ashley, comes to believe in her own self. Brought to life through the talents of illustrator Pamela Barcita, the pictures help create a sense of quiet beauty that makes this book an ideal story for a child to read with a parent or grandparent. The lessons presented at the end of the story can stimulate wonderful dialogue and are reflective of the author's deep spiritual awareness of God's Presence in each of us and in all creation.

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★★★★★ **What a wonderful gift!**

Steven Jones, award-winning author of *The Ballad of Blue Eagle*

Dawn Matheson and Pamela Barcita have presented a beautiful treatise on the gaining of confidence. Mrs. Wagner's garden is the perfect place to learn the ways of nature, through the gifts of a loving God.

How many times in our ordinary lives have we felt we were a bumble bee? Given a task much greater than we; for we have wings far too small for our body! This book shows the possibilities for all of us; have faith and soon confidence will follow.

I highly recommend this book for the quality of its production and the beauty of its message. Dawn Matheson's story and Pamela Barcita's illustrations hold the readers attention, making each page a delight.

★★★★★ **Author Dawn Matheson does an incredible job of subtly teaching a vital lesson to children.**

- Mark Redmond, teacher and author of *The Adventures of Arty Anderson* series

★★★★★ **A stunning children's book with surprises on every page.**

– Patricia Linder, author of *Row, Row, Row Your Boat* and *Lady and the Tiger*.

“Empowering and supportive, this is a picture book which should be on every child's book shelf.” - Through The Looking Glass Children's Book Review

“An enjoyable book and is useful to urge children to try new things and maintain a positive attitude.” - John L. Hoh, Jr., Senior Editor, Bookideas.com

“Ruby Lee will fill the fertile mind of any child with hope, confidence and faith.”

- Kelly Nault, Family Counselor and Award-Winning Author of *When You're About To Go Off The Deep End, Don't Take Your Kids With You*

“A great book for children ages 4 and up.” – The Nashville News