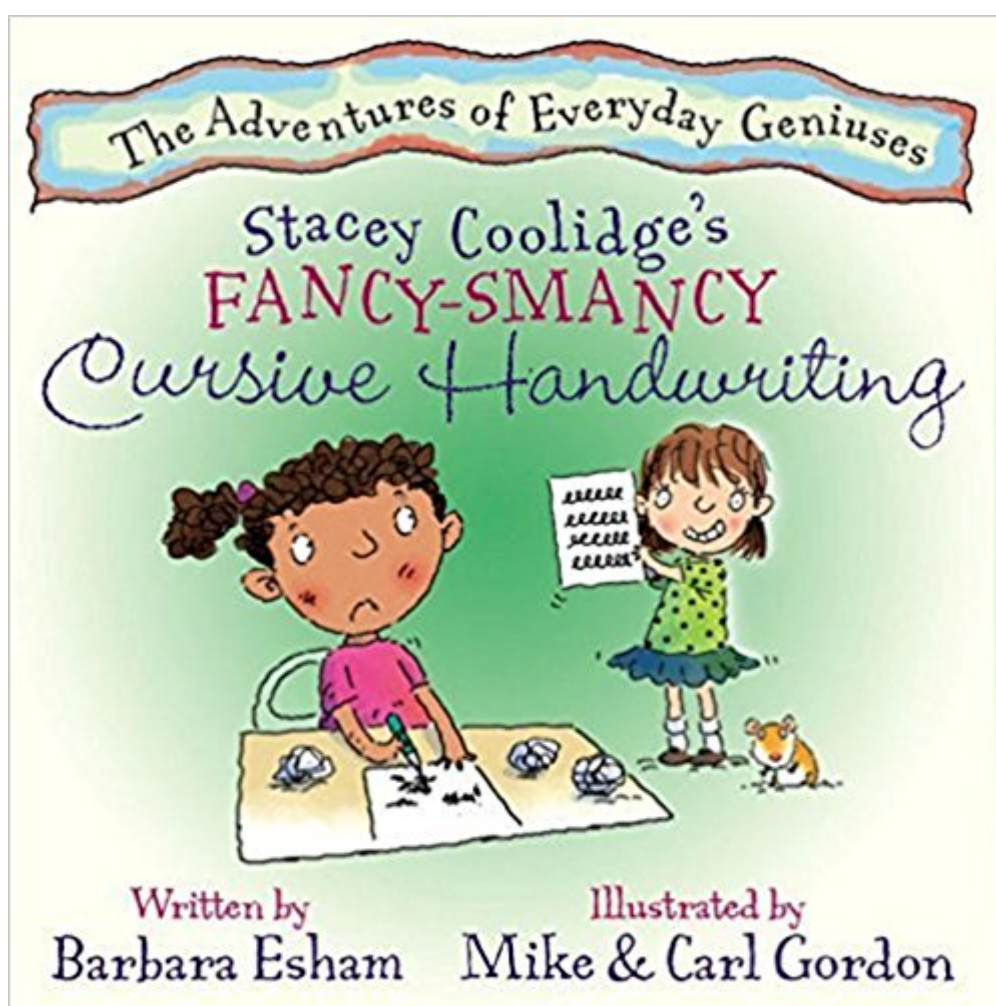


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# Stacey Coolidge's Fancy Smancy Handwriting (Highlights Character's Handwriting Difficulty And Creative Writing Strength) (Adventures Of Everyday Geniuses)





## Synopsis

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"This is a wonderful book series. Each story shows children that success is about effort and determination."Dr. Carol S. Dweck, Stanford UniversityProfessor of Psychology --Endorsement

Love them kid's books with messages and this one has multiple messages going on at the same time. This book is encouraging to children who need practice with their handwriting, but that wasn't really what impressed me. What I found amazing about this book is the broad array of positive messages it delivers to the younger audience. This book tells kids that it is okay not to be the very best at something. It helps them understand that with practice anything can be achieved, and that they do not have to be ashamed when they aren't great at something in the very beginning. So many of the kids books I have read tend to focus on one subject the child is trying to master and then they do, do it perfectly even, and then the book is over. This book allowed some wiggle room. The main character did not have to excel at handwriting in order for someone to point out how wonderful she was. I also loved that her whole goal throughout the book was to improve her work so she could spend time with the class pet. What a great reward! I absolutely recommend this wonderful book for any child, especially those that could use a little self-esteem booster.

Carolyn is an excited young second grader. She is learning to write in cursive. Like many kids she is really struggling to make her writing look right. If she finishes early she can play with the hamster or on the computer. Unfortunately it takes her forever to complete her handwriting and it is not good. The teacher hangs their papers on the board to show how much they have improved. Carolyn is sad her writing has improved but is still not very good. Her teacher notices this and explains to her how proud she is for all of her hard work. She knows that people learn at different rates and are great at different things. She points some of those things out to her. What made this so great is that the teacher didn't get made because she couldn't do something to "Her" standards. She praised Carolyn for the progress she made, for where she was. This is what all good teachers should do.

Thus was so great for my child with dysgraphia to read! It was a bit childish for his reading level, but

that didn't seem to bother him. We read it together the first time. He got it! And then read it over and over again! And he felt good about himself because he related! I highly recommend ALL of the books in this series for ANY child who has ANY type of learning disability, ADHD, or just struggles to do well. They will see that not alone, and can still do great things.

Excellent story of a student struggling but never giving up. She learns that we all have things we are good and not so good at, but we must keep on trying. Life has its rewards, in time. Loved the ideas, the realism, the hope, the lesson in this book.

Don't recommend . Did not help my son just said it made him feel bad.

This is just like when I was in second grade two years ago. We had to learn it at the end of the year. This was a book that pretty much sums up to say that if you work hard and don't succeed, there will be a reward and some hope. And that's all I can say about that.

It's wonderful to have books that shows other kids struggling through problems and how they work it out. Is one of my son's bedtime stories that he likes to read over and over.

I gave it a 5 star rating. I love this book ! I also love guinea pigs like the girl in the story .I would recommend this book to my best friend!

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