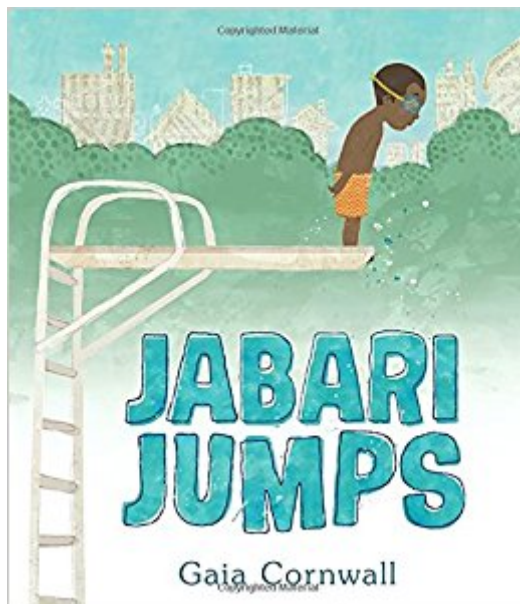


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# Jabari Jumps



## Synopsis

Working up the courage to take a big, important leap is hard, but Jabari is almost absolutely ready to make a giant splash. Jabari is definitely ready to jump off the diving board. He's finished his swimming lessons and passed his swim test, and he's a great jumper, so he's not scared at all. "Looks easy," says Jabari, watching the other kids take their turns. But when his dad squeezes his hand, Jabari squeezes back. He needs to figure out what kind of special jump to do anyway, and he should probably do some stretches before climbing up onto the diving board. In a sweetly appealing tale of overcoming your fears, newcomer Gaia Cornwall captures a moment between a patient and encouraging father and a determined little boy you can't help but root for.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

Cornwall captures the exquisite tingle of Jabari's fear and excitement, which gives the book its drama. The visual details — the way the little sister's tiny hand grips her father's back while her father holds her brother's hand — give the book its heart. "The New York Times Book Review" There are plenty of picture books reassuring kids who don't quite achieve their own goals when they want to (see, for example, Ashley Spires's *The Thing Lou Couldn't Do*, BCCB 4/17), but here Cornwall celebrates success earned through overcoming fears and through reliance

on the supportive presence of a loving parent...Pool season is right around the corner, and this funny and joyful outing will put everyone in the mood for a dip.â *Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books* (starred review) Mixed-media images in serene muted colors, high-rise buildings above the tree line, and the intriguing addition of faded newsprint accents strengthen the urban feel of the illustrations. Jabariâs story will help assuage the fears kids experience when faced with a new and daunting adventure. A terrific seasonal storytime read-aloud thatâs perfect for one-on-one sharing.â *School Library Journal* (starred review) In her debut, Cornwall places her loving black family at the center, coloring the swimming pool and park beyond in minty hues and adding whimsy with digitally collaged newspaper for skyscrapers...This simple and sincere tale of working up courage to face fears makes quite a splash.â *Kirkus Reviews* The dialogue and text are straightforward and make a nice pairing with the creatively chosen angles for the illustrations...a welcome piece for any summertime collection.â *Booklist* A daunting gaze downward, past Jabariâs toes that curl around the edge of the board, makes the water look incredibly far away, and when seen from behind, he seems as high up as the skyscrapers in the distance. Itâs a lovely, knowing account of a big "first" in a childâs life.â *Publishers Weekly* Against a backdrop of warm brown skin tones and cool aqua water, debut author-illustrator Cornwell presents an empowering and celebratory story. Young readers will root for Jabari as he prepares to take a leap of faith.â *The Horn Book* Anyone who has hesitated on the brink of something dauntingâ "a brave act or a big decisionâ "will feel a rush of kinship with the small protagonist of Gaia Cornwallâs picture book "Jabari Jumps".â *The Wall Street Journal* Beautifully done.â *People* Itâs a summertime rite of passage: jumping off the diving board for the first time. In *Jabari Jumps* (Candlewick, ages 4-8) Gaia Cornwall brings to vivid life this moment for one little boyâ |For young listeners, this lovely book is a reminder that the best summers have both challenging surprises and fun.â *The Washington Post* A little boy has finished his swimming lessons and is trying to get up the courage to jump off the diving board in this utterly charming debut picture book with a valuable lesson about conquering your fears from a gifted author-illustratorâ *Buffalo News* For a little lightheartedness "Jabari Jumps" (Candlewick, 2017; 15.99) is just the ticket. Gaia Cornwall wrote and illustrated this charming story of Jabari who goes to the swimming pool with his father and younger sister and promises that this is the day he will jump off the diving board...Young readers will want to hear or Jabariâs challenge again and again.â *The Gazette*

Gaia Cornwall is an illustrator who loves making patterns for surface design. Her work can be seen in magazines, in logos, on various products, and even in movies. *Jabari Jumps* is her first picture

book. She lives in Providence, Rhode Island.

Wonderful read about feeling fearless and then not so much. Jabari wants to jump off the diving board and thinks he's ready until he faces that tall, tall ladder. Then he remembers all the other things he needs to do first. His dad is there to support him and offer Jabari words of wisdom. Sometimes to gain courage we just need to be willing to be surprised. Diverse character with universal theme.

This book is perfect for my Grandchildren. Their father's name is Jabari. The art work is good and the story is cute.

I bought it for my nephew!

A TOTAL DELIGHT: Just received and cannot wait to give this gift to my grandnephew. The story is heartwarming and real. The illustrations have warmth and brilliantly convey a child's perspective. It is an exceptional delight.

My husband and I have a son name Jabari. He's 3. He was super excited when we showed him what we bought! Every time I read it to him, he says "That's me!" Such a joy to read with the entire family.

Fantastic book. Beautiful art, wonderful story. My daughters love it and the lesson of trying something, despite being scared, has been helpful in our day to day lives.

Awesome story about overcoming fears with a little encouragement from a parent. Great narrative story if a small moment in a child's life!

Lovely story and illustrations.

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