

AWARD WINNING

Tyler & His Solve-a-matic Machine
by Jennifer Bouani



“Jennifer Bouani & the Gift for Writing for Children”

Amazon Top 10 Reviewer

Grady Harp (Los Angeles, CA)
March 30, 2007

“Every so often a new writer surfaces who along with the company of **the likes of Roald Dahl, EB White, CS Lewis** and others has the talent to speak to children about things adult in a manner that is not only informative and correct intelligently, but at the same time keeps in mind the importance of molding the realm of fantasy and tales that still focus the attention of all of us. Jennifer Bouani has the gift and in TYLER & HIS SOLVE-A-MATIC MACHINE she bows on stage as a skilled thinker and a consummate communicator.

Billed as a part of a series for 'Future Business Leaders', this story is told through the palpably real ten year old orphan Tyler Sogno who dreams of sailing around the world to meet all peoples. His daydreaming for his lost sailor father distracts him from his studies, and he comes up with the idea of building a machine that will make homework a snap - the Solve-a-matic machine. Tyler 'meets' the spiritual guardian Soté, the Great Spirit of the Entrepreneurs from the land of Profits, who introduces Tyler to the prospects of becoming an entrepreneur, instructing and supporting him as to how to accomplish his dream. Then with a deft hand at creating whimsy that is pertinent and smart (Tyler lives in a metropolis called 'Nessibus', a reconstructed version of 'Business' - for example) Bouani sets tasks using the elevators of skyscrapers on top of which are penthouses to aid Tyler and friends on the journey to success.

...This book is aimed at the age 9 to 12 group, but the book is so full of well-conceived steps to take in making something of a dream that it is fodder for much older wannabe entrepreneurs! Highly sophisticated writing and a true pleasure to read.”

“Great read and a wonderful story”

Amazon Top 100 Reviewer

Michael J Woznicki (Holland, MA)
April 2, 2007

“What makes a great book? What is that, that will capture a child's attention and make him read a 120 page book in less than 2 hours? Reading a book about an orphan child making his dream come true would just about cover it. Watching the journey that Tyler takes in this book captured my son and had him not just reading the pages but also involved in the storyline from beginning to end.

...I watched my son turn page after page in a book that not only tells a story but also teaches the child lessons on never giving up and following your dream. The author has an engaging style and makes the characters come out of the book and become part of life. **Finding this book is the catch of the year.**

Take the time to have you child read this book and spend time together talking about it and you'll see how much reading can really be. My son is looking forward to the next book in the series and as a parent this is always a good thing. You can't be the price and it would make the perfect gift. This one is a keeper!”



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Entertaining, educational, inspirational - an absolutely brilliant book Amazon Top 50 Reviewer

Daniel Jolley (Shelby, NC)
April 25, 2007

It's one thing to have a great idea, but it's something else to take that idea and truly bring it to life - but that's just what Jennifer Bouani has done in this first book of the Future Business Leaders' Series. Tyler and His Solve-a-matic Machine wildly succeeds on two levels: entertaining its target audience of ages 9 to 12 with an excellent, fun fantasy adventure and offering its young readers a number of very **sound lessons in the principles of entrepreneurship**. If you're a parent, your child might not remember how to spell entrepreneur after reading this book, but he will be familiar with most of the basic concepts behind the term - and could very well be excited about the prospect of becoming an entrepreneur himself.

...Tyler's entrepreneurial quest basically takes him through the process of taking his idea of a Solve-a-matic Machine and turning it into an actual manufacturing business. Bouani came up with some really **brilliant ways to illustrate the kinds of obstacles entrepreneurs must deal with in the real world**- and that's really the key to the book's success and eminent readability. Even as your child is reading this entertaining fantasy adventure featuring all kinds of exotic locations and animals, he/she is actually learning how to take an idea and turn it into a marketable product by coming up with a design, assembling the necessary tools and resources for production, hiring and managing workers (including dealing with unions), setting prices and production levels, etc.

I have a degree in economics, so I know how boring this subject matter can be. Bouani deserves major kudos for taking such a potentially dry subject as entrepreneurship and communicating its basic principles in such a fun and entertaining way to younger readers. She actually **gets kids excited about the prospects of becoming entrepreneurs themselves**, and that's an amazing accomplishment. Similar books involving Tyler and his friends are forthcoming in the Future Business Leaders' Series, and I am sure they will build upon the strong foundation this first book has already established.

Wonderful lesson in capitalism & entrepreneurship Amazon Top 50 Reviewer

Kurt A. Johnson (Marseilles, IL)
April 20, 2007

Young Tyler Sogno has big dreams - he would like to buy a big boat, and sail all around the world. But, being an orphan, and a bit of a slacker, he knows that his dreams will never come true. However, when a disembodied voice tells him that there is a path to that brighter future, Tyler sits up and takes notice. The voice tells him that to make his dreams come true, he must become an entrepreneur! What does Tyler have to do to become an entrepreneur? He (and we) are about to find out!

This book is a wonderful lesson in capitalism, presented in the form of a story. I am tempted to say an allegorical story, but in fact few things are veiled here. This book teaches the young reader all about what it takes to become an entrepreneur, everything from coming up with a product, getting the patents, developing the plant, and hiring employees.

I must admit, I wish I had had this book a couple of years ago. For a high school class, my nephew and some other students were supposed to develop the idea for a business to place on an island. They came up with exporting coconut bikinis and monkey butlers. They understood so little about what running a business meant, and this book would have told them.

Overall, I think that this is a great book, one that **should be required reading in all American schools! I give this book my highest recommendation.**

Oops, I almost forgot to mention...I love the characters in this book, especially the monkey J.J. Junglehammock, Attorney at Law. He cracked me up!

