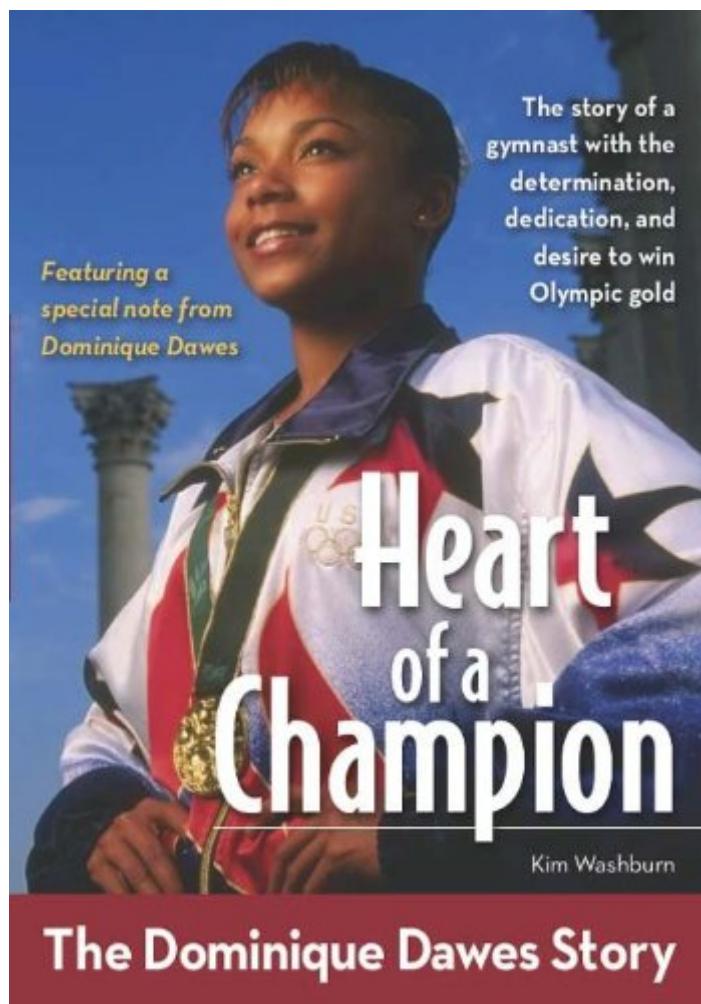


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Story of Olympic gymnast and motivational speaker Dominique Dawes. She knew what she wanted— a gold medal in the Olympics—and she worked to make it happen, winning her first at age 19. With her personal motto, “Determination, dedication, and desire,” Dominique went on to win two more Olympic gold medals in gymnastics. And today she carries her message to kids and adults as a motivational speaker with a passionate message—“Never give up on your dreams!

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Customer Reviews

Stick it, Stick it real good! In the book Heart of a Champion (The biography of Dominique Dawes) many inspiring things happen. Dominique’s first ever gymnastics class was cancelled. (I thought that was interesting.) She was born in Maryland. The book was about how Dominique became an Olympic gymnast. That’s not only what it was about, the book included the struggles she went through to get there. It also talked about what she does now.

She has made a big difference in people's lives. Dominique is a CEO of the movement of 60 minutes a day of play. In this book some of the main characters are Dominique herself. She is such a sweet young lady! She is a Christian that puts her life in God's hands. Dominique speaks out loud to kids and teens all around the world. She is a motivator. Kelly (her coach) has been a big influence to her. Coach Kelly has been her coach since she was a little tot! Dominique and her still are great friends today. Dominique actually lived with her for a little while. You will have to read the book to find out why. This book has a great moral or lesson. It taught me to put my WHOLE life in God's hands. She did and look where it got her. Yes, she did have hard times but, that's life. She pushed through it and still worshiped the one and only God! I recommend this book to people who like inspiring books. Just about anybody can read this and enjoy it. It's more than a biography it's a great book. Get your copy today!

This was a gift. The recipient was happy to get it but I never heard how they liked it...

I have watched Dominique in gymnastics every since 1991. This is a great book highlighting all her success in the gym and out the gym. I have always wondered how her parents thought about her gymnastics. Reading the book I found out.

inspiring book for young person

Book is for our granddaughter. Another story of a girl who made good! It isn't easy to find good biographies for kids.

Great story

This review is difficult as I love Dominique Dawes and definitely consider her to be one of the greatest gymnasts of all time. She is an amazing athlete, and she deserved a better biography than this one. It's written for young readers, so the simplistic phrasing and prose is to be expected. However, there were several continuity errors and inaccuracies about the sport of gymnastics. A few examples: late in the book the author explains why Dominique chose to stay at the University of Maryland - except she never told the reader that she went there in the first place. She only mentioned that Dominique decided not to go to Stanford, but was glad she was still going to school

(which was incredibly confusing). She refers to 1996 teammate Amanda Borden once and only says "Amanda said..." and never tells the reader who Amanda was or why she was important. The author also talks about the "3-up, 3-count" scoring formula of the team finals when talking about competitions in the early 1990s - that format was not in place at that time. She also mentions that currently, each year, still only 7 gymnasts make the Olympic team. It's actually 5 (and was 5 when the book was written), though it will be going to 4 at the next Olympics. I really wanted to enjoy this book, but the numerous inaccuracies and the random mentions of people and places without any context or explanation were really frustrating, and would be confusing for young readers.

I recommend this book to kids and adults. It is very inspiring for everyone, gymnast or not. It tells about more than just her gymnastics career, like her life afterwards too.

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