

The Wonders of Never Giving Up

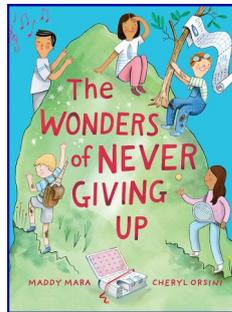
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Success isn't easy, and though it sounds cheesy Clear paths to great heights are quite rare Just flip through this book - go ahead, take a look! Even champions started somewhere. From sporting triumphs and engineering feats to best-selling novels and medical marvels, many of our greatest achievements are only possible with great determination. From the team behind *The Greatest Mistakes that Went Right* comes an uplifting celebration of grit and a humorous reminder to all kids: sometimes the trick is quite simply... don't quit.



Themes:

- Attitude
- Resilience
- Perseverance

Discussion Questions:

- Just by reading the title, what do you think this book will be about? Are you inspired by the title? Discuss.
- What is the significance of all the images on the endpapers?
- Have you heard of any of the people mentioned in the book before? What do you know about them? Read through the "Learn more about" section as a class to build on what you know.
- Is there one characteristic that shines through in all of the people mentioned in the book?
- If so, what is it? Do you think that this is a characteristic that we could all do with more of? Discuss.
- What might have happened if the people in the book had given up instead? Think about how things might be different both for the person, and for the wider world, if some of these people had given up.
- Sometimes when things are hard you might want to give up. Think about a time when you might have given up, and a time when you kept trying. What happened each time?
- Often there are times in our lives when we think things are too hard, too complicated or there appears to be roadblocks in our way. Has this book inspired you? What are some tactics that you might use to inspire yourself to keep trying in future?
- Is there one person in this book whose story struck you as the most inspiring, the most interesting or the most surprising? Why?

Activities:

- Choose one of the people in the story and conduct a comprehensive research project about them. Present your findings in either a Power Point presentation or a poster. Try and include at least one fact that might surprise others about them!
- Now try to find one other person who has a similar story, who could have been included in the book as another example of never giving up!