

The book cover features a portrait of a young Black girl, Reely Rylee, smiling and wearing a denim jacket. The title 'I AM HUMAN, TOO!' is written in a stylized, pink, outlined font across the top of the portrait. The author's name 'AYESHA T. EDWARDS' is at the bottom in a small, white, sans-serif font.

I AM HUMAN,
TOO!

REELY RYLEE

AYESHA T. EDWARDS



Yes, We Can!



Reely Rylee

Ayesha T. Edwards



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Target Audience

Primary

- **Age:** 9 to 13
- **Group:** Inner City, Suburban, Children of Color, Children who are Differently Abled, Girls & Boys
- **Situation:** At Risk, Bullying, Character Development, Injustice, Police Brutality, Racism, Relationship Building, Seeking Inspiration, Self Development and Vision, Volunteerism

Secondary

- **Age:** 14 to Young Adult
- **Group:** Children of all Races, all Socio-Economic Statuses
- **Situation:** Issues of Division, Hatred

Book Hook

Dedicated to the people of this world, Reely Rylee: I AM HUMAN TOO is about a young lady who is turning her dreams into reality with every challenge she faces and wondering she has about life and the matters of our hearts. From being teased to taking a stance against social injustices, Reely Rylee proves to be a fierce young 21st Century female.

Sample Chapter Summaries for Reely Rylee: I AM HUMAN, TOO!

Introduction

Beginning with a declaration of who she is, Reely Rylee proves that our words have power. Narrating her early life from birth through Second Grade, Rylee describes her developmental challenges, resilience and what can happen when you put your heart and soul into turning your dreams into reality. She introduces her experiences with diversity and racism and sets us up to read all the way through the end for the world saving challenge.

Chapter 4: A Time to Commit

Reely Rylee begins by expressing her pride and satisfaction in who she is, but her reflection on being teased broke her to the point of recognizing that hurt people hurt people and consequently making a conscious effort to activate the “chock full of nuggets” that she indirectly learned from her mother’s grandmother. Understanding that it is better to give than to receive, she committed to the cause that was bigger than who she was. This led to an open door that turned her dreams into reality to “be the change she wants to see in the world”: The Hope Tour!

Sample Pages

I am love. I am hope. I am peace. I have the freedom to dream BIG. These were the words and prayers that my mother spoke over me as I developed in the womb. She said I was a happy baby - not much fuss, except for my outfits. But then again, what else could she have expected from the girl she always wanted?

At seventeen days old, I had my first photoshoot. Within an hour, I had produced every “newborn pose and prop” the photographer wanted to capture and I knew even then that I was ready for the film reel. Maybe that was the origination of **Reely** Rylee. Maybe that was the vision behind the dream of seeing one’s future so clearly that it becomes reality. Maybe those words that my mother spoke were the inspiration needed to begin a journey of a lifetime - of steps to be taken that would face many challenges, hard lessons learned, falling down and getting back up again, but most of all fulfill my purpose here on earth. Maybe at age seventeen I’ll grace the cover of Seventeen Magazine...maybe, just maybe.

Sample Pages

It was a broken record of flashbacks in my head and I couldn't do anything other than bury my face in my hands and try to sob the pain away. For the first time in my life, I felt broken inside about something I love, something I couldn't change, and something I didn't want to change. I love myself and I love others just the same. I pondered on why they made those comments and asked those questions. What could bring them to being so mean? They were black just like me and I didn't understand it. I once saw the quote, "Hurt people hurt people" hanging on a wall. At first, I thought it was just a repetition of words. And, I wondered why would anyone want to hang that on a wall...?!? The next day I realized it was a sentence saying that "hurt people hurt people" like "hurt people cry a lot", you know what I mean. Hurt people do something and what they do is hurt other people. Hmmm. If only the answers to my questions would hit me like a bag of rocks the same way I had that revelation that "hurt people hurt people". Yes, indeed, hurt people sometimes hurt others but I still wondered what it was, specifically, that caused two people that look just like me to do me like that. There are often questions we have in life with answers we will never know, but one thing we should always know is how we're going to respond to words and actions that hurt.

Sample Photographs



Australia 2019 - The Hope Tour

Who would have known that a year later we would be in the fight of our lives for equality?
Yes, we can!

Sample Workbook Pages for Yes, We Can!

Know the difference...

Words that describe how you see yourself	Words that describe how you believe others see you

What is **most** important is how you see you. Your self-talk will inform what you think about yourself and what you think about yourself will shape how you feel about yourself. How you feel about yourself will dictate the choices you make in your life because human beings tend to act off of their emotions (feelings).

We may not always have the power to do many things in life because of rules, laws, policies (yes, systemic racism), our family situation, age, "ability", and many other factors. **HOWEVER, YOU have the POWER to define who you are and decide how you will respond to people and life.**

KNOWING who you are is foundational to
BEING who you are!

I repeat!

KNOWING who you are is foundational to
BEING who you are!

If you don't know who you are,
you'll be who others want you to be.

Don't be a pushover...stand up for yourself by investing in your **personal definition of YOU!!!**

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Stereotypes can hinder you from seeing who you are and who you can grow into. In other words, stereotypes can block you from knowing your potential and envisioning a better future for yourself. Stereotypes are assumptions that society makes about groups of people. If you know who you are and speak positive words over your life, you won't fall into the trap of believing assumptions about the color of your skin, your gender, your height, your size, your abilities, your family or where you live.

Write your own declaration of who you are below.

I am

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Think of the list that you wrote earlier about the things you want to see changed in the world?

How can the quote, "Be the Change YOU Want to See in the World" help you to make the changes you want to see become reality?

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Sample Workbook Pages for Yes, We Can!

How would you feel if someone doesn't want to be your friend because of the **color** of your skin, your **size**, your **HEIGHT**, hair, family, money, etc.?

The lesson I'd love for you to learn here is to be grateful. Gratitude is an expression of appreciation for the people in your life, the things you can do (walk, run, eat, see, hear, communicate, etc., and everything that you have).

While you are busy being grateful, it's also important for you to give. When you give generously, you receive so much more in return. Have you ever heard the saying that "sharing is caring"? Well, there is great work taking place inside of you when you give, and that beautiful soul that you are cultivating is worth far more than any tangible possession you may have. NOW, I'm not saying that you should give away everything you own, but when you give, be sure it's something you would like to receive yourself!

Here's a quote that shows the beautiful dichotomous relationship between gratitude and giving:

"Always give without remembering and always receive without forgetting." - Brian Tracy

List the Ways in which you celebrate **life**?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Life is beautiful!

It is important for you to understand your value and why you were born - know your purpose and **live** it out unapologetically!

People often have dreams and do absolutely nothing with them. They never take their dreams seriously or take steps to put them into **action**...to turn them from dreams to **reality**. What are some of the dreams you have about the things you'd like to do while you are still young (under 18)

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Always Remember:

YOU are  loved, YOU have
hope, and YOU can bring
peace to the world!!!

Yes, YOU Can!