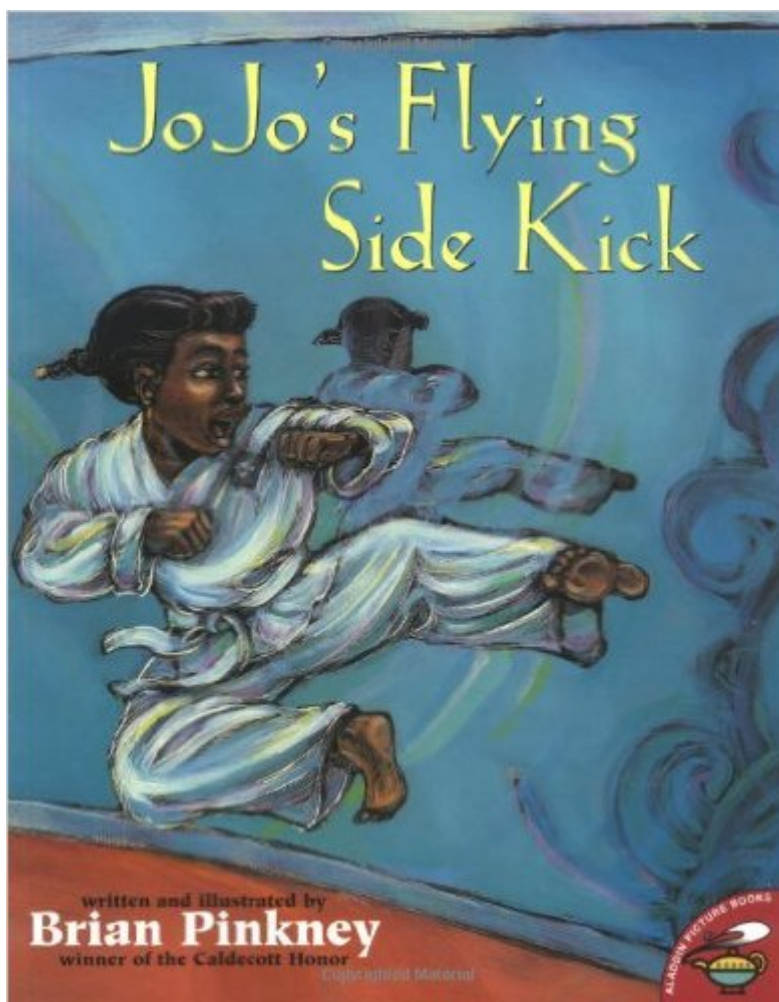


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# JoJo's Flying Sidekick



## Synopsis

When Master Kim announces JoJo is ready to take the test for her yellow belt, butterflies start fluttering in her stomach. JoJo loves Tae Kwon Do, but can she really do a perfect flying side kick and break a board in two? Her family and friends offer all sorts of advice: "Do a little shuffle to chase the jitters away," says Granddaddy. "Yell 'KIAH!' at the top of your lungs," P.J. advises. "Why don't you visualize your technique?" Mom suggests. But how can JoJo ever hope to succeed when she's still afraid of the creepy bandit tree outside her bedroom window? JoJo needs to find a way to turn her fears into success, and she soon realizes there's only one person who can help her do that -- herself.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

I really like this. JoJo is about to test for her yellow belt. She's also (coincidentally - the two aren't connected at all until the end) afraid of the tree in her yard. She's nervous about her test, and so three different members of her family give her advice. But it doesn't all click until the day of her test, when she puts all their advice together in her own way, in a way that not only earns her her yellow belt but also helps her stop being scared of the scary tree bandit. The moral is nicely understated instead of being pushed like people do tend to do with kids. Also, let me take a minute to say how

much I enjoyed the illustrations in this book. I felt they really suited the material. Definitely check this one out.

My four-year-old (who's big brother has been practicing karate for a few years) loved this story about a girl overcoming her fear and lack of confidence, ultimately succeeding in her goals.

My niece is taking martial arts and loved this story! She just won't put the book down! It also helps that she can identify with the girl on the cover, but overall it's a great opportunity to teach little girls how to be strong, independent, and overcome their fears.

My almost yellow-belt tae kwon do daughter loved this book. The tree in JoJo's yard was really scary for her (she was 4 when we read it.), but she wanted to read it and see the tree over and over again. However, I don't remember seeing board breaking and flying side kicks in the her yellow belt study materials.

Good book for little TKD masters! Although there is a "scary tree" that my kids thought was real. So just consider when looking to purchase for impressionable littles.

Great story for any child but especially if you have a little Taekwondo student. My son reads this book over and over again.

I bought as an inspiration for a couple of girls I mentor. It is a wonderful story that not only applies to martial arts

I got this book for my sone to encourage him to stay in Karate. It's a cute book with beautiful images.

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