



## Story Summary

The creators of *If You Can Dream It, You Can Do It* are back with inspiring profiles on twenty-five diverse careers and individuals.

Young readers are given a lens into the life of an architect, a paleontologist, a pilot, and so many more through detailed job profiles and full-colour photos. How does a comedian write the perfect joke? How does a private investigator crack a mysterious case? Questions about jobs you know, and don't know, are answered in a fun and accessible way through pro tips, spin-off job sidebars, and spotlight features about young people already achieving their dreams.

This information-packed resource shows how education can come in many different forms, such as university, college, trade school, apprenticeship, or specialized training. A wide range of job profiles provides valuable insight into how each individual developed the skills and expertise they needed for their career.

An author and elementary school teacher, **Colleen Nelson** earned her Bachelor of Education from the University of Manitoba in her hometown of Winnipeg. Her previous titles include the critically acclaimed *Harvey Stories*, *The Undercover Book List*, *The Umbrella House*, *Mystery at the Biltmore*, and *If You Can Dream It, You Can Do It*. Colleen writes daily in between appearances at hockey rinks and soccer fields in support of her two sports-loving sons.

**Kathie MacIsaac** is an award-winning literacy advocate and children's author passionate about books for middle-grade readers. Her first book, *If You Can Dream It, You Can Do It*, was co-written with Colleen Nelson. She is also the co-author of the blog *Bit About Books* and a co-founder of the website *MG Book Village*, which facilitates connections between members of the middle-grade community. She lives in Winnipeg with her husband and daughter.

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## See It, Dream It, Do It Activities:

1. Use the *See It, Dream It, Do It* Table of Contents to make a chart listing possible **dream jobs**. After reading the profiles, check the **Yes** column for the jobs that are dreamy and **No** for the ones that aren't. In the last column, explain why.

Dream Job?	Yes	No	Why?
Fitness Trainer / Coach			
Skydiving Instructor			
Ranch Owner / Equine Therapist			
Architect			
Teacher / Basketball Coach			
Paleontologist			
Radio Host / Multimedia Journalist			
Cave Microbiologist			
Forensic Artist			
Ambassador of Canada to Iceland			
Private Investigator			
Park Ranger			
Heavy Equipment Technician			
Stand-Up Comedian / Actress			
Pilot			
Travel Company Owner			
Psychologist			
Charter Captain			
Community Advocate / Mentor & Coordinator			
Midwife			
YouTube Content Creator / Former LEGO Designer			
Cybersecurity Analyst			
Electrical Engineer			
Funeral Director			
Ballet Dancer			

2. Make a **Help Wanted** poster for your dream job. Hint: it doesn't have to be a real job! Take a look on page 5 for the jobs Kathie and Colleen wished existed. On the poster, list the skills and training needed to apply for the job.

## Help Wanted!

Job Title:

Job Description:

Skills and Training Needed:

3. Using a map of the world (Google Earth or a physical map), locate where each person profiled works. You can include people mentioned in sidebars too. The authors worked hard to include people from around the world.

4. Based on a profile in the book, make up 'Two Truths and a Lie.' Quiz your classmates to see if they can spot the lie.



*This Teacher's Guide was written by award-winning author and middle-school teacher, **Colleen Nelson**. Colleen Nelson is the co-author of See it, Dream it, Do it!*

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