



Girls Know How® Books by Ellen Langas
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What do you want to be when you grow up? Author Ellen Langas believes that every girl can achieve her dreams and helps them explore their options without perceived limitations. Girls Know How® books inspire young people to explore career opportunities, develop life skills, and access the tools and information that can help them reach their full potentials in a fun and engaging way. www.GirlsKnowHow.com

The books' messages are particularly important to tween girls (ages 7 -12) as self-esteem issues are on the rise. Research shows that until middle school, girls are on a level field with their male peers when it comes to grades and ambition. But preconceived notions of what girls can accomplish, a lack of role models (particularly in STEM fields), and an abrupt change in focus to body consciousness and social acceptance can cause girls to shelve dreams and ambitions.

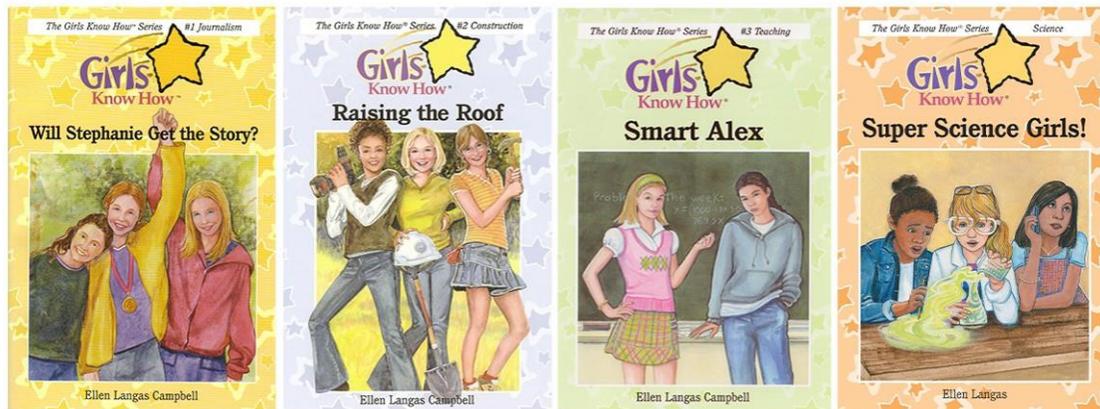
Each kid-tested chapter book within the fiction series features a girl who is encouraged by an accomplished woman in a particular field, a character based on a real-life successful woman. A bio and exclusive *Girls Want to Know* interview are included at the conclusion of each book to guide readers wishing to learn more about the particular career. We provide free tools, encouragement and support to parents, teachers, librarians and kids including free study guides for each book, a *Classroom Corner*, and free activities at www.GirlsKnowHow.com. The author has conducted dozens of free Kids Know How® *Career Adventure Workshops* throughout the country and has donated more than 4000 books to children in need.

Girls Know How books have been nationally recognized by the Mom's Choice Awards (Gold Level). Available at www.GirlsKnowHow.com, www.QVC.com, and select bookstores.

Super Science Girls! – STEM

Explore the exciting world of science through the eyes of 12-year-old Sylvia, who thought it was going to be the perfect summer. She and her best friend Kristen had been dreaming to win the middle school science fair competition for years and couldn't wait to put their experiment to the test at summer camp together. That is until Indra, the new "it" girl at school, tries to win Kristen's friendship and undermine their plans.

Sylvia finds herself on the outside looking in as Kristen gets swept up into Indra's cool world. Readers discover the world of science, robotics and experiments, plus the rewards of perseverance and the true meaning of friendship! Enjoy an exclusive *Girls Want to Know* interview, career exploration worksheet, vocabulary game and *Famous Women in Science* match game.



Will Stephanie Get the Story? – Journalism

With a focus on journalism, this book tells the story of Stephanie, a new girl at school. Although she doesn't want to leave her friends behind, and is nervous about making new ones, she is excited to meet her fourth-grade classmates and hopes to win a spot on the school's Newspaper Club. But she finds herself in hot water on the day her application is due. She struggles with writing her first article and almost gives up. Read how meeting a special female journalist gives her the encouragement she needs to give writing another chance and how Stephanie discovers that with hard work and passion, anyone's dream can come true. A bio and exclusive interview with the former President of USA WEEKEND magazine are included to guide readers wishing to learn more about journalism.

Raising the Roof – Construction and Architecture

With a focus on construction, *Raising the Roof* tells the story of fifth-grade friends Tori, Angie and Kelly who, after losing their clubhouse to a rival neighborhood group of boys, are encouraged by the head of a major construction company (a character based on Linda Alvarado, President of Alvarado Construction) to build their own.

The girls get a first-hand look at a construction company and roll up their sleeves preparing blueprints, work schedules and budgets. But stormy weather, differences of opinion and the boys' attempts to undermine their efforts test their friendship. They not only learn valuable construction skills, they learn about teamwork, earn the respect and friendship of the boys, and realize their dreams. Includes an introduction to youth activities with Habitat for Humanity, a Career Exploration Worksheet and "Design the Clubhouse of Your Dreams!" activity.

Smart Alex – Teaching and Math

Middle school is a roller coaster ride for Alex Martinez, a 7th grade student destined for detention. She lives in the wrong part of town, wears all the wrong clothes and says all the wrong things, according to her classmates. She sees girls like Emily glide effortlessly to the head of the class, wearing brand-name everything and attracting friends, praise and top grades.

When they collide in their school's team effort to win the MATHCOUNTS® competition, sparks fly! Find out how a special teacher devises "Project Smart Alex," a top-secret plan that teaches more than just the right answers and might give Alex the chance to discover her full potential.

Smart Alex salutes teachers and inspires readers to understand what it takes to become one. A bio and exclusive *Girls Want to Know* interview with Dr. Stephanie Pace Marshall are included along with a Career Exploration Worksheet plus math challenges that put readers to the test!

