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Renée Smith Releases Lively Book to Encourage Toddler Tooth Brushing *I Can Brush All by Myself is former educator's first in a series of stories for preschoolers with African-American characters.*

BOSTON, January XX, 2019 – Tooth brushing may be a toddler rite of passage, but some children need a little encouragement. That's where Renée Smith's new book, *I Can Brush All by Myself*, can help. Using clever rhythm and rhyme, the playfully illustrated story takes readers through the tooth brushing process step by step.

I Can Brush All by Myself is the first in a series of books by Smith featuring African-American characters. The story follows a young boy as he wakes and starts his morning hygiene routine. With his mom guiding him, the toddler locates his toothbrush, applies toothpaste, and thoroughly brushes all of his teeth over a two-minute period. Complemented with bright and colorful artwork, the book shows how fun and easy brushing can be.

"As a former educator and parent of five now-adult children, I know how challenging it can be to encourage preschoolers to brush independently," explains Smith. "I wanted to write this culturally-relevant story to take the mystery out of the process in an entertaining way that would encourage young children to take on this task alone. In addition to helping readers start the day off right, I also hope the book serves as a great introduction to oral health care over one's lifetime."

I Can Brush All by Myself can be purchased online through SDP Publishing, Amazon, Barnes and Noble and other retailers. To learn more, please visit www.queennunubooks.com.

About the Author

Renée Smith was born in Boston, Massachusetts. She is a wife and mother of five adult children with more than 30 years of experience raising and teaching children. Mrs. Smith holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Bentley College. Over the past 30 years she has volunteered in elementary schools in various capacities including assisting in the computer lab, reading to children, teaching math, chaperoning school trips, and helping students choose a book in the Reading is Fundamental (RIF) Program, which is the nation's largest children's literary nonprofit. In her free time, she reads, watches sports, spends time with her family—especially her grandson—and her favorite activity is swimming. This book is the first in a series of stories for preschoolers with African-American characters.

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