

Girls Hold Up This World By Jada

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Jada Pinkett Smith's first-ever children's book *Girls Hold Up This World* will debut

at #2 in the New York Times children's best-seller list; according to Scholastic, the world's largest publisher and distributor of children's books

The picture book, featuring empowering poems for girls written by Pinkett Smith, also includes photographs by Donyell Kennedy-McCullough. There are over 80,000 copies of the book in print.

In *Girls Hold Up This World* (Scholastic/Cartwheel), celebrated actress and mother Jada Pinkett Smith lovingly captures the strength, unity, and beauty that live in girls. Ms. Pinkett Smith's powerful poetry combined with Donyell Kennedy-McCullough's exuberant photographs enhance the positive message of this inspiring new book.

Jada Pinkett Smith has appeared in many films, including *Collateral*, *The Matrix Reloaded*, *The Matrix Revolutions*, *The Nutty Professor*, and *Ali*. Ms. Pinkett Smith has also appeared in the popular TV series *A Different World*. Jada Pinkett Smith currently stars in the movie *Madagascar* as the voice of "Hippo" which will be out in theaters May 27th. She lives in California with her husband, actor / rap and hip-hop artist Will Smith, and their children, Trey, Jaden, and Willow.

Donyell Kennedy-McCullough juggles multiple careers as a personal manager, producer, wife, mom, and self-taught photographer. She lives in California with her husband, Suli McCullough, and daughter, Kennedy-Rue.

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