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YES YOU CAN
A Book Created to Motivate

Durham, NC – (January 1, 2009) – Motivating and inspiring, author Arthur G. Affleck, III creates a book that will help young people achieve a better life through education. Affleck, who was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, was the first in his family to attend college. “*YES YOU CAN—Finish High School and go to College*” is a book about possibility. At its best, it seeks to motivate, inspire and empower young people to achieve their goal of going to college. Along with inspiring stories and quotes, the book provides clear information and tips about college selection, admission and financial aid. It also addresses diversity issues, student athletes and it provides a College Planning Calendar to keep students on task and on track.

This book will be useful and helpful to any student, but it will be especially useful to those students who have what it takes to finish high school and go to college but who may be experiencing doubts and lack of motivation. As it opens with a quote from Dorothy J. Hulst that says in part, “there are efforts and results and the strength of the effort is the measure of the result . . .” it imparts that dreams can come true and goals can be achieved. With the help of family, and friends, young people can finish high school, enroll to college and graduate. This must-read volume will show you the importance of earning a diploma.

In the United States, the richest country in the world, over one million students drop out of high school each year! Retired General Colin Powell, founder of America’s Promise Alliance said this state of affairs “*is more than a problem, it’s a catastrophe.*” This book is, in part, my small attempt to help to change the odds of students dropping out of high school by getting them to think about the consequences of their actions.

Facts are shared to highlight the point that young people and adults simply must have some marketable skills to have any chance of getting and keeping a job and making a decent wage in this rapidly changing economy. So, it is vitally important that teens give themselves a chance in life by finishing high school and by going to college. They can do it and “*Yes You Can*” will help.

“Straightforward, honest and inspirational, Yes You Can is an excellent guide for preparing youth for success in college. This “can-do” book is a definite “must read” for parents, and students in middle school and high school.”

Marilyn Monroe, Director
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