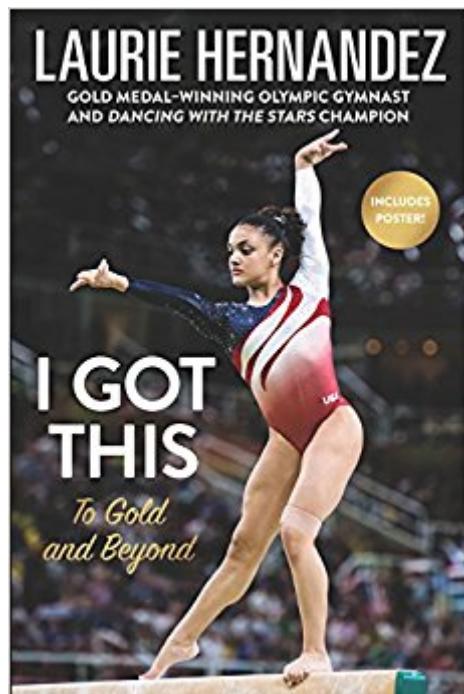


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# I Got This: To Gold And Beyond



## **Synopsis**

New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and USA Today® Bestseller! Gold medal-winning Olympic gymnast and Dancing with the Stars champion Laurie Hernandez shares her story in her own words in this debut book for fans of all ages—“with never-before-seen photos! At sixteen years old, Laurie Hernandez has already made many of her dreams come true—and yet it’s only the beginning for this highly accomplished athlete. A Latina Jersey girl, Laurie saw her life take a dramatic turn last summer when she was chosen to be a part of the 2016 US Olympic gymnastics team. After winning gold in Rio as part of the Final Five, Laurie also earned an individual silver medal for her performance on the balance beam. Nicknamed “the Human Emoji” for her wide-eyed and animated expressions, Laurie continued to dance her way into everyone’s hearts while competing on the hit reality TV show Dancing with the Stars, where she was the youngest-ever winner of the Mirrorball Trophy. Poignant and funny, Laurie’s story is about growing up with the dream of becoming an Olympian and what it took to win gold. She talks about her loving family, her rigorous training, her intense sacrifices, and her amazing triumphs. Be prepared to fall in love with and be mesmerized by America’s newest sweetheart all over again.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Laurie Hernandez is an American gymnast, an Olympic gold medalist, and the youngest-ever

champion on Dancing with the Stars. At the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio, Laurie won silver in the individual balance beam competition and secured gold in the team all-around competition. Laurie started gymnastics at the age of six because she wanted to experience the feeling of flying. She enrolled at Monmouth Gymnastics in New Jersey, where she met her coach, and they became a winning duo. The turning point in Laurie's career came in 2014, when her progress was stalled due to multiple injuries. She returned stronger than ever by becoming the 2015 US junior national champion. Laurie's other career highlights include all-around silver, beam gold, and floor exercise bronze at the 2016 US Olympic Trials, and bronze in all-around, floor exercise, beam, and uneven bars at the 2016 national championships. Laurie is known for her dazzling floor exercise routines and for her grace and artistry on the balance beam. And she has been nicknamed "the Human Emoji" for her outgoing facial expressions.

Reading this book was a joy! Laurie's enthusiasm and love for fields and her sport vault (and flip and spin) off the page. I literally could not put the book down. Well done!

bought for my niece, she loved it

excellent read

My daughter loves the book. She was able to read it just before she was fortunate to meet Laurie in person.

I watched Laurie Hernandez compete in the Olympics and Dancing With the Stars. It was great to learn more about her journey in her book. Even though she had obstacles and struggles, she kept going towards her dream and huge goal. Some people wonder what she could write about since she is only 16 years old, but as explained in her book, she has experienced more than many older people have. I would recommend this book to both kids and adults as inspiration to keep working towards your goals.

My daughter loved it.

Loved the book. She is an awesome young lady and role model.

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