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You can do it, Bert! by Ole Konnecke

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At first glance, it seems the small bird on the end of the branch is about to attempt his first flight. The story guides readers to think that's his aim.

“This is Bert.
It's his big day.”

But is Bert really gathering courage to try to fly? Each page reveals him moving a little closer to a leap into space. He peers over the edge of the branch, he stretches his wings, he hesitates, he delays until, finally, he bounces off with one wing covering his eyes. What awaits him?

Simple, brightly-coloured illustrations keep readers focused on Bert as he prepares for his grand challenge. Bert's support team are a humorous group of characters. The surprise ending will produce smiles of recognition.

Another well-produced book from Gecko Press, the award-winning Wellington publishers who specialise in translating quality children's literature from around the world.

**Reviewed by children's book author,
Jean Bennett**

