

I Own Myself

A Children's Guide to Self-Ownership and Voluntaryism

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Teaching Peace and Tolerance through Self-Ownership and Voluntarism

Book #2 of the *I Know My Rights* Children's Series Now Available

The ability of each individual to live his or her own life, without interference, is the most fundamental right that we possess. Every person has the right to be free from force, aggression, fraud, and coercion. But, how are we able to accomplish this in a diverse society? Through Self-Ownership and Voluntarism!

Through colorfully illustrated examples, focusing on the Golden Rule and personal autonomy, *I Own Myself: A Children's Guide to Self-Ownership and Voluntarism* breaks down these principles in an accessible and enjoyable manner.

"I am very excited for the release of *I Own Myself* and providing children with a foundation of knowledge rooted in peace, understanding, and respect. In a time when it feels as though we cannot agree, nor disagree, on anything, learning the principles of Self-Ownership and Voluntarism is paramount." – Rory Margraf, Author of *I Own Myself: A Children's Guide to Self-Ownership and Voluntarism*

"No people can be free and prosperous in the future if the bedrock, fundamental principles of freedom and prosperity are not taught to their children today. Rory Margraf's *I Own Myself* gives parents and teachers a superb tool for doing just that, and youngsters will love it!" – Lawrence W. Reed, President Emeritus, Foundation for Economic Education

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I Own Myself: A Children's Guide to Self-Ownership and Voluntarism is the second book in the *I Know My Right* Series, which serves to educate young children on American laws, government, and the foundational philosophies supporting individual liberty.

I Own Myself: A Children's Guide to Self-Ownership and Voluntarism is available now for review; contact Rory Margraf for a full media kit and press copy.

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ABOUT



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SYNOPSIS

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How are we able to accomplish this in a diverse society? Through Self-Ownership and Voluntaryism! Together, these principles provide a framework of mutual respect, consent, and understanding.

Through colorfully illustrated examples, focusing on the Golden Rule and personal autonomy, *I Own Myself*, the second book in the I Know My Rights series, provides a foundation of knowledge to help every individual live a peaceful and prosperous life.

ENDORSEMENTS

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FAQs

WHAT ARE SELF-OWNERSHIP AND VOLUNTARYISM?

Self-Ownership and Voluntaryism are the very bedrock of the liberty philosophy; two interdependent concepts that provide a framework of peace and tolerance. Together, Self-Ownership and Voluntaryism stress the paramount nature of personal autonomy, property rights, and voluntary action. Through these principles, every individual may live a life grounded in peace, understanding, and mutual consent, leading to the truest fulfillment of individual humanity.

HOW DO YOU PRESENT THESE IDEAS TO CHILDREN?

These ideas are quite natural to humanity; as Thomas Jefferson might say, they are self-evident. The right to be free from harm, force, aggression, or coercion is a natural pursuit of all people. Children have the uncanny ability to demonstrate these qualities without direction. Observing this, we strive to take that natural instinct and put it into words and ideas that children can embody and carry with them as they grow. Through colorful and relatable examples, focusing on the Golden Rule and personal autonomy, children will be excited to learn about the ideals that may lead to a peaceful and prosperous life.

WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACHIEVE WITH THIS SERIES?

The primary purpose of this series is to introduce young minds to the fundamental laws that make up the country itself. Starting with an understanding of our rights as individuals and how we may interact peacefully is the bedrock of liberty. From there, we can begin to look at the structure and proper functions of government. My hope is to create a generation of young persons that are well versed in the functions of the law and feel certain when asserting their rights, while also understanding that our rights apply to all people. Respecting the rights of others, questioning authority, protecting our rights as future leaders; these are my wishes for the next generation.

WHY STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF CHILDREN'S RIGHTS?

It has been long established that the Bill of Rights applies to children as well as it applies to adults, from *West Virginia State Board of Education v Barnette* to *Tinker v Des Moines Independent Community School District*, as well as a number of state cases. However, there is a lack of expectation for children to learn or assert their rights. Each child must be versed in our most fundamental laws in order to protect themselves. Not only does this keep them safe from overreaches of authority, but it will go a long way toward helping the youngest members of our communities become strong and independent individuals.

WHAT CAN WE EXPECT FROM YOUR NEXT BOOK?

The next book in the series is due to be released this summer. Now that we have established the foundational principles of liberty, we are going to pivot back to the Constitution and take the deep dive into each article, presenting the structure and Constitutional roles of our government in an educational and enjoyable manner.