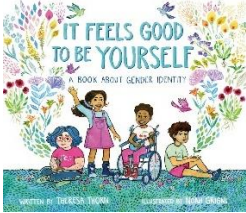


Early Years Lists

Community Picks

It Feels Good To Be Yourself:
A Book About Gender Identity
Theresa Thorn

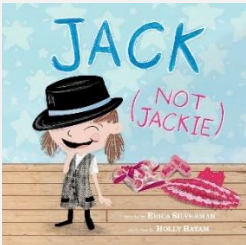


A picture book that introduces the concept of gender identity to the youngest reader from writer Theresa Thorn and illustrator Noah Grigni.

Some people are boys. Some people are girls. Some people are both, neither, or somewhere in between.

This sweet, straightforward exploration of gender identity will give children a fuller understanding of themselves and others. With child-friendly language and vibrant art, *It Feels Good to Be Yourself* provides young readers and parents alike with the vocabulary to discuss this important topic with sensitivity.

Jack (Not Jackie)
Erica Silverman



In this heartwarming picture book, a big sister realizes that her little sister, Jackie, doesn't like dresses or fairies-she likes ties and bugs!

Will she and her family be able to accept that Jackie identifies more as "Jack"?

Susan thinks her little sister Jackie has the best giggle! She can't wait for Jackie to get older so they can do all sorts of things like play forest fairies and be explorers together. But as Jackie grows, she doesn't want to play those games.

She wants to play with mud and be a super bug! Jackie also doesn't like dresses or her long hair, and she would rather be called Jack.

Readers will love this sweet story about change and acceptance. This book is published in partnership with GLAAD to accelerate LGBTQ inclusivity and acceptance.

Jacob's New Dress
Sarah Hoffman



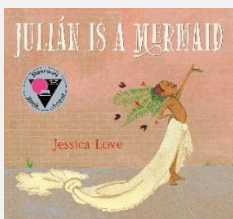
An affirming story about gender nonconformity.

Jacob loves playing dress-up, when he can be anything he wants to be.

Some kids at school say he can't wear "girl" clothes, but Jacob wants to wear a dress to school. Can he convince his parents to let him wear what he wants?

This heartwarming story speaks to the unique challenges faced by children who don't identify with traditional gender roles.

Julián Is a Mermaid
Jessica Love



While riding the subway home from the pool with his abuela one day, Julián notices three women spectacularly dressed up.

Their hair billows in brilliant hues, their dresses end in fishtails, and their joy fills the train car. When Julián gets home, daydreaming of the magic he's seen, all he can think about is dressing up just like the ladies in his own fabulous mermaid costume: a butter-yellow curtain for his tail, the fronds of a potted fern for his headdress.

But what will Abuela think about the mess he makes — and even more importantly, what will she think about how Julián sees himself?

Mesmerizing and full of heart, Jessica Love's author-illustrator debut is a jubilant picture of self-love and a radiant celebration of individuality.

One of a Kind, Like Me
(Único Como Yo)
Laurin Mayeno &
Robert Liu-Trujillo

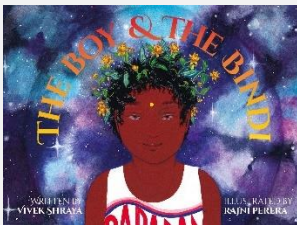


Tomorrow is the school parade, and Danny knows exactly what he will be: a princess. Mummy supports him 100%, and they race to the thrift store to find his costume.

It's almost closing time - will Danny find the costume of his dreams in time?

One of A Kind, Like Me / Único como yo is a sweet story about unconditional love and the beauty of individuality. It's a unique book that lifts up children who don't fit gender stereotypes, and reflects the power of a loving and supportive community.

The Boy & the Bindi
Vivek Shraya



In this beautiful children's picture book by Vivek Shraya, author of the acclaimed *God Loves Hair*, a five-year-old South Asian boy becomes fascinated with his mother's bindi, the red dot commonly worn by Hindu women to indicate the point at which creation begins, and wishes to have one of his own. Rather than chastise her son, she agrees to it, and teaches him about its cultural significance, allowing the boy to discover the magic of the bindi, which in turn gives him permission to be more fully himself.

Beautifully illustrated by Rajni Perera, *The Boy & the Bindi* is a joyful celebration of gender and cultural difference.

SHFPACT and Hares and Hyenas Recommend:

A Family is a Family is a Family
Sara O'Leary



When a teacher asks her class to think about what makes their families special, the answers are all different, but the same in one important way ...

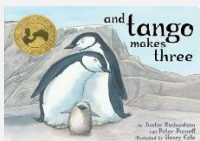
When a teacher asks the children in her class to think about what makes their families special, the answers are all different in many ways -- but the same in the one way that matters most of all.

One child is worried that her family is just too different to explain, but listens as her classmates talk about what makes their families special. One is raised by a grandmother, and another has two dads. One has many stepsiblings, and another has a new baby in the family.

As her classmates describe who they live with and who loves them -- family of every shape, size and every kind of relation -- the child realizes that as long as her family is full of caring people, it is special.

A warm and whimsical look at many types of families.

And Tango Makes Three
Justin Richardson
& Peter Parnell



The heart-warming true story of two penguins who create a non-traditional family is now available in a sturdy board book edition.

At the penguin house at the Central Park Zoo, two penguins named Roy and Silo were a little bit different from the others. But their desire for a family was the same.

With the help of a kindly zookeeper, Roy and Silo got the chance to welcome a baby penguin of their very own.

A Tale of Two Daddies
Vanita Oelschlager

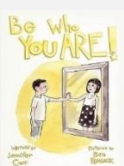


A Tale of Two Daddies is a playground conversation between two children. The boy says he heard that the girl has two dads. The girl says that is right--she has Daddy and Poppa.

True to a child's curiosity, practical questions follow: "Which dad helps when your team needs a coach? / Which dad cooks you eggs and toast?" To which she answers: "Daddy is my soccer coach. / Poppa cooks me eggs and toast."

This picture book is intended for 4- to 8-year olds, and introduces a type of family increasingly visible in modern society and reflects a child's practical and innocent look at the adults who nurture and love her. It becomes clear that the family's loving bond is unburdened by any cultural discomforts

Be Who You Are
Jennifer Carr

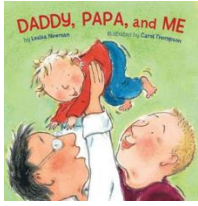


Nick was born in a boy's body but has always felt like a girl inside.

Nick's family supports him when he says he no longer wants to be called a boy or dress like a boy; Nick's parents find a group for families like theirs.

With their support, Nick expresses a desire to be addressed as "she," and then to be named "Hope." Based on the author's experiences with her children.

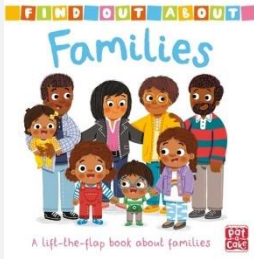
Daddy, Papa and Me
Leslea Newman



Rhythmic text and illustrations with universal appeal show a toddler spending the day with its daddies. From hide-and-seek to dress-up, then bath time and a kiss goodnight, there's no limit to what a loving family can do together.

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Find out about Families
Pat-a-Cake

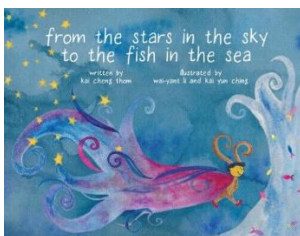


Find Out About: Families helps curious pre-schoolers understand how other children live, which is key for developing empathy.

Featuring friendly child characters and familiar situations, this book shows how different families are made up and how they live.

With fun flaps to lift, this is an excellent, interactive book for children and their parents and carers to share together.

From the Stars in the Sky to the Fish in the Sea
Kai Cheng Thom



In the magical time between night and day, when both the sun and the moon are in the sky, a child is born in a little blue house on a hill. Miu Lan is not just any child, but one who can change into any shape they can imagine.

The only problem is they can't decide what to be: A boy or a girl? A bird or a fish? A flower or a shooting star? At school, though, they must endure inquisitive looks and difficult questions from the other children, and they have trouble finding friends who will accept them for who they are.

But they find comfort in the loving arms of their mother, who always offers them the same loving refrain: "Whatever you dream of / I believe you can be / From the stars in the sky to the fish in the sea."

In this captivating, beautifully imagined picture book about gender, identity, and the acceptance of the differences between us, Miu Lan faces many questions about who they are and who they may be.

But one thing's for sure: no matter what this child becomes, their mother will love them just the same.

Heather Has Two Mummies
Lesléa Newman

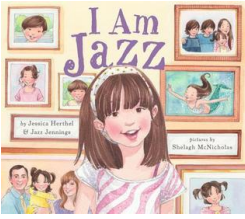


This delightful, important modern classic is back by public demand – revitalised in an updated, beautifully illustrated new edition for young readers.

Heather's favourite number is two – she has two arms, two legs, two pets and two lovely mummies. But when Heather goes to school for the first time, someone asks her about her daddy ... and Heather doesn't have a daddy!

But then the class all draw portraits of their families, and not one single drawing is the same. Heather and her classmates realize – it doesn't matter who makes up a family, the most important thing is that all the people in it love one another very much.

I am Jazz
Jessica Herthel
& Jazz Jennings

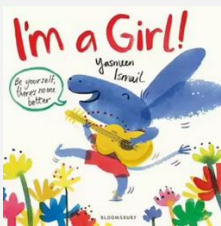


From the time she was two years old, Jazz knew that she had a girl's brain in a boy's body. She loved pink and dressing up as a mermaid and didn't feel like herself in boys' clothing.

This confused her family, until they took her to a doctor who said that Jazz was transgender and that she was born that way.

Jazz's story is based on her real-life experience and she tells it in a simple, clear way that will be appreciated by picture book readers, their parents, and teachers.

I'm a Girl!
Yasmeen Ismail

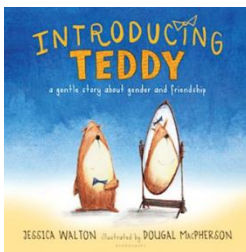


I am a Girl! is a wonderful celebration of being who we are and not being pigeon-holed or restricted by gender stereotypes. Most of all it is full of energy and laugh-out-loud funny.

Who says that pink is for girls and blue is for boys?

The girl in this book likes to win, she likes to be spontaneous, fast and strong, and because she also likes to dress in t-shirt and shorts, she is forever getting mistaken for a boy. And when she meets a boy who likes wearing princess dresses and playing dolls, they both quickly discover that they share interests that are wide and varied.

Introducing Teddy
Jessica Walton



Introducing Teddy introduces the youngest readers to understanding gender identity and transition in an accessible and heart-warming story about being true to yourself and being a good friend.

Errol and his teddy, Thomas, are best friends who do everything together.

One day teddy is sad. Teddy is afraid to tell Errol something and is worried that Errol won't want to be his friend anymore

It's OK to be Different
Todd Parr

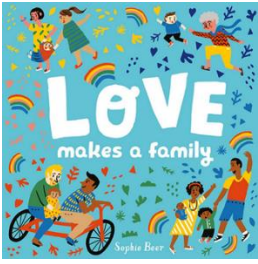


Told with Todd Parr's signature wit and wisdom, *It's Okay to Be Different* cleverly delivers the important messages of acceptance, understanding, and confidence in an accessible, child-friendly format. The book features the bold, bright colours and silly scenes that made Todd a premiere voice for emotional discussions in children's literature.

Targeted to young children first beginning to read, this book will inspire kids to celebrate their individuality through acceptance of others and self-confidence--and it's never too early to develop a healthy self-esteem.

It's Okay to be Different is designed to encourage early literacy, enhance emotional development, celebrate multiculturalism and diversity, and promote character growth.

Love Makes a Family
Sophie Beer

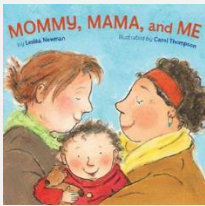


This fun, inclusive book celebrates the one thing that makes every family a family ... and that's LOVE.

In this exuberant board book, many different families are shown in happy activity, from an early-morning wake-up to a kiss before bed.

Whether a child has two moms, two dads, one parent, or one of each, this simple preschool read-aloud demonstrates that what's most important in each family's life is the love the family members share.

Mommy, Mama and Me
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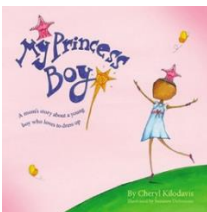


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My Princess Boy
Cheryl Kilodavis



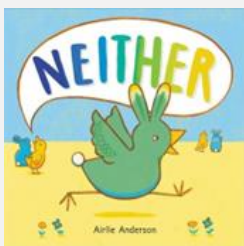
Dyson loves the colour pink and sparkly things.

Sometimes he wears dresses, and sometimes he wears jeans. He likes to wear his princess tiara, even when climbing trees.

He's a Princess Boy, and his family loves him exactly the way he is.

This is a story about love and acceptance. It is also a call for tolerance and an end to bullying and judgments. The world is a brighter place when we accept everyone for who they are.

Neither
Airlie Anderson



In this colorful and touching board book that celebrates what makes each of us unique, a little creature that's not quite a bird and not quite a bunny—it's "neither"—searches for a place to fit in.

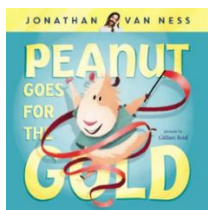
In the Land of This and That, there are only two kinds: blue bunnies and yellow birds. But one day a funny green egg hatches, and a little creature that's not quite a bird and not quite a bunny pops out. It's neither!

Neither tries hard to fit in, but its bird legs aren't good for jumping like the other bunnies, and its fluffy tail isn't good for flapping like the other birds. It sets out to find a new home and discovers a very different place, one with endless colors and shapes and creatures of all kinds. But when a blue bunny and a yellow bird with some hidden differences of their own arrive, it's up to Neither to decide if they are welcome in the Land of All.

This thoughtful story promotes diversity and offers a valuable lesson to the youngest of audiences: it is our differences that unite us.

Peanut Goes for the Gold

Jonathan Van Ness



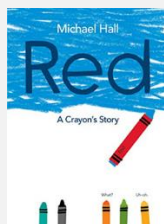
A charming, funny, and heartfelt picture book that follows the adventures of Peanut, a nonbinary guinea pig who does everything with their own personal flare.

Peanut just has their own unique way of doing things.

When Peanut decides to be a rhythmic gymnast, they come up with a routine that they know is absolutely perfect, because it is absolutely, one hundred percent Peanut.

Red: A Crayon's Story

Michael Hall



Red has a bright red label, but he is, in fact, blue.

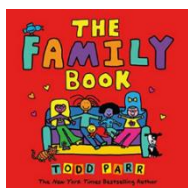
His teacher mother and friends try to help him be red. But Red is miserable. He just can't be red, no matter how hard he tries!

Finally, a brand-new friend offers a brand-new perspective, and Red discovers what readers have known all along. He's blue!

This funny, heart-warming, colourful picture book about finding the courage to be true to your inner self can be read on multiple levels, and it offers something for everyone!

The Family Book

Todd Parr



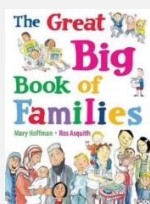
The Family Book celebrates the love we feel for our families and all the different varieties they come in.

Whether you have two mothers or two dads, a big family or a small family, a clean family or a messy one, Todd Parr assures readers that no matter what kind of family you have, every family is special in its own unique way.

Parr's message about the importance of embracing our differences is delivered in a playful way.

The Great Big Book of Families

Mary Hoffman



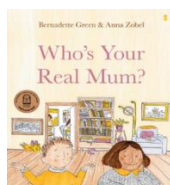
What is a family? Once, it was said to be a father, mother, boy, girl, cat, and dog living in a house with a garden. But as times have changed, families have changed too, and now there are almost as many kinds of families as colours of the rainbow - from a mum and dad or single parent to two mums or two dads, from a mixed-race family to children with different mums and dads, to families with a disabled member.

Mary Hoffman takes a look through children's eyes at the wide varieties of family life: from homes, food, ways of celebrating, schools and holidays to getting around, jobs and housework, from extended families, languages and hobbies to pets and family trees - and she concludes that, for most people, their own family is the best one of all!

A fresh, optimistic look at families of today.

Who's Your Real Mum

Bernadette Green
& Anna Zobel



Elvi has two moms at her house, but Nicholas wants to know which one is her real mom.

"They're both my mom," she says.

Poignant, but written with a light and humorous touch, this beautifully illustrated story captures what lies at the heart of family life-love.