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My Family, Your Family (Cloverleaf Books "Alike and Different")



Synopsis

Makayla is visiting friends in her neighborhood. She sees how each family is different. Some families have lots of children, but others have none. Some friends live with grandparents or have two dads or have parents who are divorced. How is her own family like the others? What makes each one great? This diverse cast allows readers to compare and contrast families in multiple ways.

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Customer Reviews

Enjoyed

This book has a lot going for it. I love that it is written from the child's perspective and the illustrations are pleasant and child-friendly. The language is simple enough for young children to understand, and differences are presented in an upbeat, positive way. My favorite thing about this book is that it could be used in a family setting or in a classroom setting. It even includes a project idea at the end that would be great for a classroom lesson. The book includes an interracial couple with a child and one on the way, a big family that speaks a different language at home, two ladies, a dad and his daughter (with a good explanation of divorce and step-families), a boy who lives with his

grandparents, an adoptive family (two dads, two kids, multiracial), and extended family. I am always looking for books that represent our family to donate to my kids' classrooms. We are a mom and a dad with two transracially adopted children and one biological child. This is really hard to find! (A close fit is *Rosie's Family: An Adoption Story* by Lorie Rosove.) I was a little disappointed when I came to the page with adopted kids and it was two dads. I appreciate that a same-sex couple was included earlier in the book. However, I'm finding it hard to find books depicting adoptive families with a mom and a dad that would be more representative of our family that is also appropriate for classroom use. I appreciate the information included on the adoption page - the sentence "his mother loved him, but she couldn't take care of him" (could have used the term "birth-mother") - and an explanation of about domestic and international adoption. I love the "differences are great" message this book provides. My 8-year-old daughter liked it and picked it to give to her class over two other books about diverse families. I would say this book is suitable for ages 4-9.

Progressive's dream, social conservative's worst nightmare. The book shows different kinds of families including biracial and same-sex couples. These cloverleaf books by Lisa Bullard are so inclusive and truly encourage tolerance. This and the holidays series should be in every elementary school library.

Beautiful telling of how families and people are all different, but EVERYONE has a family even if they don't look the same

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