

# ***Recommended Reads...Picture Books***

**1. And Tango Makes three by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell, Illustrated by Henry Cole**— Roy and Silo are two boy penguins who live in the zoo in New York's Central Park. They like to spend all their time together, and so just as the boy and girl penguins begin to build nests, so do Roy and Silo. But then eggs start to appear in all the other nests, and Roy and Silo's nest remains empty. So the penguin keeper gets the idea to give them an egg that's not wanted by another couple. This is a really delightful story and the message behind it is subtle. It's a true story, and you can learn more about it in a note at the end.

**2. Julian is a Mermaid by Jessica Love**—While riding the subway home with his Nana one day, Julian notices three women spectacularly dressed up. Their hair billows in brilliant hues, their dresses end in fishtails, and their joy fills the train carriage. When Julian gets home, daydreaming of the magic he's seen, all he can think about is dressing up just like the ladies and making his own fabulous mermaid costume. But what will Nana think about the mess he makes - and even more importantly - what will she think about how Julian sees himself?

**3. Only One You by Linda Krantz**—There's only one you in this great big world. Make it a better place. Adri's mama and papa share some of the wisdom they have gained through the years with their eager son. Their words, simple and powerful, are meant to comfort and guide him as he goes about exploring the world. This exquisitely illustrated book explodes with color and honest insights. Krantz's uniquely painted rockfish, set against vibrant blue seas, make an unforgettable and truly special impression. Only One You will inspire parents and children of all ages as they swim through life.

**4. An ABC of Equality by Chana Ewing, Illustrated by Paulina Morgan**—A is for Ability, B is for Belief, C is for Class. All people have the right to be treated fairly, no matter who they are, what they look like or where they come from. An ABC of Equality introduces complicated concepts surrounding social justice to the youngest of children. From A to Z, simple explanations accompanied by engaging artwork teach children about the world we live in and how to navigate our way through it. Each right-hand page includes a brightly decorated letter with the word it stands for and an encouraging slogan. On the left, a colourful illustration and bite-size text sum up the concept. Cheerful people from a range of backgrounds, ethnicities and abilities lead the way through the alphabet. Celebrate your Differences, ask more Questions, share your Kindness and learn to Understand the world.

**5. Red: A Crayon's Story by Michael Hall**—Red has a bright red label, but he is, in fact, blue. His teacher tries to help him be red (let's draw strawberries!), his mother tries to help him be red by sending him out on a playdate with a yellow classmate (go draw a nice orange!), and the scissors try to help him be red by snipping his label so that he has room to breathe. 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, heartwarming, colorful 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.

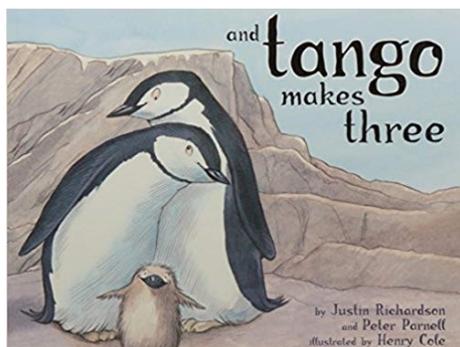
**6. Stella Brings the Family by Miriam B. Schiffer, Illustrated by Holly Clifton Brown**—Stella's class is having a Mothers Day celebration, but what's a girl with two daddies to do? It's not that she doesn't have someone to help her with her homework or tuck her in at night. Stella has her Papa and Daddy who take care of her, and a whole gaggle of other loved ones who make her feel special and supported every day. She just doesn't have a mom to invite to the party. Fortunately Stella finds a unique solution to her party problem in this sweet story about love, acceptance, and the true meaning of family.

**7. The Great Big Book of Families by Mary Hoffman, Illustrated by Ros Asquith**— 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. This is a fresh, optimistic look through children's eyes at today's wide variety 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.

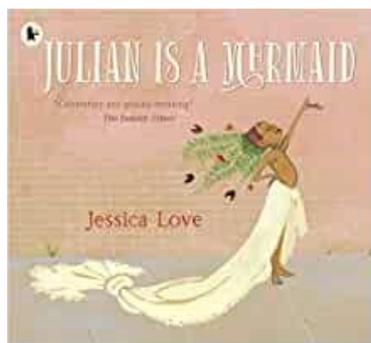
**8. Worm Loves Worm by J. J. Austrian**—A celebration of every kind of love an irresistible picture book that is equally perfect for sharing with your little ones as it is for giving as a wedding gift! When a worm meets a special worm and they fall in love, you know what happens next. They get married! But their friends want to know—who will wear the dress? And who will wear the tux?The answer is: It doesn't matter. Because Worm loves Worm. This irresistible picture book is a celebration of love in all its splendid forms.

**9. Who Are You? The Kid's Guide to Gender Identity by Brook Pessin-Whedbee**—This brightly illustrated children's book provides a straightforward introduction to gender for anyone aged 3+. It presents clear and direct language for understanding and talking about how we experience gender: our bodies, our expression and our identity. An interactive three-layered wheel included in the book is a simple, yet powerful, tool to clearly demonstrate the difference between our body, how we express ourselves through our clothes and hobbies, and our gender identity. Ideal for use in the classroom or at home, a short page-by-page guide for adults at the back of the book further explains the key concepts and identifies useful discussion points.

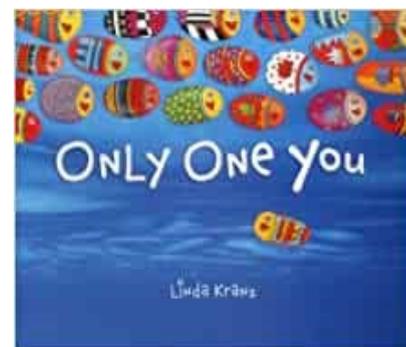
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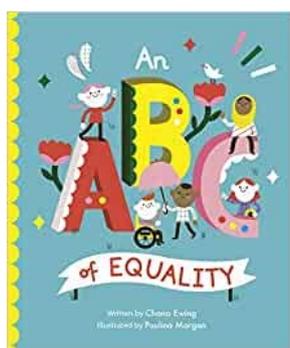
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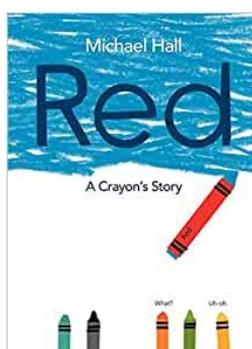
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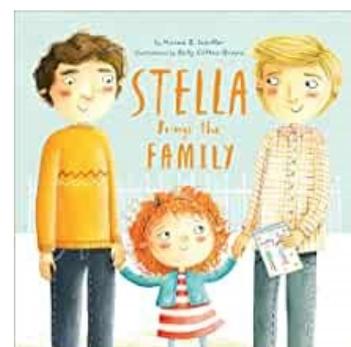
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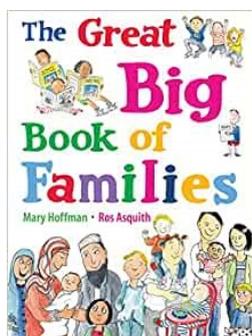
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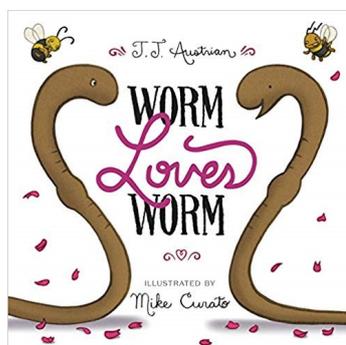
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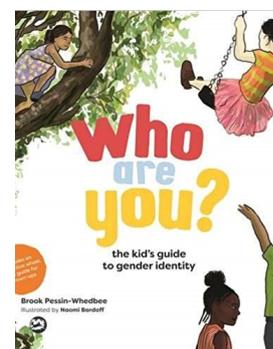
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