Selected Picture Book List on the theme My Family is OK, Your Family is OK!

1.


From Amazon.com

Sometimes It's Grandmas and Grandpas" shares a child's experience living with and being cared for by grandparents through the eyes of a cheerful and delightful little girl. It features uplifting water-colour illustrations that give extra warmth to this caring and loving story, to which a growing number of children can identify. "Sometimes It's Grandmas and Grandpas" provides a great resource for children who seek reassurance about their particular experience. This unique book will appeal to any grandparent raising or providing long-term care for a grandchild, as well as any teacher who wants to educate children about non-traditional families. "Sometimes It's Grandmas and Grandpas" sensitively addresses a topic that has been nearly absent in the children's book market, until now.


2.


From the book description flap:

This is the story of one baby’s journey from her birth parents in China, who dream of a better life for their daughter, to her adoptive parents on the other side of the world, who dream of the life they can give her. A turtle, a peacock, a monkey, a panda, and some fish shepherd the baby as she floats in a basket on a moonlit, winding river into the loving arms of her new parents. Perfect for bedtime reading, Karen Henry Clark’s poetic text, reminiscent of a lullaby, and Patrice Barton’s textured and gentle-hued illustrations capture the great love between parents and children and the miraculous journey of adoption. Warmly reviewed by readers in Amazon.com.

3.


Bertie can’t wait for his party to begin but first there are many preparations to attend to before the fun can start. Added to all the excitement is that Daddy can’t find the present he has hidden for Bertie. A unique story with just a father in the story.


4.


From Children’s Literature Comprehensive Database

A girl tells what it is like living with her twin brother who has autism and sometimes finds it hard to communicate with words, but who, in most ways, is just like any other boy. Includes authors’ note about autism.


5.


All families get angry from time to time, and this reassuring book (complimentary to Sophie Gets Angry--Really, Really Angry) shows children how it is perfectly normal for families to argue and that they will always love each other in the end.


6.


Newman, author of Heather Has Two Mommies, pens a lovely book about a toddler’s day spent with her two mothers. The book is geared toward pre-school aged children. Both creators wrote a companion volume Daddy, Papa & Me published the same year.
7.

Book description from Amazon.com

Life with Nana is perfect: she always has time to bake fresh chocolate chip cookies, tell wonderful bedtime stories, and knit cozy mittens and socks and turtleneck sweaters. Perfect, that is, until she meets Bob. All of a sudden, Nana’s too busy for baking and storytelling and knitting. She’s spending her time talking on the phone, giggling, taking long bubble baths, singing love songs, and putting on makeup! What can one aggrieved little boy do to get back Nana – just the way she was?

The creators wrote two sequels, Here Comes Hortense (2012) and Nana’s Summer Surprise (2013)


8.

Book description from WorldCat

A young girl describes how her two daddies help her through her day, including her poppa cooking eggs and toast, her daddy fixing her knee when she is hurt, and both fathers being there for her when she needs love.


9.

From Book Description on Amazon.com

Marmee, Meema, and the kids are just like any other family on the block. In their beautiful house, they cook dinner together, they laugh together, and they dance together. But some of the other families don’t accept them. They say they are different. How can a family have two moms and no dad? But Marmee and Meema’s house is full of love. And they teach their children that different doesn’t mean wrong. And no matter how many moms or dads they have, they are everything a family is meant to be.
10.


Divorce can be very difficult for children and the young boy in this book struggles with living in two homes and adjusting to life with his father’s new family. He acts out and gets into trouble in school, but with help from his family, the boy adjusts to his new life. Included is a note to parents.


11.


Book description from Amazon.com

Geared to readers from preschool to age eight, What Makes a Baby is a book for every kind of family and every kind of kid. It is a twenty-first century children’s picture book about conception, gestation, and birth, which reflects the reality of our modern time by being inclusive of all kinds of kids, adults, and families, regardless of how many people were involved, their orientation, gender and other identity, or family composition. Just as important, the story doesn’t gender people or body parts, so most parents and families will find that it leaves room for them to educate their child without having to erase their own experience.