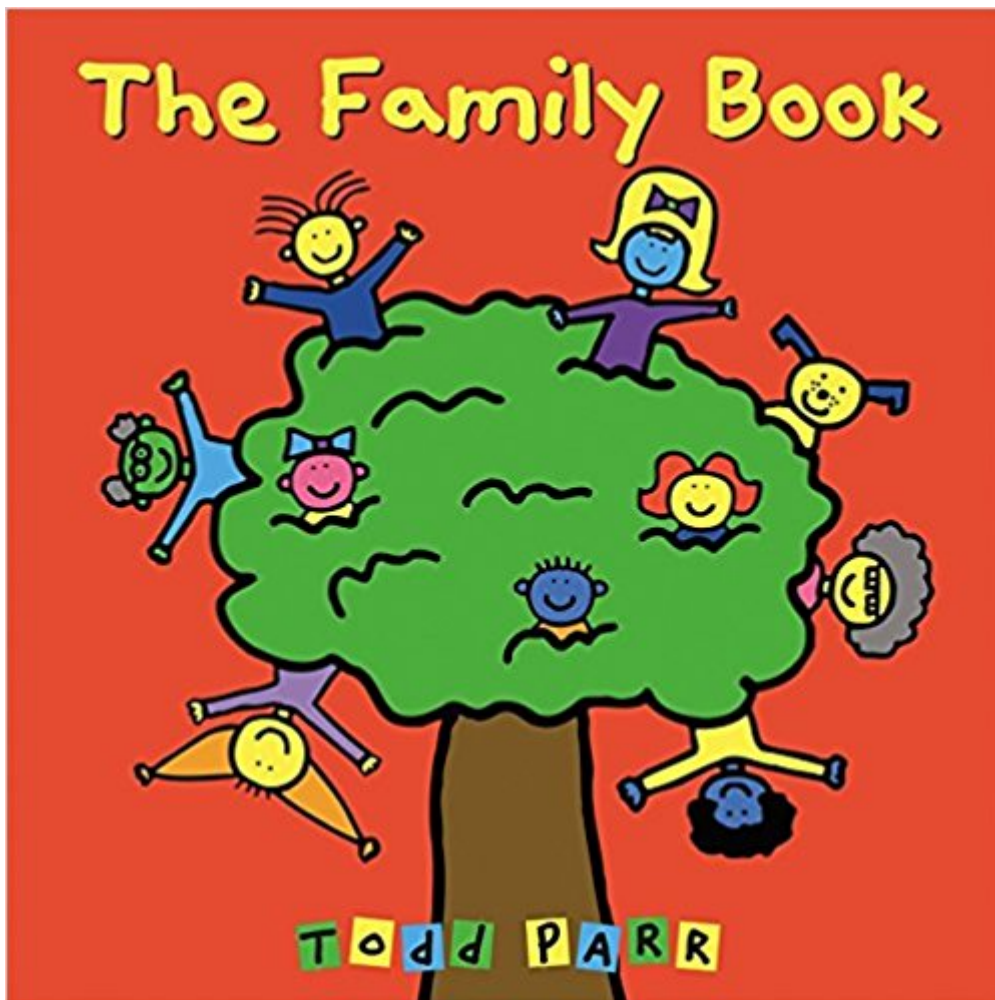




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The Family Book



Synopsis

The Family Book celebrates the love we feel for our families and all the different varieties they come in. Whether you have two moms 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. With his trademark bold, bright colors and silly scenes, this book will encourage children to ask questions about their own families. Perfect for young children just beginning to read, The Family Book is designed to encourage early literacy, enhance emotional development, celebrate multiculturalism, promote character growth, and strengthen family relationships

Book Information

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Age Range: 2 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 1

Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 2-As he did in The Mommy Book and The Daddy Book (both Little, Brown, 2002), Parr introduces children to an array of families. Whimsical illustrations featuring neon colors and figures outlined in black show big ones and small ones, and families that look alike and relatives who look just like their pets. The art features both human and animal figures; thus, pigs depict both a family that likes to be clean, and one that likes to be messy. Some families include stepmoms,

stepdads, stepsisters, or stepbrothers; some adopt children. Other families have two moms or two dads, while some children have only one parent. Interspersed with the differences among families are the ways they are alike: all like to hug each other, are sad when they lose someone they love, enjoy celebrating special days together, and can help each other to be strong. This concept book celebrating the diversity of family groups is distinguished by its sense of fun. Marilyn Taniguchi, Beverly Hills Public Library, CA Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

There are lots of different ways to be a family. Your family is special no matter what kind it is. Love,
Todd

I bought this book for my 2year old daughter so as she learns about other children having a mommy and daddy she will also be aware that other children have different "parental" backgrounds, helping her to never be uncomfortable that she has two moms. I also want her to be well balanced in understanding that we all have unique situations in our lives, and we need to be comfortable with the differences we run across in life. This book is an awesome tool to help educate my daughter in these matters. She loves the pictures and ask questions about the different families in the story. The pictures and explanations are very simple which is just what a toddler needs. For example, "Some families like to be quiet. Some families like to be noisy." Nothing too complicated or over explained. I absolutely recommend this book to help your child begin to understand the diversity in our world :)

Best book. Amazing author. My daughter just loves this book. And at 2 years old gives her a better understanding of different families, and that only having a mommy is perfectly fine :)

This is one of my new favorite books and author. My sister recommended Todd Parrs book and I see why she loves them. They are simple, yet attractive for children with vibrant color and full of healing happy positive openminded messages of love and acceptance. My favorite line in this book was "All families can help each other be strong."

I bought this book for my 2 year old so I could teach her all families don't look the same. It's very colorful and simply written so little ones can understand. It's one of my daughters favorite books (she has over 200) so that means a lot. Plus sturdy pages that have been handled bubbly always so sweet hands of a toddler. She loves the colorful pages and characters. Definitely plan to buy more

books written by the same author.

We purchased this book for my son's reading list at school, it was one of the few books I could find on families. I really really like this book- I think it shows kids how families don't have to look alike to love each other, some families have two mommies or two daddies, or just one parent and every couple of pages there's a two page spread about something that ALL families do- like love each other, miss someone when they've passed away. I think this is a great book and could be very useful if a child is having questions about differences among families of their friends or classmates- you can be as general or as specific as you want. For instance, one of the pages shows a family of different colored fish and says that some families have different colored skin (interracial and intercultural families) and if you, as a parent, wanted to elaborate on that you could, or like we did, when our son didn't stop us with questions, we just read through the whole book.

What to say about this book? It's perfection. I've been searching for a book that would allow me to introduce the topic of diversity and different kinds of families in a toddler-friendly way to my almost 3-year old. We are a fairly "traditional" family-- a mom, a dad and a baby (ok, big boy), but in this modern age who wants any kid going into school or even pre-school totally unaware that not every family looks the same? I'm hoping books like this will make it so my son never has to ask why so-and-so's family is different than his, or say something unthinkingly insensitive to another little kid in school-- because he already knows there are all different types of families and his is just one of many options! I love that the author does not ever say "little Johnny wondered why Mary Sue had two mommies" or "sometimes it's confusing that we all have different skin colors". No. It doesn't have to be confusing or novel and by saying things JUST the way Todd Parr does, it makes kids feel "ok, so my family is normal and so is everyone else's. What's the big deal?" We need more books like this in the world.

I bought this book for my daughter after she started questioning why her cousin only had a mommy. This does a great job talking about what makes a family and what all families have in common. The only reason why I didn't give it 5 stars is it left out families made up of grandparents/grandkids. Overall though, a good read and easy for a toddler to understand.

This wonderful little book features colorful, happy illustrations that help teach children how diverse--and at the same time similar--families can be. If you want to teach your child to accept

people who are different or to embrace her own family's differences, then this is the book for you.

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