DIVERSE PICTURE BOOKS WITH TWO MOMS AND TWO DADS

**The Adventures of Honey and Leon.** Alan Cumming and Grant Shaffer. (Pre-K – 1) The two rescue dogs shadow their dads on a trip across the sea, keeping them out of danger at every turn! How did their dads survive without Honey and Leon’s protection for this long?

**All Are Welcome.** Alexandra Penfold. (Pre-K – 1) Follow a diverse group of children from all kinds of families through a day at school, where everyone is welcomed with open arms. It lets young children know that no matter what, they have a place, they have a space, they are welcome in their school.

**And Tango Makes Three.** Justin Richardson & Peter Parnell. (Pre-K – 2) Penguins Roy and Silo at New York’s Central Park Zoo, keep putting a rock in their nest and try to hatch it. The zookeeper gives them a real egg that needs care. The penguins take turns sitting on it until it hatches, and Tango is born.

**Antonio’s Card / La Tarjeta de Antonio.** Rigoberto Gonzales. (K – 2) As Mother’s Day approaches, Antonio must choose whether—or how—to express his connection and love for his mother and her partner, Leslie.

**Baby’s First Words or Mis primeras palabras.** Christiane Engel. (Baby – Toddler) Featuring a family with two dads. Includes over 100 words designed to support the way babies naturally learn language — and to start conversations! Plus, search for the silly woolly mammoth on every page! Spanish and English editions.

**Blanket of Love.** Alyssa Satin Capucilli. (Baby – Toddler) Features diverse families, including ones with two mom and two dads, in a simple exploration of the many kinds of comforting blankets in the world.
The Bread Pet: A Sourdough Story, Kate DePalma. (Pre-K – K)
Cora promises to keep Uncle JB’s Bread Pet alive but didn’t anticipate its exponential growth! She needs to come up with a solution -- and fast! Includes sourdough bread recipes.

A Crow of His Own, Megan Dowd Lambert. (Pre-K – K) Clyde is the new rooster at Farmer Jay and Farmer Kevin’s Sunrise Farm. But he’s having trouble fitting in and replacing Larry—the beloved rooster. In the end, Clyde realizes that imitating Larry is not the way to succeed.

Daddy, Papa and Me or Mommy, Mama and Me, Lesléa Newman. (Baby – Toddler) Rhythmic text and illustrations show a toddler spending the day with their daddies or their mommies.

The Different Dragon. Jennifer Bryan. (Pre-K – 1) Shows how the wonderful curiosity and care of a little boy, with some help from his two moms, can lead to magical places with a dragon who is tired of being tough.

Donovan’s Big Day, Lesléa Newman. (Pre-K – 2) Captures the excitement of a young boy as he and his extended family prepare for the boy’s two moms’ wedding. A picture book about love, family, and marriage.

Everywhere Babies, Susan Meyers. (Baby – Toddler) Every day, everywhere, babies are born. They’re kissed and dressed and rocked and fed--and completely adored by the families who love them. An exuberant celebration of babies doing all the wonderful things babies do best.

The Family Book. Todd Parr. (Pre-K – K) All kinds of families are celebrated in a funny, silly and reassuring way. Includes adoptive families, stepfamilies, single-parent families, two-mom and two-dad families and families with a mom and a dad.
Grace for Gus. Harry Bliss. (K – 4) Grace knows that Gus, the class guinea pig, is lonely. So, after a quick dinner with her two dads, she sets off to help out her furry friend by playing music for donations around the city. Graphic novel with few words by a cover artist for the New Yorker magazine.

Harini and Padmini Say Namaste. Amy Maranville. (Pre-K – K) Padmini’s two moms bring her to her first yoga class where she finds her friend Harini. After a brief introduction to yoga and spirituality by the teacher, Padmini tries a series of basic yoga poses with help from Harini. Fun illustrations.

Harriet Gets Carried Away. Jessie Sima. (Toddler – K) Harriet, an African American girl, with two dads loves costumes and can get a little carried away! A fun story about remembering where you belong, no matter how far you roam, or what you’re wearing when you get there.

Heather Has Two Mommies. Lesléa Newman. (Pre-K – K) 25th Anniversary Edition. Heather’s favorite number is two – two arms, two legs, and two pets. And she also has two mommies. As school begins, Heather sees that, “the most important thing about a family is that all the people in it love one another.”

Home at Last. Vera B. Williams and Chris Raschka. (1 – 3) After Lester is adopted by Daddy Albert and Daddy Rich, he develops a big problem—he can’t fall asleep. It’s the sweet dog, Wincka, who finally solves the problem and helps Lester feel home at last.

In Our Mothers’ House. Patricia Polacco. (K – 2) Marmee, Meema, and their kids cook, laugh, and dance together in their home. But some families don’t accept them, saying they are different. Yet Marmee and Meema’s house is full of love. And they teach their children that different doesn’t mean wrong.

Keesha & Her Two Moms Go Swimming. Monica Bey-Clarke and Cheril Clarke. (Pre-K – 1) Follows Keesha and her two moms for a day of swimming at the pool where she meets up with her best friend, Trevor and his two dads. Also see My Family! ABCs with Keesha and Keesha’s South African Adventure.

Love Me Tender. Elvis Presley and Stephanie Graegin. (Baby – Toddler) Adapted from the classic song. A heartwarming ode to the special bond between children and the adults who love and care for them – be they parents, grandparents, adoptive parents, aunts, uncles, or guardians.

Mighty May Won’t Cry Today. Kendra Ocampo. (Pre-K – 1) May, an imaginative and determined girl tries not to shed a tear on her first day of school where she navigates the unexpected and resolves challenges with positivity. But when May comes across an insurmountable challenge, will she be able to hold back the tears? With the help of her two moms, she learns why it’s okay to cry.

My Two Dads and Me. Michael Joosten. (Toddler – Pre-K) Follow busy dads and their kids through the day—eating breakfast, getting dressed, heading out to the park, and settling back in at night with a bubble bath and a good-night lullaby. Also see: My Two Moms and Me.

An Ordinary Day. Elana K. Arnold. (Pre-K – 2) Two visitors arrive at two houses, one to help a family say hello to a new baby and one to help a family say goodbye to a beloved pet. This sensitive picture book takes a gentle look at life, death, the bonds of family, and the extraordinary moments that make ordinary days so special.

Our Subway Baby. Peter Mercurio. (Pre-K – 1) “Some babies are born into their families. Some are adopted. This is the story of how one baby found his family in the New York City subway.” So begins the true story of Kevin and how he found his Daddy Danny and Papa Pete.

Over the River and Through the Woods. Linda Ashman. (Pre-K – 1) The classic song gets a fresh new twist! The fun begins when Grandma and Grandpa send invitations to their far-flung, modern, and multiracial family.
**Papa, Daddy, and Riley**, Seamus Kirst. (Pre-K – 1) As she looks around her classroom, she sees many different kinds of families. Riley is Papa’s princess and Daddy’s dragon. When Riley’s classmate asks her which dad is her real one, Riley is confused. She doesn’t want to have to pick one or the other. Families are made of love.

**Pickles + Ocho**, Dan Wellik. (Pre-K – 1) Pickles is a happy French bulldog. He has many toys and gets lots of attention from his two papas. Life for Pickles is just perfect, until Ocho arrives. Ocho? A puppy?

**A Plan for Pops**, Heather Smith. (K – 2) Lou spends every Saturday with Grandad and Pops reading books, listening to rock and roll. But everything changes one Saturday. Pops has a fall and needs a wheelchair. He becomes withdrawn and shuts himself in his room. But with a little help from their neighbors, Lou and Grandad come up with a plan for Pops.

**Plenty of Hugs**, Fran Manushkin. (Toddler – Pre-K) Two mommies spend a sunny day with their toddler in this cozy, rhyming picture book that is a loving celebration of family.

**Plum**, Sean Hayes and Scott Icenogle. (Pre-K – 1) From *Will & Grace* star Sean Hayes and composer Scott Icenogle comes a tale inspired by *The Nutcracker*. For as long as she can remember, Plum has lived in an orphanage. But when Christmas is threatened, Plum is determined to help, and in doing so, she might just find the family she’s always dreamed of.

**Princess Puffybottom...and Darryl**, Susin Nielsen. (Pre-K – K) What’s a pampered cat to do now that she has to compete for the attention of her two moms with an ill-mannered puppy? She tries everything in her power to banish him (including hypnosis and trickery), it looks like this puppy is here to stay. Can Princess P. and Darryl find a way to co-exist?

**The Purim Superhero**, Elisabeth Kushner. (Pre-K – 1) Nate loves aliens and he really wants to wear an alien costume for Purim, but his friends are all dressing as superheroes and he wants to fit in. What will he do? With the help of his two dads he makes a surprising decision.
Rumplepimple. Suzanne DeWitt Hall. (Pre-K – 1) Life isn’t easy when your big sister is an annoying cat and your moms can’t understand a word you say. But that doesn’t stop Rumplepimple, a dog, from saving the day in a most unusual way. Also see: Rumplepimple Goes to Jail after he tries to protect his tutu-wearing friend Mr. Noodles.

Stella Brings the Family. Miriam B. Schiffer. (Pre-K – 1) Stella’s class is having a Mother’s Day celebration, but what’s a girl with two daddies to do? Fortunately, Stella finds a unique solution to her party problem in this sweet story about love, acceptance, and the true meaning of family.

A Tale of Two Daddies. Vanita Oelschlager. (Toddler – K) A young girl answers a friend’s questions about what it is like to have two fathers. The boy asks straightforward questions. The story ends with simply, “Who is your dad when you’re sad and need some love?” Both, of course. Also see: A Tale of Two Mommies.

The True Adventures of Esther the Wonder Pig. Steve Jenkins and Derek Walter. (Pre-K – 2) The true story of social media sensation Esther the Wonder Pig and her two dads. When Steve and Derek adopted a mini pig named Esther, they had no idea that she would turn out to be not-so-mini after all.

Two Dads: A book about adoption. Carolyn Robertson. (Pre-K – K) Having Two Dads is double the fun! Many families are different, this family has Two Dads. A sweet, affirming story of life with Two Dads, written from the perspective of their adopted child. Also see Two Moms.

Two Moms and a Menagerie. Carolyn Robertson. (Pre-K – K) They have plenty of space and plenty of love, but will the Moms and their children be able to manage their ever expanding animal family?

Uncle Bobby’s Wedding (Updated 2020 edition). Sarah S. Brannen. (Pre-K – 1) Chloe’s favorite uncle is getting married, and she’s not happy about it. But after a magical day with Uncle Bobby and his boyfriend, Jamie, Chloe realizes she’s not losing an uncle, but gaining one.
**Welcoming Babies.** Margy Burns Knight. (Toddler – K) Shows the diverse ways we treasure new life around the world—different countries, different religions and different families.

**What Does a Princess Really Look Like?** Mark Loewen. (Pre-K - 1) Chloe dreams of being a ballerina princess. As she draws a princess, she realizes that they are not just about beautiful hair and sparkly dresses but also their unique character. When she feels insecure about an imperfection in her art, her dad’s point out that the personal quirks make her princess unique!

**Who’s Your Real Mom?** Bernadette Green and Anna Zobel. (Pre-K – 1) When Nicholas wants to know which of Elvi’s two moms is her real mom, she gives him lots of clues. Her real mum is a circus performer, and a pirate, and she even teaches spiders the art of the web. But Nicholas still can't work it out! Luckily, Elvi knows just how to explain it to her friend.