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Book of the Month



Wonderfully You: An Ode to Adoption

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Elementary Discussion Guide

Suggested Age Range: 4-9

About the Story

Two dads dream of growing their family. They fill out forms, prepare a room, and wait for the day when a child might join them. Then, an unexpected phone call sends them on an overnight journey to meet their new baby and her birth mother. *Wonderfully You: An Ode to Adoption* celebrates adoption, family, and the love that connects us.

About the Author

Tom Tracy is a bestselling and award-winning children's book author, licensed clinical social worker, and father. As a gay dad to two daughters, Tom draws from his own experiences to create stories that celebrate families and identities that have often been underrepresented in children's books. His books explore topics including family diversity, adoption, foster care, emotions, and belonging.

Discussion Questions

- ✱ What are some of the things the dads did to get ready for a child to join their family?
- ✱ Families can come together and grow in many different ways. What are some different kinds of families you know from books, movies, your school community, or your own life?
- ✱ How did the dads react when they learned that a baby had been born and they could meet her the next day?
- ✱ What are some of the ways the dads show their love for their children throughout the story?
- ✱ The family grows in more than one way during the story. What changes do you notice in their family from the beginning of the book to the end?

Activities

- ✱ Draw a picture of your family. Add details to show what makes your family special and unique. Welcoming Schools has a [lesson plan here](#) for K-2 students creating drawings that celebrate all family structures.
- ✱ Create a Love Looks Like... collage. Draw, cut out, or write examples of ways families show love and care for one another, such as making a meal, reading together, listening, playing, or helping.
- ✱ Create a welcome banner. Add words, pictures, colors, or symbols that let people know they are welcome in your space.
- ✱ Draw a celebration picture. Think about something your family enjoys celebrating together. It could be a holiday, birthday, special tradition, or an everyday moment. Draw a picture showing what makes that celebration special.
- ✱ Create a family garden. Students can draw flowers that represent someone important to them. They can include parents, siblings, grandparents, relatives, friends, guardians, or other important people.



Reading is one of the most powerful ways to model inclusion and nurture empathy. Welcoming Schools created the Book of the Month series to foster compassionate dialogue and elevate joyful stories of authentic LGBTQ+ lives, building monthly engagement and momentum leading up to our National Day of Reading each February.