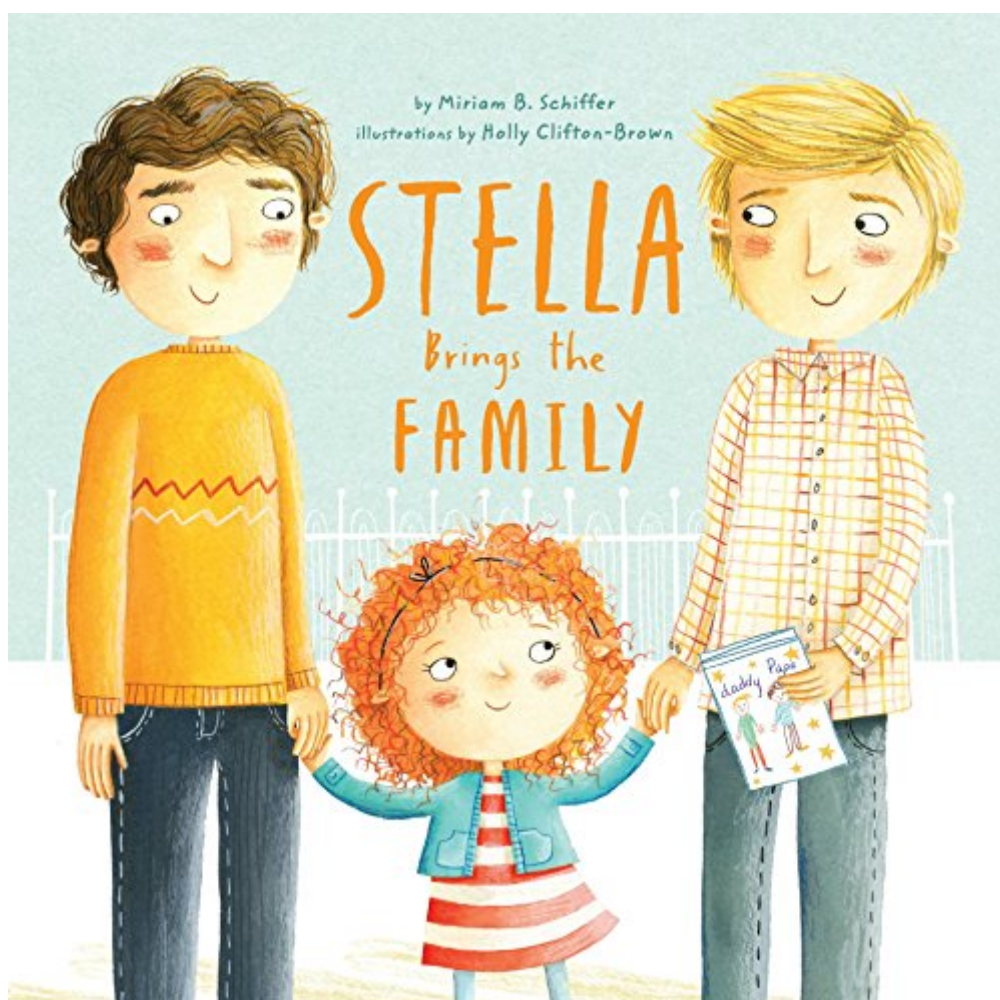


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# Stella Brings The Family



## Synopsis

Stella's class is having a Mother's Day celebration, but what's a girl with two daddies to do? It's not that she doesn't have someone who helps her with her homework, or tucks 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. Plus, this is a fixed-format version of the book, which looks nearly identical to the print version.

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## Customer Reviews

Fun story that centers on Stella, a little girl in elementary school. Her teacher says "We're going to have a celebration for Mother's Day, and each of you can invite a special guest." But Stella has two dads and no mother, so she worries about who to invite. Her classmates can all invite their mothers and Howie even has two. But her friend Jonathan suggests that she invite all the people in the family who give her kisses when she is hurt. So Stella's invitation is for Papa, Daddy, Nonna, Aunt Gloria, Uncle Bruno, and Cousin Lucy who go with her to school on the big day. Illustrations are very

appealing for their colors, their child-like faces, and diverse children. A gentle story about problem-solving, where some of the characters just happen to be same-sex.

I read this directly after the new edition of "Heather Has Two Mommies," and they form a perfect pair. While "Heather" covers families with two women as parents, Stella's family has two men--her Papa and Daddy. But that's not all a family is! There's also aunts and uncle, grandmas and grandpas, and lots of others, and Stella decides that if she doesn't have a mother to bring for Mother's day, she'll just bring the whole clan! As with "Heather," the illustrator does a great job of showing the children as lively and diverse, with many ethnic backgrounds shown. As with "Heather," however, there are no differently-abled children, nor parents. Not a deal-breaker, but something to keep in mind. Something I particularly liked was one child bringing "his grandmother while his mom was away." It's ambiguous, which leaves space for kids in tough situations to find their own representation. Sick parent? Away on business? Jail? Or many other options. It's just a nice touch. Pair this with "Heather" and a book on adoption, and possibly others, depending on the situations of your classroom.

This sweet story, focusing on Stella's anxieties over Mother's Day and how she overcomes them, is absolutely delightful. The story is simple yet powerful, and the illustrations are lively and full of fun details. A great way to start a conversation with kids about all sorts of family structures. Highly recommended for all kids and parents.

My daughter (age 7) and I loved this book. I don't often read books to her anymore - she can read on her own. But, in the event that this one prompted any questions (though we're already very open about same-sex relationships in our house), I wanted to read this one to her. When we were done, she wanted to read it again to herself at bedtime. I'd say that's a ringing endorsement! I have to say, every time my daughter does a school or camp project for mother's/father's day, I wonder about the kids who don't have the parent celebrated by the holiday. Schiffer's book reminds us (teachers, are you paying attention?) that families come in all shapes, sizes, and genders.

This is a cute book that, in a simple way, explains that Stella had two dads and she wants to celebrate Mothers' Day. I like how the book mentions that another kid has two moms. It shows how families can be very different, but they are all families that love each other. This is a nice, diverse, children's book. \*NOTE\* I got a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review

Such a sweet and clever book. The illustrations are darling, the details of the story are captivating. My daughter requested it 4 times in a row on the first day we received it and it was an instant favorite. Cheers for such a wonderful story of love.

I loved the illustrations the most. They are colorful and unique. However, many new LGBT-themed literature are starting to become predictable and starting to read a lot like other LGBT books out there. Seemed a lot like "Antonio's Card."

This is a warm, sensitive story that my three year old twin grandchildren enjoyed. As they grow, there are additional layers that they will learn. As their reader, I thoroughly enjoyed the message that families come in all sorts of different combinations. Loved it!

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