

Adopting Our Two Dads A Story About The Leffew Fa

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Jesus Has Two Daddies Thomas McMillen-Oakley 2012-12-30 As teachers, when Tom Oakley and Tod McMillen first begin to talk about starting a family, they each tried to find as much information as possible, as they wanted to learn about the best way to go about this life changing decision. There was very little information geared towards gay men, so after a few months of searching, a little reading, and legally changing their names to McMillen-Oakley, they felt comfortable diving into the adoption process head first. They thought they knew everything. They were wrong. It is said that love makes a family. But in this case it was a teenage girl with two moms, a couple of lawyers, and just three weeks to get ready that made this particular family. This is the story of how their family was born, first through the private adoption of their daughter, and then expanding it with the adoption of their son from foster care three years later. Their adoption experience challenges the notion of what makes a family and sheds new light on the world of open adoption and LGBT parenting. While Tom and Tod thought they were just adopting a baby girl, they got much more. And the kids? They got two daddies.

The First Part Last Angela Johnson 2010-05-11 Bobby's a classic urban teenager. He's restless. He's impulsive. But the thing that makes him different is this: He's going to be a father. His girlfriend, Nia, is pregnant, and their lives are about to change forever. Instead of spending time with friends, they'll be spending time with doctors, and next, diapers. They have options: keeping the baby, adoption. They want to do the right thing. If only it was clear what the right thing was.

Them Before Us Katy Faust 2021-02-23 Them Before Us has flipped the script on adult-centric attitudes toward marriage, parenthood, and reproductive technologies by framing these issues around a child's right to be raised by both their mother and father. Set against a backdrop of sound research, the compelling stories throughout each chapter confirm that a child's mental,

physical, and emotional well-being depends on being loved by the two people responsible for their existence. It's a paradigm shift that will impact the personal and the political, and reframe every marriage and family conversation across the globe. *Them Before Us* dispels many prevalent, harmful myths concerning children's rights, such as: • Kids need only love and safety—moms and dads are optional. • Love makes a family—biology is irrelevant. • Marriage is about adults—it has nothing to do with kids. • Children are resilient and will “get over” divorce. • Studies show “no difference” in outcomes for kids with same-sex parents. • Sperm and egg donor kids are fortunate because they are so wanted. • Surrogacy is a great way to help wannabe parents have a baby. • Reproductive technologies are just like adoption. Are you tired of a culture that views adults as victims in family matters, when it's clear that kids are the ones who truly pay the price? If so, we are your people, and this is your movement.

Our Practically Perfect Baby Stephen S Campbell 2020-06-05 Adoption is one of many topics that for some can be an uncomfortable conversation to have with anyone, especially their own child. Adoption should not be a forbidden, scary, or difficult word for anyone to use. Adoption should be an ordinary topic used in conversation, and not whispered in secret. The earlier children understand what adoption is, the less emotionally complex the comprehension of adoption becomes. When the question does originate, the easier it will be to process. Not to mention having one more reason to tell your child how practically perfect they are. In hopes of making those awkward conversations a little more comfortable for everyone, I have written a series of children's books, "How Adoption has Changed Our Lives - The Stories of MyDosDads." The first book in the MyDosDads series titled, "The Practically Perfect Baby" told from the point-of-view of two new dads who adopt a little girl. They tell you why she is practically perfect, how adoption changed their lives and why adoption matters. During this joyous journey of raising our little girl, we learn more everyday how lucky and honored we are to have Bella in our "modern family." We are a biracial, bilingual, and a two-dad household. Bella's best friend and idol is our nephew. He is six and on the Autism spectrum. Bella imitates everything he does as if she is his shadow and he protects her while he reenacts his favorite animals and TV characters. Join Bella as she tells you her stories about about her journeys and adventures from her point of view, as she experiences life and learns more from her 'dos' dads. Having two dads, potty training, understanding autism, bath time, why her favorite color is rainbow, why she loves the zoo, and so much more. Color. Race. Ethnicity. Straight. Gay. Wealth. These words should never cause someone not to have the honor of providing a child a life of love and hope. Every boy and girl in the world should have a home in which they feel safe, and a family who loves them unconditionally. Adoption requires LOVE, not DNA.

The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher Dana Alison Levy 2014-07-22 "Fans of Beverly Cleary's *Quimbys*, Judy Blume's *Hatchers*, and, more recently, Jeanne Birdsall's *Penderwicks* will fervently hope that more Fletcher misadventures are yet to come." –School Library Journal, Starred The start of the school year is

not going as the Fletcher brothers hoped. Each boy finds his plans for success veering off in unexpected and sometimes disastrous directions. And at home, their miserable new neighbor complains about everything. As the year continues, the boys learn the hard and often hilarious lesson that sometimes what you least expect is what you come to care about the most. Praise for *The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher* A Junior Library Guild Selection [set star] "Their banter is realistic, and the disorder of their everyday lives, convincing. The Fletcher family rules!" –Kirkus Reviews, Starred "Dana Alison Levy has gloriously reimagined the classic family story into a thoroughly modern mold, and it works perfectly." –Bruce Coville, bestselling author of *My Teacher Is an Alien* and the *Unicorn Chronicles* [set star] "With its semi-episodic structure, laugh-out-loud humor, and mix of zaniness and love, Levy's debut offers something truly significant: a middle-grade family story featuring gay parents and interracial families that is never about either issue." –School Library Journal, Starred "Levy provides a compelling, compassionate, and frequently hilarious look at their daily concerns. By book's end readers will want to be part of (or at least friends with) this delightful family." –The Horn Book

Our Subway Baby Peter Mercurio 2020-09-15 This gentle and incredibly poignant picture book tells the true story of how one baby found his home. "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. Written in a direct address to his son, Pete's moving and emotional text tells how his partner, Danny, found a baby tucked away in the corner of a subway station on his way home from work one day. Pete and Danny ended up adopting the baby together. Although neither of them had prepared for the prospect of parenthood, they are reminded, "Where there is love, anything is possible."

My Two Dads Dr. Alphonso Buie 2016-08-07 This children's book is about a young boy and his experiences growing up in a loving and nurturing household with his two dads. It also discussing other children who have loving families that are comprised of different nurturing dynamics.

The Not in Here Story Tracey Zeeck 2016-11-08 Through desert, mountainside, and jungle, the Seeks set out to start a family...only to discover that they don't have to travel far and wide to find a child to love.

The Ultimate Guide for Gay Dads Eric Rosswood 2017-10-24 If you are thinking of becoming a gay dad – or if you are already a gay dad – this book is for you! Are you ready to have kids? More and more gay men are turning to adoption and surrogacy to start their own families. An estimated two million American LGBTQ people would like to adopt and an estimated 65,000 adopted children are living with a gay parent. In 2016, The Chicago Tribune reported that 10 to 20 percent of donor eggs went to gay men expanding their families via surrogacy, and in many places the numbers were up 50 percent from the previous five years. Gay parenting: Having a kid is like coming out all over again, on a daily basis,

especial if you have an infant. Was coming out stressful for you? It's about to get more intense and you will have a child watching your every move and listening to your every word. If you stutter or pause, they may pick up on your discomfort and could start to feel like something is wrong about their family unit. The Ultimate Guide For Gay Dads is jam packed with parenting tips and advice to help you build confidence and become the awesome gay dad you were meant to be! How Is This Parenting Guide Different From Others? Unlike other parenting books that have whole chapters focusing on things specifically related to mothers (such as how to get the perfect latch when breastfeeding), this parenting book replaces those sections with things relevant to gay dads. It covers topics like how to find LGBT friendly pediatricians, how to find LGBT friendly schools, how to childproof your home with style, how to answer awkward and prying questions about your family from strangers, examples for what two-dad families can do on Mother's Day, and much more. The book also includes parenting tips and advice from pediatricians, school educators, lawyers, and other same-sex parents. Top LGBT parenting expert: Bestselling author Eric Rosswood covers every aspect of fatherhood for gay men in this essential guide to growing your family in the post-DOMA era. He is a major influencer on social media with over 100,000 followers on Twitter alone, as well as thousands on other platforms. Exploring LGBTQ issues: Rosswood is an in-demand authority and commentator on LGBTQ issues, including civil rights, parenting, marriage and politics. The author has been featured in major media including The Washington Post, Cosmopolitan, CBS News, The Huffington Post, Elite Daily, Yahoo! News, AOL News, NY Daily News, IB Times, and regional LGBTQ press.

Adopting Our Two Dads Luca Panzini 2014-03-17 This third book from the Some Families series is based on the true story of the Leffew family, daddy Brian, daddy Jay, Daniel and Selena. We follow them through the story of their adoption and learn how this family was formed. An increasing number of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) couples are having children through surrogacy, co-parenting, donor and adoption. The Some Families books have been written to show that families come in many different combinations. Every child deserves a book that reflects their lives. Adopting our two Dads also aims to help children from all backgrounds understand more about families with same-gender parents.

Stella Brings the Family Miriam B. Schiffer 2015-05-05 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 the fixed format version, which will look almost identical to the print version. Additionally for devices that support audio, this ebook includes a read-along setting.

[The Ultimate Guide for Gay Dads](#) Eric Rosswood 2017-10-24 A parenting guide

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tailored to gay dads in the post-DOMA era, featuring advice from pediatricians, educators, lawyers, and other same-sex parents. More and more gay men are turning to adoption and surrogacy to start their own families. An estimated two million American LGBTQ people would like to adopt, and an estimated 65,000 adopted children are living with a gay parent. In 2016, The Chicago Tribune reported that ten to twenty percent of donor eggs went to gay men expanding their families via surrogacy, and in many places the numbers were up fifty percent from the previous five years. Having a kid is like coming out all over again—daily—especially if you have an infant. If you found coming out stressful, it's about to get more intense. You will have a child observing your every word and action. If you stutter or pause, they could pick up on your discomfort and may begin feeling like something is wrong about their family unit. But don't worry! This guide is packed with tools to build your confidence and become the awesome dad you were meant to be. Unlike other parenting books with whole chapters dedicated to mothers (such as how to get the perfect latch when breastfeeding), this book offers subjects more relevant to gay fathers. It addresses how to find LGBTQ-friendly pediatricians and schools, how to childproof your home with style, how to answer potentially awkward questions about your family from strangers (like "Where is their mother?"), how two-dad families can celebrate Mother's Day, and much more. The book also includes tips and advice from pediatricians, school educators, lawyers, and other same-sex parents.

Daddy, Papa, and Me Leslea Newman 2009 A baby makes paper airplanes, bakes a pie, and has a tea party with his two loving fathers. On board pages.

How My Family Came to be Andrew R. Aldrich 2003 Includes a book jacket.

Two Dads and Three Girls Nick (Yu) He 2019-05-29 One hundred percent made in China, Nick (Yu) grew up in an environment where being gay was not an option. The expectation from his parents and pressure from the society molded him into the "best student" and "best employee." He made his family proud. But deep inside, he knew that something was missing, and he was different. In this memoir, Nick (Yu) takes readers on his journey from growing up as a confused "straight" boy from China to today having a lovely husband and three girls through surrogacy. He invites readers to the experiences that he would rather have forgotten - from being sexually harassed by his desk-mate in middle school, through depression and a one-night stand in college, to losing a baby during pregnancy. With ultimate honesty and absolute vulnerability, Nick shares the happiness and sadness on the journey to come out to himself, his parents and friends; learn about gay culture in America, cherish his Chinese heritage, find his first love, and create a family through surrogacy and the help of many amazing people. *Two Dads and Three Girls* is a celebration of courage and love. It challenges each of us to dig deep into our soul to find what matters most to us, gain courage through the stories, and live our lives in truth.

Why I Chose You Gregory E. Lang 2004 Shares reasons why couples choose to adopt and, through photographs, captures the dynamic relationships between parents

and their adopted children.

I Don't Have Your Eyes Carrie A. Kitze 2007-10 Gentle multicultural exploration of how people are alike despite differences in appearance, background, or ethnicity.

Some People Have Two Dads Luca Panzini 2012-08-11 Our society is changing. An increasing number of gay couples are having children through adoption and surrogacy. At some point you should explain to your child about same-gender parents. I have written this book as an educational tool to help people understand that families come in a variety of different combinations. If you can, please buy two books - one for your child and one to give away as a present or donation to a school or library - so that, together, we can educate parents, children and the community and make the world a better place.

American Baby Gabrielle Glaser 2022-01-25 A New York Times Notable Book The shocking truth about postwar adoption in America, told through the bittersweet story of one teenager, the son she was forced to relinquish, and their search to find each other. During the Baby Boom in 1960s America, women were encouraged to stay home and raise large families, but sex and childbirth were taboo subjects. Premarital sex was common, but birth control was hard to get and abortion was illegal. In 1961, sixteen-year-old Margaret Erle fell in love and became pregnant. Her enraged family sent her to a maternity home, and after she gave birth, she wasn't even allowed her to hold her own son. Social workers threatened her with jail until she signed away her parental rights. Her son vanished, his whereabouts and new identity known only to an adoption agency that would never share the slightest detail about his fate. Claiming to be acting in the best interests of all, the adoption business was founded on secrecy and lies. *American Baby* lays out how a lucrative and exploitative industry removed children from their birth mothers and placed them with hopeful families, fabricating stories about infants' origins and destinations, then closing the door firmly between the parties forever. Adoption agencies and other organizations that purported to help pregnant women struck unethical deals with doctors and researchers for pseudoscientific "assessments," and shamed millions of women into surrendering their children. Gabrielle Glaser dramatically demonstrates the power of the expectations and institutions that Margaret faced. Margaret went on to marry and raise a large family with David's father, but she never stopped longing for and worrying about her firstborn. She didn't know he spent the first years of his life living just a few blocks away from her; as he grew, he wondered about where he came from and why he was given up. Their tale--one they share with millions of Americans--is one of loss, love, and the search for identity. Adoption's closed records are being legally challenged in states nationwide. Open adoption is the rule today, but the identities of many who were adopted or who surrendered a child in the postwar decades are locked in sealed files. *American Baby* illuminates a dark time in our history and shows a path to reunion that can help heal the wounds inflicted by years of shame and secrecy.

My Family Claudia Harrington 2015-09-01 My Family is a new picture book series in which young readers will explore family diversity in an approachable, gentle manner through the eyes of second grader Lenny. When its time to report on the Student of the Week, Lenny visits his classmates' homes to take pictures and get to know them better. Through innocent interactions, he discovers new friendships and more important, he learns love makes a family. Aligned to Common Core standards and correlated to state standards. Looking Glass Library is an imprint of Magic Wagon, a division of ABD0.

Two Dads Carolyn Robertson 2014-11-09 Having Two Dads is double the fun! Many families are different. The family in this story has Two Dads. A beautifully illustrated, affirming story of life with Two Dads, written from the perspective of their adopted child. Two Dads is a book about LGBT parents and adoption. The simple narrative and illustrations depict just how very normal LGBT families are. It is a funny and tender representation of family life. The book would be a good platform for opening up conversations about adoption or same sex parenting.

Gay Dads David Strah 2004-06-03 Inspiring portraits of gay men and their families from all across America. An evolution has quietly been occurring in the world of parenting. Recent surveys reveal that millions of children have found loving homes either by being born to, or adopted by, gay men. This book is a celebration of these remarkable new families. Gay Dads includes twenty-five personal accounts from men describing their unique journeys to fatherhood and the struggles and successes they have experienced as they raise their children. This is the first book to provide such an expansive exploration of this extraordinary new family unit. With beautiful black-and-white photographs of each of the families, Gay Dads is a moving tribute to familial love.

My Daddies! Gareth Peter 2021-04-01 A funny, heartfelt board book championing same-sex parents, inclusive families and the magic of reading! Set off on a series of incredible adventures with an adorable family as the stories they read burst into fantastical life. Battle dragons, dodge dinosaurs, zoom to the moon and explore the world in a hot-air balloon, before winding down in a wonderfully cosy bedtime ending. The bouncy, rhyming read-aloud text is brought to life by bestselling, award-winning illustrator Garry Parsons, illustrator of The Dinosaur that Pooped series. 'This rhyming picture book celebrating same-sex parents is a gentle and sweet read . . . a wonderful celebration of adoption and the different shapes a family can take!' BookTrust

A Family Is a Family Is a Family Sara O'Leary 2020-07-10 When a teacher asks her class to think about what makes their families special, the answers are all different, but the same in one important way . . . When a teacher asks the children in her class to think about what makes their families special, the answers are all different in many ways – but the same in the one way that matters most of all. One child is worried that her family is just too different to explain, but listens as her classmates talk about what makes their families special. One is raised by a grandmother, and another has two dads. One has many

stepsiblings, and another has a new baby in the family. As her classmates describe who they live with and who loves them – family of every shape, size and every kind of relation – the child realizes that as long as her family is full of caring people, it is special. A warm and whimsical look at many types of families, written by award-winning author Sara O’Leary, with quirky and sweet illustrations by Qin Leng. Correlates to the Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts: CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.K.1 With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about key details in a text. CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.1.2 Retell stories, including key details, and demonstrate understanding of their central message or lesson. CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.1.6 Identify who is telling the story at various points in a text. CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.1.9 Compare and contrast the adventures and experiences of characters in stories. CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.2.6 Acknowledge differences in the points of view of characters, including by speaking in a different voice for each character when reading dialogue aloud.

Three Dads and a Baby Ian Jenkins, MD 2021-03-09 As a closeted teen, Ian wondered if he would ever fall in love or be able to live openly with a male partner. Years later, he had not one but two partners in a polyamorous throuple, and the support of family, friends, and coworkers. But something was still missing. Spurred by a friend’s donation of two embryos, Ian, Alan, and Jeremy embarked on a sometimes hilarious, sometimes tearful quest to become parents. Along the way, they faced IVF failures, the threat of Zika virus, a battle at their clinic that forced them into an urgent hunt for a new doctor, pregnancy-threatening bleeds, costly legal battles, and a reluctant superior court judge. Ultimately the grace of women–embryo donors, their egg donor, their surrogate, even a surprise milk donor–allowed them to complete their family with one perfect girl. And in fighting for their family, they became the first polyamorous family ever named as the legal parents of a child.

My Two Dads and Me Michael Joosten 2019-03-26 Celebrate Pride every day with this adorable board book for the babies and toddlers of gay fathers, featuring a variety of diverse, loving families with two dads. Families with same-sex parents are celebrated in this board book that follows busy dads and their kids throughout their 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. LGBTQ+ parents and their friends and families will welcome this inclusive and cheerful book that reflects their own lives and family makeup. With artwork by acclaimed fashion illustrator Izak Zenou, this is a stylish, smart, humorous, family-focused book that will have babies and their two dads giggling as they enjoy it together. It's an ideal baby-shower and first-birthday gift. And look for its companion board book, *My Two Moms and Me*.

Tales from the Fatherland Ben Fergusson 2022-07-07 A pause. 'Ah, Herr Fergusson. It's Frau Schwenk.' Our social worker, I now understood. 'Thank you for getting back to me. I'm calling because we have a little boy, four weeks old, who needs a family.' In 2018, after the introduction of marriage equality in Germany, Ben Fergusson and his German husband Tom became one of the first

same-sex married couples to adopt in the country. In *Tales from the Fatherland* Fergusson reflects on his long journey to fatherhood and the social changes that enabled it. He uses his outsider status as both a gay father and a parent adopting in a foreign country to explore the history and sociology of fatherhood and motherhood around the world, queer parenting and adoption and, ultimately, the meaning of family and love. *Tales from the Fatherland* makes an impassioned case for the value of diversity in family life, arguing that diverse families are good for all families and that misogyny lies at the heart of many of the struggles of straight and queer families alike.

My Adopted Family Claudia Harrington 2017-09-01 *My Adopted Family* is the story of a normal day in Adam's life. When classmate Lenny visits his home, he discovers Adam is adopted. Who makes him do his homework? Mom! Who makes Dinner? Dad! Who tucks him in? Mom and Dad! Lenny realizes love makes a family.

All You Can Ever Know Nicole Chung 2018-10-02 A NATIONAL BESTSELLER This beloved memoir "is an extraordinary, honest, nuanced and compassionate look at adoption, race in America and families in general" (Jasmine Guillory, *Code Switch*, NPR) What does it mean to lose your roots—within your culture, within your family—and what happens when you find them? Nicole Chung was born severely premature, placed for adoption by her Korean parents, and raised by a white family in a sheltered Oregon town. From childhood, she heard the story of her adoption as a comforting, prepackaged myth. She believed that her biological parents had made the ultimate sacrifice in the hope of giving her a better life, that forever feeling slightly out of place was her fate as a transracial adoptee. But as Nicole grew up—facing prejudice her adoptive family couldn't see, finding her identity as an Asian American and as a writer, becoming ever more curious about where she came from—she wondered if the story she'd been told was the whole truth. With warmth, candor, and startling insight, Nicole Chung tells of her search for the people who gave her up, which coincided with the birth of her own child. *All You Can Ever Know* is a profound, moving chronicle of surprising connections and the repercussions of unearthing painful family secrets—vital reading for anyone who has ever struggled to figure out where they belong.

And Tango Makes Three Justin Richardson 2015-06-02 When male penguins Silo and Roy attempt to hatch an egg-shaped rock and find no success in their efforts, the zookeepers decide to place a fertilized penguin egg in their cage and end up with little baby Tango, in an amusing tale based on a true story from the Central Park Zoo.

The Family Book Todd Parr 2011-06-01 There are so many different types of families, and *THE FAMILY BOOK* celebrates them all in a funny, silly, and reassuring way. Todd Parr includes adopted families, step-families, one-parent families, and families with two parents of the same sex, as well as the traditional nuclear family. His quirky humor and bright, childlike illustrations will make children feel good about their families. Parents and teachers can use this book to encourage children to talk about their families

and the different kinds of families that exist.

The Adoption of Little Miss Fancy Pants Casey Williams 2017-01-21 Open adoption is no easy road - especially if you're a same-sex couple. Casey Williams tells the story of how he and his husband, Jerrod, adopted a little blond-haired girl that rocked their world. *The Adoption of Little Miss Fancy Pants* (By Her Gay Dads) begins with perspective of how much being gay has changed in America and explores the various ways to adopt, settling on open adoption where adoptive parents and birth parents know each other and maintain a relationship. Finding the right match is like dating with ups and downs as contacts are made and lost. The book describes what happens after Casey and Jerrod, after receiving contacts from across America, match with wonderful parents - and their families - a couple of hours away. Along the way to finalizing their adoption, marriage equality sends them to the courthouse a day early. It's both an entertaining and informative look at the process of finding the perfect princess.

Love Makes a Family Sophie Beer 2018-12-24 Ideal for any occasion, this fun, inclusive, and exuberant board book celebrates the one thing that makes every family a family: love. Full color.

Her Two Dads Ariel Tachna 2010 Srikkanth Bhattacharya is a quintessential gay bachelor and perfectly happy about it--until he gets a call from the local hospital telling him his best friend died in childbirth. Sri had agreed to provide the sperm to make Jill's dream of motherhood come true, but he'd never expected to have to make decisions for a baby girl. He intends to place her with an adoptive family, but once he sees her, Sri can't bring himself to do it, so now he's struggling to learn how to deal with a newborn. His housemate and friend, Jaime Frias, volunteers to help, never guessing he'll fall in love with both the baby and Sri. Everything seems perfect until a visit from Social Services sends Sri into a tailspin, feeling like he has to choose between his daughter and a relationship with the man he's coming to love.

The Daddy Book Todd Parr 2011-02-21 *The Daddy Book* celebrates all different kinds of dads and highlights the many reasons they are so special. Whether your dad walks you to school or walks you to the bus, whether he wears suits or two different socks, whether he has a lot of hair or a little, Todd Parr assures readers that no matter what kind of daddy you have, every father is special in his own unique way. With his trademark bold, bright colors and silly scenes, kids will learn that while no two dads are exactly alike, "all daddies love to hug and kiss you," and that is what is so special about them! Perfect for young children just beginning to read, *The Daddy Book* is designed to encourage early literacy, enhance emotional development, celebrate multiculturalism, promote character growth, and strengthen family relationships.

Both Ends Burning Craig Juntunen 2009 Craig Juntunen appeared to have it all. He sold his company at the age of 40, and set out to live the good life of retirement. But he soon began to feel something was lacking. When a friend told him the story of adopting two girls from Haiti, Craig's emptiness gave way to a

sense of adventure. On a trip to the desperate Third World nation, a country wracked by poverty, corruption and kidnappings, his self-serving lifestyle began a very profound transformation. At an orphanage outside of Port-Au-Prince Craig encountered Espie, Amelec and Quinn. Even after decades of table-pounding declarations he would never have children, at 51 Craig became a dad. This inspirational story of an unexpected journey and personal transformation will say many things to different people. But for all it delivers a powerful reminder of our responsibility to reach out and be there for kids. "Craig's story is very compelling and very real. It demonstrates the beauty of the adoption story...everybody wins. You start out by providing a home for a child but you end up providing more for yourself than you ever imagined." Kirk Triplett, PGA Golf Professional and adoptive parent.

Daddy and Dada Ryan Brockington 2021 "A little girl explains how families, including hers, come in many shapes and sizes--some with a mom and a dad, some with two dads, some with two moms, and more"--

Pearl Power and the Girl with Two Dads Mel Elliott 2016-10-06 Pearl Power and the Girl with Two Dads is a new children's storybook that addresses the subject of same sex parents. This is the third in a series of Pearl Power books, designed to tackle the subject of gender equality but in a simple, light-hearted way. The story of Pearl Power and the Girl with Two Dads features a new girl at school who has same-sex parents. Pearl thinks this is all very different and cool but eventually finds out that it's nothing to get excited about. Its aim is to show children that a mum and a dad isn't always the case and that different family set-ups are no big deal.

Jayden's Funny Tales ~ TWO DADS Under the CHRISTMAS TREE Tobias Mile 2020-10-10

Which One of You Is the Mother? Sean O'Donnell 2015-07-28 After fifteen years of up-all-night gay disco dance parties, Sean O'Donnell and his longtime partner Todd decided to trade in their leather chaps for mom jeans and start a family. In August 2012 the not-so ambiguously gay duo walked into a Pittsburgh-based adoption agency and said, "We'd like a child, please." For the next several months they attended parenting classes, subjected themselves to probing FBI background checks, and completed enough paperwork to reforest the whole of the Amazon River basin. Despite lacking a magical baby-making vagina the pair successfully made omelets without eggs when in July 2013 they flew to Oregon to meet their seven-year-old son for the first time. No longer Sean and Todd they would now be forever known as Dad and Papa to the observant boy ("So that's how you sleep.") with a million questions ("Do you have a girlfriend?", "Where do babies come from?", "What's gay?") No sooner had they settled into their new roles when the stork returned the following year, delivering another boy who quickly proved that five-year-olds were basically talking babies who could use the toilet. *Which One of You is the Mother?* is the story of how two gay guys finally met the two kids who were always meant to be their sons. This is a book that celebrates a different kind of family who just happens to be like every other family on the block. Only gayer. And funnier.

