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Hello, My Name Is Octicorn

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Review

Octi is a one-of-a-kind octicorn: the child of a unicorn and an octopus. He’s not sure how his parents met, but because he’s the only Octicorn he knows of it can be hard for him to fit in on land or at sea. He doesn’t get invited to do things even though he knows octicorn are a lot of fun. Octi gives the reader a lot of reasons why he would make a great friend to someone because as different as he might look, he knows that we all want the same things.

The book will make both adult and child reader’s laugh out loud at Octi’s personality and fun voice. Adult readers might be thrown off by Octi only having four tentacles or by the impractical concept of a unicorn and an octopus having a child, but readers who can put aside these thoughts are likely to be charmed by the sweet personality and amusing illustrations of the octicorn trying to fit in. Adults can use this sweet story to help children understand how everyone wants the same things and how it is important to be friends with someone even if they are a little different. Octi is likely to charm his way into the hearts and bookshelves of lots of new friends with this book.