



2018

My Family: My Adopted Family

Samantha Bullock

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarsarchive.byu.edu/cbmr>

BYU ScholarsArchive Citation

Bullock, Samantha (2018) "My Family: My Adopted Family," *Children's Book and Media Review*: Vol. 39 : Iss. 6 , Article 64.
Available at: <https://scholarsarchive.byu.edu/cbmr/vol39/iss6/64>

This Book Review is brought to you for free and open access by the All Journals at BYU ScholarsArchive. It has been accepted for inclusion in Children's Book and Media Review by an authorized editor of BYU ScholarsArchive. For more information, please contact scholarsarchive@byu.edu, ellen_amatangelo@byu.edu.



Book Review

My Family: My Adopted Family

Author

Claudia Harrington

Illustrator

Zoe Persico

Reviewer

Samantha Bullock

Rating

Outstanding

Level

Toddler, Preschool,
Primary

Pages

32

Year

2018

Publisher

Magic Wagon

ISBN

9781532130168

Love is all you need. That's what young Lenny discovers as he follows his classmate, Adam, home for the day after school for a student of the week report project. Lenny learns what makes Adam's family unique, such as having a dad who works from home, a mom who teaches high school, and a family love for gymnastics that leads to gymnastics equipment right in the back yard! At the end of the story, it is revealed that Adam and his younger sister were adopted. However, Lenny discovers that what isn't unique about Adam and his family is how much they love each other, the same love that Lenny and his own mom have in their own family.

Delightfully diverse, from the characters depicted in the illustrations to the lifestyle and even dinner choices (stir fry with snow peas instead of pizza or other generic fare) of Adam's family, *My Adopted Family* showcases the true beauty of differences without being preachy. The overarching message is that though individual families function in a variety of ways, the important thing is that the members love and support each other. The color palate is primarily warm tones, specifically browns, tans, and reds, which enhances the overall feeling of warmth and security that the book provides. The book would be highly beneficial as a read aloud to toddlers and preschoolers, who are beginning to form their understanding of the world around them and what healthy family dynamics and relationships look like.

Comment

Book Reviews

OUTstanding, Claudia Harrington, Zoe Pers