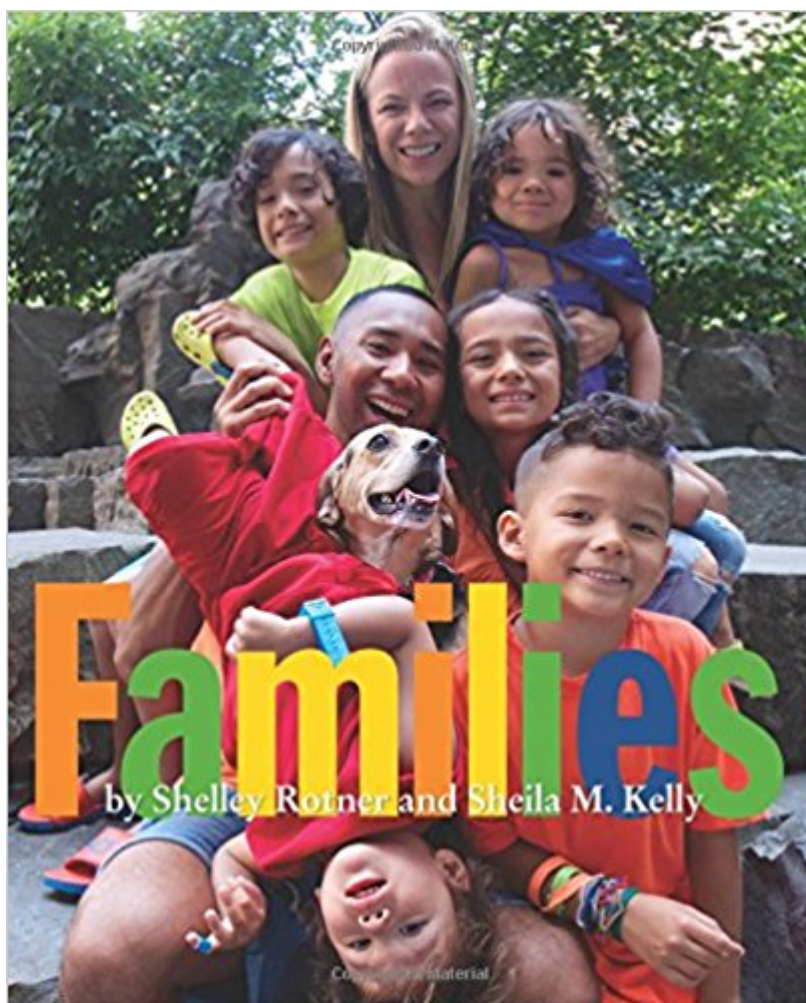


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# Families



## Synopsis

Celebrate diversity with a picture book for very young children about the many faces of contemporary families. Big or small, similar or different-looking, there are all kinds of families. Some have one parent, some have two, and many include extended family. This inclusive look at many varieties of families will help young readers see beyond their own immediate experiences and begin to understand others.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 6 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 1

## Customer Reviews

PreS-Gr 2 **4.8 out of 5 stars** 8 customer reviews  
In this cheerful exploration of different families, Rotner and Kelly describe all kinds of familial units: those with only one parent or one child, those in which the parents and children resemble one another, those with members of different races, those with same and opposite sex parents, and those with adopted children. Winsome, clear photographs are accompanied by brief, large-font text. This celebration of differences is further enhanced by the inclusion of women in head scarves, a dad in a wheelchair, and multigenerational groupings. The individuals portrayed take part in a variety of activities—making music, building things, playing outdoors, and gardening—and an upbeat theme of unity runs through the entire book. Only one page presents a difficult aspect of family life, with a subtle reference to divorce: two photos of the same group of children sitting on different porches with each parent are accompanied by text

that reads, "The people in a family may not all live in the same place." The book invites conversation with the closing question "What about yours?" Extend the discussion with Mary Hoffman's *The Great Big Book of Families* (Dial, 2011), which includes homeless families and information on family religious practices and customs. VERDICT A great way to introduce the concept of diversity among families. —Marianne Saccardi, Children's Literature Consultant, Greenwich, CT --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Shelley Rotner brings a depth of experience and knowledge to her books with a diverse background as an elementary school teacher, museum educational specialist and UNICEF photographer. She is an award winning author and photo-illustrator of over twenty books. She lives in Northampton, Massachusetts. Sheila M. Kelly is a clinical psychologist who has collaborated with Shelley Rotner on other books, including *Shades of People*, which was an ALA Notable Book for Children. —A native of Saskatchewan, Canada, she now lives in Austin, Texas.

Very preschool. Good images with a wide variety of individuals and combinations of families from handicapped individuals, to redheads, to people of color, to mixed families. I would recommend to ages 2-5.

Lovely book!

Lovely gorgeous book with beautiful pictures and a lovely message

It's a wonderful book for young children...picturing all kinds of families.

All families should have this book!

Summary: A photographic celebration of every kind of family imaginable: big, small, multi-racial, two moms, two dads, single parents, extended family. Each page has a single sentence with several photos illustrating the kind of family described. The last few pages tell what families do (e.g., help each other, love one another), and finishes with a question, "There are many different kinds of families. What about yours?" Recommended for ages 3 and up. Pros: This is truly a celebration of family. Even the dogs in the pictures are smiling. The first page says that the creators hope the book will lead children and their parents to engage in conversation

about their families, and this would indeed be the perfect vehicle for that. Cons: People objecting to certain family configurations will probably not want to share this book with their kids.

My 2yr old daughter is obsessed with the real photos of people doing fun activities as a family.

Great book about diversity in families!

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