



***Uncle Bobby's Wedding* by Sarah Brannen, illustrated by Lucia Soto**

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*Age Range: 3 to 6

Grade Range: (Recommended by *School Library Journal*)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Chloe's favorite uncle is getting married, and she's not happy about it. But after a magical day with Uncle Bobby and his boyfriend, Jamie, Chloe realizes she's not losing an uncle, but gaining one.

When Chloe's favorite uncle announces that he's getting married, everyone is excited. Everyone except Chloe, that is. What if Uncle Bobby no longer has time for picnics, swimming, or flying kites? Chloe just wants to keep having fun with her favorite uncle, but she's afraid everything is going to change. Can Uncle Bobby and his boyfriend Jamie show Chloe that, when it comes to family, the more the merrier? In this inspiring, love-filled story, Chloe learns just what family means.

Produced in coordination with GLAAD, this adorable picture book is a positive example of same-sex marriage and a celebration of family.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"A joyous, heartwarming, sweet-and essential-update."

—*Kirkus Reviews, STARRED REVIEW*

"Those we love, [Soto] and Brannen show, needn't change just because they love someone else, too—there's plenty of room in the human heart."

—*Publishers Weekly*

"A large-hearted affirmation of society's newest kind of wedding."

—*Booklist*

"Valiant, valid, validating, valuable."

—*Gregory Maguire, author of Wicked*

"With warm, richly colored, and expressive illustrations by Lucia Soto, the book, published in partnership with GLAAD, serves as a gentle and welcome celebration of the different shapes love and family can take."

— *Boston Globe*

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AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- ALA Top 100 Most Banned and Challenged Books
- Bookstaging's Best of 2020 Winner
- Bank Street Best Book of 2021 List
- Kirkus Best Picture Book of 2020
- ALA 2021 Rainbow Book List Title

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

New Yorker Article: <https://www.newyorker.com/news/annals-of-education/lgbt-books-kids-ban>

GLAAD announcement: <https://glaad.org/glaad-little-bee-books-release-new-lgbtq-inclusive-childrens-book-uncle-bobbys-wedding/>

Activity Pages: https://littlebeebooks.com/wp-content/uploads/woocommerce_uploads/2023/07/Uncle-Bobbys-activity-Kit.pdf

RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

In response to Escambia County School District bans, Pen American launched a lawsuit protecting *Uncle Bobby's Wedding* and other titles: <https://pen.org/pen-america-v-escambia-county/>

GLAAD Statement of Support for Little Bee Books titles: <https://glaad.org/books/>

AUTHOR STATEMENT (OPTIONAL)

*A NOTE ON AGE RANGES

A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book's intended use.

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