



***Jacob's New Dress* by Sarah Hoffman and Ian Hoffman**

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*Age Range: 4–8 (Suggested by Publisher)

Grade Range: PreS-Gr 2 (Recommended by *School Library Journal*)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

This heartwarming story speaks to the unique challenges faced by boys who don't identify with traditional gender roles.

Jacob loves playing dress-up, when he can be anything he wants to be. Some kids at school say he can't wear "girl" clothes, but Jacob wants to wear a dress to school. Can he convince his parents to let him wear what he wants?

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"Case's softly colored cartoonlike illustrations nicely expand the spirit of this important book, which—one hopes—will provide reassurance to children like Jacob and inspire thoughtful discussion." —[Booklist](#)

"Cute illustrations and realistic dialogue convey the struggles of this proud, determined young boy." —[Foreword Reviews](#)

"A warmly illustrated picture book meant to comfort both boys who are gender nonconforming and their parents...Jacob's mom's look of concern when he first asks about the dress is poignant, and his dad's words of acceptance could easily serve as a model for fathers in similar positions." —[Kirkus Reviews](#)

"An ideal companion for families and educators: upbeat yet realistic, astute about peer dynamics, and blessedly lacking in a sermonizing Big Moment." —[Publishers Weekly](#)

"The warm cartoon illustrations convey the mood well and offer readers visual clues to the cruelty, teasing, and struggle with self-acceptance that can occur when children are different from their peers. Purchase this one to encourage discussions of gender, identity, and self-confidence." —[School Library Journal](#)

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

CCBC Choices 2015 (Cooperative Children's Book Center)

Runner-Up, 2014 New England Book Festival: Children's Books

2014 Distinguished List of the Association of Children's Librarians of Northern California

10 Best Indie Picture Books of 2014 ([Foreword Reviews](#))

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***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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