



***Papa, Daddy, and Riley* by Seamus Kirst**

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*Age Range: 04 – 08 (Suggested by Publisher)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Riley is Papa's princess and Daddy's dragon. She loves her two fathers! When Riley's classmate asks her which dad is her real one, Riley is confused. She doesn't want to have to pick one or the other.

Families are made of love in this heartwarming story that shows there are lots of ways to be part of one.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

In the end, Riley's dad helps her understand that families are all different in so many ways not just if they have two dads. No family is more valid than the other because what makes a family is love, not some arbitrary definition. — No Time for Flash Cards

Crayon and wash textures feature in Holzwarth's warm illustrations, in which moody shadows and backgrounds convey underlying emotions... the message—that what makes a family is love—is sound. —Publishers Weekly

A little girl with two dads confronts homophobia.... Sweet if not groundbreaking.... —Kirkus Reviews

Real families everywhere will appreciate the book's encouragement and acknowledgement that love is what ties them together. —Foreword Reviews

A must-have for children's picture-book collections, this is a delightful celebration of what makes a family.... Holzwarth beautifully renders the characters in a variety of hues, making the diversity showcased throughout one of the book's defining features and adding to the emotional punch of the story. All of the families look different, but the love they share makes them the same. Absolutely recommended for all children's collections and sure to be a storytime winner. —Booklist Starred Review

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- *One of Bank Street's 2021 Best Children's Books of the Year*
- *NCSS-CBC 2021 Notable Social Studies Trade Book*

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- [Representation Matters: The Power of Finding Yourself in a Book \(PDF, 474KB\)](#)
- [Watch the author read *Papa, Daddy, & Riley*.](#)

*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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