



# BOOK RESUME: THE RAINBOW PARADE

## BOOK SYNOPSIS

A sweet and celebratory story of a family's first time at Pride

**Title:** The Rainbow Parade

**Author:** Emily Neilson

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Readers

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**Age Range\*:** 2-5

**Grade Range:** PreS-Gr2  
(Recommended by School  
Library Journal)

One day in June, Mommy, Mama, and Emily take the train into the city to watch the Rainbow Parade. The three of them love how all the people in the street are so loud, proud, and colorful, but when Mama suggests they join the parade, Emily feels nervous. Standing on the sidewalk is one thing, but walking in the parade? Surely that takes something special.

This joyful and affirming picture book about a family's first Pride parade, reminds all readers that sometimes pride takes practice and there's no "one way" to be a part of the LGBTQ+ community.

## REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"This welcome addition to picture books for young children directly addresses the Pride parade and LGBTQ+ community and promotes the straightforward, positive message of recognition and acceptance." —*Booklist*, starred review

"Delightfully dynamic... A buoyant tale that fleshes out the notion of Pride... [P]itch-perfect visual pacing... An exploration of community and belonging that's highly recommended for all families and all bookshelves."  
—*Kirkus*, starred review

"Joy, love, and sacred tradition are shared across generations in Neilson's personal-feeling tribute to Pride... The excitement is palpable... The creator's familiarity and fondness is clear in this title that represents the queer community's exuberant spectrum and honors Pride as a place for families, for community, and above all for connection." —*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

"Showcasing a broad range of racial diversity, gender identity, and sexual orientation, the book helps readers see and hear that Pride is for everyone. Thanks to simple language, purposeful layouts, and well-placed page turns, readers are whisked through the story with a vibrant energy... A must-have for all collections and a perfect peek into the Pride Parade for even the littlest readers." —*School Library Journal*, starred review

## AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- An ALA Rainbow List selection
- A *Kirkus Reviews* Best Book of the Year

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