



***The Family Book* by Todd Parr**

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\*Age Range: 3 & up (Suggested by publisher)

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

## BOOK SYNOPSIS

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There are so many different types of families, and THE FAMILY BOOK celebrates them all in a funny, silly, and reassuring way. Todd Parr includes every kind of family: adopted families, step-families, one-parent families, and families with two parents of the same sex. His quirky humor and bright, childlike illustrations will make children feel good about their families. Parents and teachers can use this book to encourage children to talk about their families and the different kinds of families that exist.

## REVIEWS AND PRAISE

“Parr runs the gamut of potential familial situations, from families that live far apart to those with “two moms or two dads,” conveying the message that no matter what little differences makes each unique, a family's love for each other is what really matters.” —Publishers Weekly

“Interspersed with the differences among families are the ways they are alike: all like to hug each other, are sad when they lose someone they love, enjoy celebrating special days together, and can help each other to be strong.” —School Library Journal

## MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [Recommended by Elton John on TIME.com](#)
- [Yahoo – 3 questions for children's author Todd Parr whose 'Family Book' is frequently banned](#)
- [Given away by P!nk and PEN America](#)

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## **AUTHOR STATEMENT**

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### **BOOK TALK WITH: BANNED CHILDREN'S BOOK AUTHOR, TODD PARR**

“Well, I wouldn’t change a single thing about that book. So if it’s banned, it’s banned, but I do think that’s unfortunate because my message is universal. It’s about inclusion, acceptance, building confidence and making kids into better human beings. That’s the only agenda. But what’s more powerful is that those kids that have families with two moms or two dads, they see themselves in a book with all these other families. It’s important that those families feel stronger about who they are, regardless of whether or not anyone agrees with that. And I believe that that book finds every house and every kind of family it needs to, and I’m proud of that.”

### **\*A NOTE ON AGE RANGES**

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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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