



**My Maddy by Gayle E. Pitman**

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

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**BOOK SYNOPSIS**

*A loving, affirming ode to parents who are gender fluid or gender nonbinary.*

*My Maddy has hazel eyes which are not brown or green. And my Maddy likes sporks because they are not quite a spoon or a fork. Most mommies are girls. Most daddies are boys. But lots of parents are neither a boy nor a girl, My Maddy shows how some of the best things in the world are not one thing or the other. They are something in between and entirely their own.*

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**REVIEWS AND PRAISE**

*The latest in Pitman's LGBTQ books for children introduces young readers to a parent whose gender identity and expression are 'entirely fantastically their own'—not a mommy or a daddy, but 'my Maddy....' Such positive images of gender-nonconforming presentations are rare in children's literature, making this a valuable addition to any school, public, or personal library for its engaging art and accessible representation for a wide age range.... Much needed in the landscape of family-oriented picture books. —Kirkus Reviews*

*My Maddy is a heartfelt narrative that marries refreshingly unapologetic LGBTQ illustrations with text that many child readers will be able to relate to. This celebration of nonconforming parents is a nuanced and noteworthy addition to any home, classroom, or library. —Booklist Starred Review*

*Tobacco's crisp, richly detailed illustrations depict a parent and child moving through their days with warmth and love, snuggling and reading. Pitman's affirming text highlights the joy of in-between things—hazel eyes, sporks, sunrises, motorcycles ('It's not a car or a bicycle. It's kind of both, and it's something all its own')—gently illuminating the idea that people, too, can exist beyond categorization. —Publishers Weekly*

*Gayle Pitman has written a celebratory book about parenthood that is both heartwarming and informative. Look at that gorgeous cover filled with an abundance of love, joy, and rainbow pride. It is so inspiring, as is the text which is filled with positive images and concepts of one's family. —Children's Books Heal*

*I love the depiction of a nonbinary parent. It is a very nice celebration of the relationship between a parent and child, each of them being as they are. —Kiss the Book*

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*A great story about a loving family and their unique look at the world of in-between spaces and how many things are neither one thing or another if you look closely enough. —Lost in a Good Book*

## **AWARDS AND ACCOLADES**

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- *ALA's 2021 Rainbow Book List Top Ten Title for Young Readers*

## **MEDIA AND RESOURCES**

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- [Strategies for Transgender Parents to Support Their Children \(PDF, 477KB\)](#)

## **\*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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