



BOOK RESUME: IN OUR MOTHERS' HOUSE

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Marmee, Meema, and the kids are just like any other family on the block. In their beautiful house, they cook dinner together, they laugh together, and they dance together. But some of the other families don't accept them. They say they are different. How can a family have two moms and no dad?

But Marmee and Meema's house is full of love. And they teach their children that different doesn't mean wrong. And no matter how many moms or dads they have, they are everything a family is meant to be.

Here is a true Polacco story of a family, living by their own rules, and the strength they gain by the love they feel.

Title: In Our Mothers' House

Author: Patricia Polacco

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Format: Hardcover

Age Range*: 5-8

Grade Range: 1-4

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"This gem of a book illustrates how love makes a family . . . A lovely book that can help youngsters better understand their world." — *School Library Journal*

"[Children] will certainly appreciate seeing their own experiences reflected in their literature." — *Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books (BCCB)*

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- 2010 ALA Rainbow List selection
- 2012 Charlotte Award Master List (New York)

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [Patricia Polacco speaks with NCAC on Censorship](#)

RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

- [Restored to Davis School District \(Utah\) shelves noting](#), "The book could help prevent bullying of kids from same sex families" and "This book teaches acceptance and tolerance."

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