



***Sam Is My Sister* by Ashley Rhodes-Courter**

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*Age Range: 4–8 (Suggested by Publisher)

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

BOOK SYNOPSIS

An inspiring story about affirming a sibling's gender identity.

Evan loves being big brother to Sam and Finn. They do everything together—go fishing, climb trees, and play astronauts. But lately, Evan notices that he and Sam don't look like brothers anymore. Sam wants to have long hair, and even asks to wear a dress on the first day of school. As time goes by, Evan comes to understand why Sam wants to look like a girl—because Sam is a girl. Sam is transgender. And just like always, Sam loves to dream with Evan and Finn about going to the moon together. Based on one family's real-life experiences, this heartwarming story of a girl named Sam and the brothers who love and support her will resonate with readers everywhere.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"This sweet-spirited book tells how little Sam comes to find her true self...Sam knows she's a girl inside and she increasingly wants to manifest her true identity." —[Booklist](#)

"[S]uccessfully explains being transgender in a clear and age-appropriate way while demonstrating the value of a loving family...can support discussion at home or school." —[Kirkus Reviews](#)

"Its clear narrative arc, slightly didactic prose, and expressive art cohere into a picture book that is a solid jumping-off point for guardian- or educator-led discussions." —[Publishers Weekly](#)

"Recommended for public and elementary school libraries everywhere; transgender children need stories like this as it models both peer and self-acceptance in a logical, accessible, and loving way." —[School Library Journal](#)

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- 2022 ALA Rainbow Book List

*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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