



**[Stella Brings the Family](#) by Miriam Schiffer, illustrated by Holly Clifton-Brown**

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ISBN: 9781452111902 (Picture Book)

\*Age Range: 5-8 (Suggested by Publisher)

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

## BOOK SYNOPSIS

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**A heartwarming story about a girl, her two dads, and the true meaning of family.**

Stella's class is having a Mother's Day celebration, but what's a girl with two daddies to do? It's not that she doesn't have someone who helps her with her homework, or tucks her in at night. Stella has her Papa and Daddy who take care of her, and a whole gaggle of other loved ones who make her feel special and supported every day. She just doesn't have a *mom* to invite to the party. Fortunately, Stella finds a unique solution to her party problem in this sweet story about love, acceptance, and the true meaning of family.

## REVIEWS AND PRAISE

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★ "First-time author Schiffer and Clifton-Brown (*Big Bouffant*) make a great team. The writing is warmhearted but sharply observed, while the winsome artwork—which features a cast of roundheaded, eager-eyed children—it's tightly focused and smartly composed. Much like the TV show *Modern Family*, this story seems as light as a soufflé, but actually offers plenty of food for thought." —[Publishers Weekly](#), **starred review**

"Stella is worried. Everybody else in her elementary-school class has a mom—Howie even has two! She has two dads and no one to invite to the upcoming Mother's Day party. [...] Schiffer's sweet story realistically portrays a child fretting over a worry that adults may not anticipate and having it solved by a loving community and family." —[School Library Journal](#)

"Debut picture-book author Schiffer creates a story featuring diverse modern families that children will recognize from their own direct experiences or from their classrooms or communities. She keeps the text closely focused on Stella's feelings, and Clifton-Brown chooses finely detailed watercolors to illustrate Stella's initial troubles and eventual happiness." —[Kirkus Reviews](#)

## AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

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- 2016 Rainbow Booklist Picture Book
- 2016 Bank Street Best Books of the Year Reading List

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## **MEDIA AND RESOURCES**

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[Family Equality: Interview Miriam Schiffer](#)

## **RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES**

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[The Washington Post: A Tennessee teacher planned a Mother's Day class. Then came the MAGA rage.](#)

[PEN America: THE MOST BANNED PICTURE BOOKS OF THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR](#)

## **\*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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