



Pride Colors by Robin Stevenson

Orca Book Publishers, 2019 9781459820708: Board Book

*Age Range: 0-2 years Grade Range: Preschool

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Through gentle rhymes and colorful photographs of adorable children, *Pride Colors* is a celebration of the deep unconditional love of a parent or caregiver for a young child. The profound message of this delightful board book is you are free to be whoever you choose to be; you'll always be loved.

Celebrated author Robin Stevenson ends her purposeful prose by explaining the meaning behind each color in the Pride flag: red = life, orange = healing, yellow = sunlight, green = nature, blue = peace and harmony, and violet = spirit.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

- ★ "Awash in messages of love and the celebration of individuality... A rare treat for both Pride Day and everyday sharing."—School Library Journal, starred review
- ★ "A good thing comes in a small, rainbow package...A joyful, affirming, pride-filled read."—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

"Stevenson captures the essence of Pride...an expansive celebration with room for all who love and cherish others."—Publishers Weekly

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- Lambda Literary (Lammy) Awards LGBTQ Children's/Young Adult | 2019 | Short-listed
- American Library Association (ALA) Rainbow Book List | 2020 | Commended
- Children's Book Council & National Council for Social Studies Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People | 2020 | Commended
- Bank Street College of Education Children's Book Committee Best Children's Books of the Year | 2019 | Commended

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

Add link to discussion guide, author interviews, blog posts, or any additional resources that provide useful context about the book.

RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

"While the item in question may be personally offensive to some, the library must ensure that its collection offers a diverse range of content. The concern that the book is teaching young children ideologically driven ideas about sex and gender is not addressed in the reviews consulted; however, the general consensus is that the item is affirming, celebratory, and age appropriate. Notably, the book is targeted to young children who are not yet reading, and their parents or caregivers will have the opportunity to ensure that the books they read with their child align with their own family's values and beliefs."—Strathmore Municipal Library, Summary of Complaint

AUTHOR STATEMENT (OPTIONAL)

Offer the author an opportunity to provide a statement about the potential impact of banning their book or a link to an existing author statement.

*A NOTE ON AGE RANGES

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.