

<u>Last Week Tonight with John Oliver Presents: A Day in the Life of</u>
<u>Marlon Bundo</u> by Jill Twiss, illustrated by E.G. Keller

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*Age Range: 6-8 (Suggested by Publisher)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

HBO's Emmy-winning Last Week Tonight with John Oliver presents a children's book about a Very Special boy bunny who falls in love with another boy bunny.

100 percent of Last Week Tonight's proceeds will be donated to The Trevor Project and AIDS United.

Meet Marlon Bundo, a lonely bunny who lives with his Grampa Mike Pence, the former Vice President of the United States. But on this Very Special Day, Marlon's life is about to change forever ...

With its message of tolerance and advocacy, this charming bunny book for kids explores issues of same sex marriage and democracy. Sweet, funny, and beautifully illustrated, this better Bundo book is dedicated to every bunny who has ever felt different.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"Every once in awhile, you come across a book that is not only well-written, but that had the potential to be revolutionary. A Day In The Life of Marlon Bundo is one of those books, especially because it is a bold, humorous, and heartening tribute to 'any bunny who has ever felt different'. Similarly, it is also a jab at the 'Stink Bugs' of the world who don't understand how others can lead lives unlike their own...an important book that acknowledges and celebrates our differences." —Davenport, IA Library

"...an ideal children's book for a new generation and a Pride-approved addition to any coffee table." —*Boise*Weekly

"This is a spectacular children's book, one that stresses the most important lessons of love, democracy and acceptance...I won't wreck the ending, but I will say there is good reason to make this a bestseller. Any children's book that can move me to mist up because, ultimately, love does conquer all, is a book worth sharing." —*The*Star-Ledger

"An affirming book for children that goes beyond the adults-only type of parody titles that have gained popularity in recent years." —*School Library Journal*

"What makes A Day in the Life of Marlon Bundo particularly strong is that, while an unabashed political parody, it also stands on its own as a children's book. It would have been easy for John Oliver's team to lean heavily on the gimmick of satirizing a loathed figure in American politics, but they instead focused on developing a charming story with genuinely funny jokes, making a story for kids that have little interest in keeping up with the news (which would be most kids)." —Globe Mail

"An accomplished parody... there's much for kids to like in the funny, earnest cast of anthropomorphic animals." — **Publishers Weekly**

"Hilarious and charming." —People Magazine

"This cute, funny, and inclusive picture book has a positive message about celebrating who you are and loving whom you want." —Common Sense Media

"Bedtime stories are great for putting kids to sleep, but in our house, we prefer stories like A Day in the Life of Marlon Bundo that help us stay woke." —**Misha Collins, Actor, Activist and Parent**

"A joy... Ignore the grumbling about Oliver turning the bunny America deserves into a metaphor for partisan politics, because the book is a 40-page triumph." —*Esquire*

"Good for a chuckle for adults who support LGBTQ rights." — Kirkus Reviews

"A work of political satire that is also a great children's book." —Anita Silvey, author of 100 Best Books for Children and Everything I Need to Know I Learned from a Children's Book

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- 2019 Rainbow Booklist Picture Book
- #1 New York Times Bestseller
- #1 Amazon Bestseller

RESPONSE TO CHALLENGES

National Coalition Against Censorship: Statement of Support

*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.