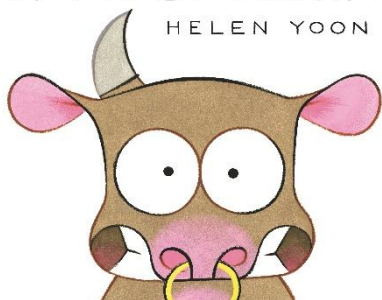


# I'M A UNICORN

HELEN YOON



***I'm A Unicorn* by Helen Yoon**

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\*Age Range: 3-7 years (Suggested by Publisher)

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

## BOOK SYNOPSIS

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What happens when a one-horned calf with impeccable logic is convinced they're a unicorn? Helen Yoon spins an endearing comedy of self-determination for gigglers everywhere.

"See?" cries the calf. "Uni means one, and corn means horn!" Even their baby picture proves it: they were born with one horn! But as the eager little calf continues their research, a budding identity crisis arises when they realize they don't quite check all the boxes—should a certain lack of moonlight sparkle or silky mane or rainbow poop decide the issue. Perhaps some unexpected encouragement from a pack of "real" unicorns might be just the assurance they need? Helen Yoon, the comic talent behind *Sheepish (Wolf Under Cover)* and the anarchic *Off-Limits*, returns with a clarion call for self-doubters everywhere to embrace who they are—unicorn or otherwise.

## REVIEWS AND PRAISE

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★ "Yoon's art is simple but effective, with the wide-eyed calf and their heavily tabbed research book set against clean white backgrounds, and when the unicorns finally make their appearance, they bring a riot of color and glitter. . . a reminder that you don't need sparkles to be fabulous (though rainbow poop does help)." — The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books (*starred review*)

"Clever. . . [a] conversation starter on acceptance and openness." — Kirkus Reviews

"Just when you think all the unicorn stories have been done, Yoon comes along with this gem. . . . White-page backgrounds amplify Yoon's simple but highly expressive and hilarious illustrations, and kids will cackle throughout Cow's dramatic emotional journey." — Booklist

"The narrator of this book makes an adorable entrance through the initial pages: first its horn, then its ears, then the top of its head before declaring "I'm a unicorn." But are they? . . . Yoon's artwork is vibrant and expressive. Her small protagonist may not be as sparkly as the other elegant unicorns, but they are chock full of personality." — School Library Journal

"Sure, this unicorn might be a little short on sparkling, twinkling and having teardrops that turn into lollipops, but with a little help this one-horned wonder achieves its destiny, as a . . . well, readers will just have to decide for themselves." — The Virginian Pilot

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“This unique, humorous take definitely stands out. . . Along with some big laughs (did I mention the rainbow poop?) this book has a powerful message of openness and acceptance of differences.” — Book Riot

### **AWARDS AND ACCOLADES**

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- Kansas National Education Association Reading Circle Recommended Book, 2023

### **MEDIA AND RESOURCES**

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- [Teacher’s Discussion Guide \(PDF\)](#)

### **\*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.