

Celebrating Family

Reading List Created by ALSC's Quicklists Consulting Committee

■ *Alma and How She Got Her Name*

By Juana Martinez-Neal

Illus. by the author

Candlewick Press, 2018. 9780763693558

Spanish 9780763693589

Alma Sofia Esperanza José Pura Candela feels her long name “doesn't fit” until her father tells her about the beloved family members she is named to honor.

■ *Always*

By Emma Dodd

Illus. by the author

Templar Books, 2018. 9781536200577

One little elephant learns that a parent's love is unconditional and lasts always.

■ *Dad by My Side*

By Soosh

Illus. by the author

Little, Brown and Company, 2018. 9780316438087

From cooking to cuddling and playing games together, a tiny girl shows all the ways her big, burly dad makes her feel loved.

■ *Drawn Together*

By Minh Lê

Illus. by Dan Santat

Disney Hyperion, 2018. 9781484767603

A young boy and his grandfather may not speak the same language, but they deepen their bond through a shared love of art and storytelling.

■ *The Family Book*

By Todd Parr

Illus. by the author

Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2010. 9780316070409

Italian 9788856624670

Parr's trademark simple illustrations in bold colors playfully celebrate all sizes and types of families.

■ *Families*

By Shelley Rotner and Sheila M. Kelly

Photos by Shelley Rotner

Holiday House, 2015. 9780823430536

Photo illustrations depict the variety and beauty of who makes up a family.

■ *Gaston*

By Kelly DiPucchio

Illus. by Christian Robinson

Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2014. 9781442451025

Gaston and Antoinette don't look like their puppy siblings, but does that mean they don't fit in? This sweet story teaches readers that looks aren't what is most important when it comes to family.

■ *Grandma's Purse*

By Vanessa Brantley-Newton

Illus. by the author

Alfred A. Knopf, 2018. 9781524714314

Sweet stories behind each of the surprises in grandma's handbag reveal the loving relationship between a little girl and her cherished Grandma Mimi.

■ *Hair, it's a Family Affair*

By Milo Freeman

Illus. by the author.

Cassava Republic Press, 2019. 9781911115687

Macy shares the story of all the different hairstyles in her family from Grandma's Afro to cousin Kiki's crazy pink hair in this colorfully-illustrated book celebrating the diversity and beauty found within a family.

■ *Life with My Family*

By Renee Hooker and Karl Jones

Illus. by Kathrun Durst

Penguin Workshop, 2018. 9781524789374

A young girl imagines what it would be like if her family were different animals such as a playful pride of lions or a wisdom of wombats.

■ ***Love Makes a Family By Sophie Beer***

Illus. by the author

Dial Books for Young Readers, 2018.
9780525554226

This diverse and inclusive board book illustrates what makes every family a family—love!

■ ***Mommy's Khimar***

By Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow

Illus. by Ebony Glenn

Salaam Reads / Simon & Schuster, 2018.
9781534400597

A young girl plays dress up with her mother's headscarves, feeling her mother's love with every one she tries on.

■ ***When Aidan Became a Brother***

By Kyle Lukoff

Illus. by Kaylani Juanita

Lee & Low Books, 2019. 9781620148372

Aidan is excited to become a big brother but he's nervous too. He wants to get everything right from the very beginning. But what if he makes a mistake like his parents did when they thought he was a girl?

■ ***Where Are You From?***

By Yamile Saied Méndez

Illus. by Jaime Kim

HarperCollins Publishers, 2019. 9780062839930
Spanish 9780062915252

A young girl's friends keep asking where she's from, where she's really from. Unsure what to say, she asks her abuelo the question. His answer may not be what she expected, but it is straight from the heart.

■ ***Wolfie the Bunny***

By Ame Dyckman

Illus. by Zachariah OHora

Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2015.
9780316226141

The Bunny family has adopted a Wolf son, and new big sister, Dot has some concerns. Families of all kinds will delight in this sweet tale of new babies, sibling rivalry, bravery, and unconditional love.



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