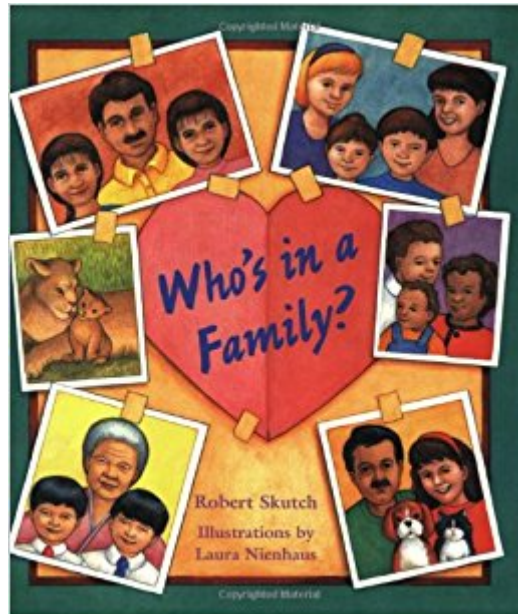




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# Who's In A Family?



## Synopsis

Family is important, but who's in a family? Why, the people who love you the most! This equal opportunity, open-minded picture book has no preconceptions about what makes a family a family. There's even equal time given to some of children's favorite animal families. With warm and inviting jewel-tone illustrations, this is a great book for that long talk with a little person on your lap.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## Customer Reviews

Beginning with a traditional nuclear family and ending with blank spaces in which the child reader is instructed to "draw a picture of your family," this slight book catalogues multicultural contemporary family units, including those with single parents, lesbian and gay parents, mixed-race couples, grandparents and divorced parents. Kevin and his brother like their kimono-clad grandmother to help them with their jigsaw puzzles, while Ricky lives with two families. "Aunt Amanda and Uncle Stan," pictured riding in a blue convertible with their pets, "don't have any children at all" but are "still a family," says the narrator, because "they say Mouser and Fred are their 'babies.'" Because "animals have families, too," the text describes elephant, lion, chimpanzee and dog families as well as human families. (A human family headed by a mother is "like the chimpanzee family. Mama chimp raises the babies by herself, with the help of any older children she may have.") Nienhaus's lackluster illustrations, the schoolmarmish tone of the text and the comparisons with wild animals all

tend to undercut the final definition of a family as "the people who love you the most!" Ages 3-7.  
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Kindergarten-Grade 2?Simple declarative statements move readers from one family configuration to the next, from single children to single parents to same-sex couples. Here and there animal families are juxtaposed with the human, presumably to show that certain situations are natural. For instance, one double-page spread shows a grandmother caring for her two grandsons while their mother is at work. The following page explains that the eldest female is also in charge in elephant families. While this may reassure some youngsters, it could also very well produce more questions than answers. Richly colored although somewhat two-dimensional pencil illustrations show loving families of a variety of races and colors in action. A serviceable, albeit surface, title.?Martha Topol, Northwestern Michigan College, Traverse City, MICopyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I was disappointed in this story because I was specifically looking for a children's book that featured a Grandmother raising her grandchild....Mom not around much any more & no Dad around.The little boy I wanted to give the book to questions why his Mom & Dad are not in his house only Grandma. Grandma requested a book about Grandmother's taking the place of Mother's role. The Grandmother in this story only babysat the Grandkids while the Mom was at work. There was a story about most other kinds of families , no Foster Families either.I can not give this book to the little boy, it would only make him sad.

I purchased this for my four-year-granddaughter, whose father is deceased, to help her understand that she and her mommy ARE a real 'family.' If someone does not feel comfortable presenting all content to younger children, those pages can be clipped out until later. For the most part, it is a helpful book for not quite 'traditional' families.

this book is SUPER! we have a baby on the way and she is going to be biracial with two mommies, so it seemed like a great book to have for her for when she gets old enough to understand it and also when she starts confronting these types of issues. it was just as we thought it would be...and better!! its a great little book to help address the topic of differences in families/ family dynamics. kudos to the authors! also, the delivery was right on time and the book came in great condition as

well. thanks! will do business again!

As a 2 mom family, I'm glad this exists.

Great book

Loved it.

Respectfully written

I wish the book only depicted human families.

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