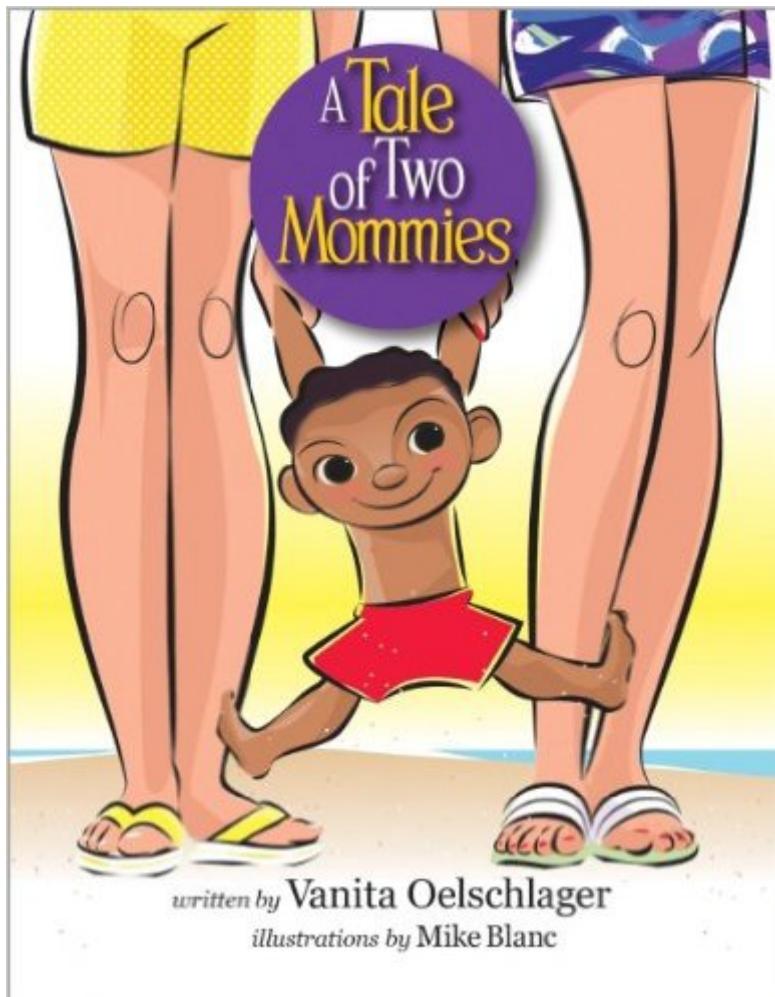


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# A Tale Of Two Mommies



## **Synopsis**

A Tale of Two Mommies is a beach conversation among three children. One boy asks another boy about having two mommies. A young girl listening in asks some questions too. True to a child's curiosity, practical questions follow. "Which mom is there when you want to go fishing? / Which mom helps out when Kitty goes missing?" • To which he answers: "Mommy helps when I want to go fishing. / Both Mommies help when Kitty goes missing." • A Tale of Two Mommies is intended for 4-8 year olds. This book lets us look inside one non-traditional family, a same sex couple and their son. As the children talk, it's clear this boy lives in a nurturing environment where the biggest issues are the everyday challenges of growing up.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

I bought this book for my friends who are having a baby and figured if I decided it was not an appropriate baby book I would give it to my son (he's 5). However, when I got the book and was actually able to read it I was so disappointed. It asks all sorts of cliche questions and there is a consistent stereotype that mama does masculine things and mommy feminine (I could have them mixed up, but you get the point). I could swear this book is written by a straight person trying to write a book for gay people. Beyond all of this, the text was abrupt, it is definitely not a story but rather just a series of questions and answers, which I had noted other reviewers mentioned, I just didn't expect the abruptness of it all. The pictures aren't bad, but nothing spectacular, but if the story had been

better they would have been more than adequate. If you are desperate for a book with two moms then I guess this might be worth getting. Otherwise I'd pass. I've found several stories that talk about families in broader terms and not specifically heterosexual families that I much prefer and will stick with for now.

Two reviews in One. A Tale of Two Daddies and A Tale of Two Mommies. These two books were truly a fun read. The reality is that our world is constantly changing and with more and more same sex couples raising children of their own, it's important for all children to be taught that different is ok but that "different" is not that different at all. These books do just that. In each of the books we have a little girl being raised by daddies and a little boy being raised by mommies. Each has curious friends who are asking which parent does what in their household. I personally enjoyed reading A Tale of Two Daddies more than A Tale of Two Mommies. I found the rhyming and the flow to be executed a bit better with the daddies and the illustrations were great for both books. Overall, I think these books serve their purpose, although, I do think that it would be best for smaller children. I think older kids would pose tougher questions but for smaller kids, these books are the right fit. Copies of each book were provided by Vanita Books via NetGalley.

Cute and I liked the concept, but it was a little confusing to my 7 year old nephew and 5 1/2 year old daughter. They were getting confused about which mom the book was talking about on each page. I bought the book to start a conversation with my nephew. My daughter has a few friends with two moms, so this is perfectly normal to her, but my nephew has been having a hard time understanding how/why anyone would have two moms or two dads. This book and a few other books helped start a conversation with him about it.

This book(A Tale of Two Mommies) is for a younger child than I anticipated so I am not sure how to rate it. I can say that it presents the idea of having two mommies in terms a child, even a fairly young child, could understand: who takes care of you when you're sick? Who plays ball with you? Who bakes cookies? etc. Of course my favorites are when the little boy says that they both do!. There's no propagandizing, just simple answers to a questions important to a child. Probably a very good book to help a young child understand that families come in all shapes and sizes but a family takes care of each other. A Tale of Two Mommies

Great illustrations, and I loved the story line, but the ending was a bit abrupt. I feel it is very

relatable, as told from the perspective of the child of two moms and the questions his friends might have. Great flow and rhythm. A better conclusion would have made this book better, but still 5 stars overall.

This was an awesome book to explain how a lesbian family is perfectly normal (and works just like everyone else's) to small children in a way that they can relate to and easily understand. It was beautifully written and gorgeously illustrated with adorable little multi racial children so as to not exclude any group from its awesome message. I really enjoyed this book and cannot wait to read its companion story *A Tale of Two Daddies!* I will be recommending this book (and probably its companion also) to all my friends with children and reading this with MY children too!\*\*\*This book is suitable to be read by kindergartners on up but totally readable to younger children

I absolutely love this book & so do both of my children. We have an almost 4 year old and an 11 year old and this is one of our favorite books. I read to my kids nightly & always let them choose one of the books to be read out of our huge library. This is always at the top of the list. It's illustrated beautifully and at least for our family, it hits the nail right on the head on every single word. Mama & Mommy both love reading this!

Such a great story and has made it so easy to explain to my kids that there are all kinds of loving families. The kids got it right from the start and they ask us to read this story to them over and over despite all the books we have. Highly recommended!

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