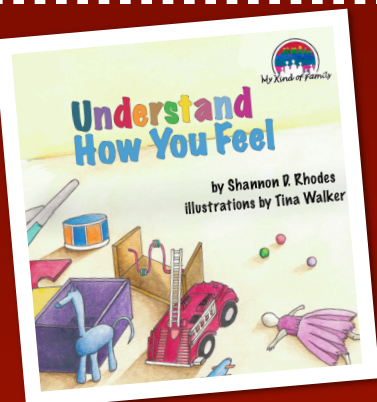


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My Kind of Family

CHILDREN'S BOOKS FOR YOUR FAMILY

A book series that asks children and their caregivers to fill in names, select pronouns, and color the details of illustrations in order to create books reflective of their own families.



Understand How You Feel

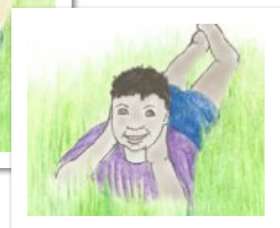
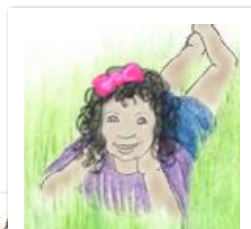
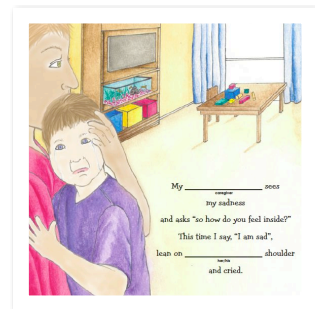
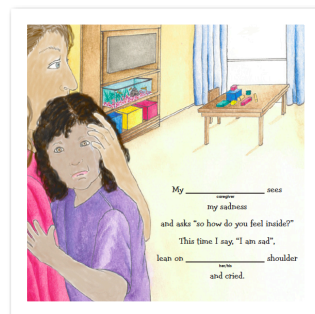
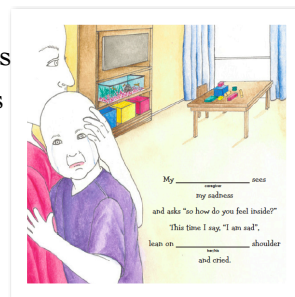
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Create a Family that is just like Yours

Fill in names, select pronouns and color the details of illustrations to create books just as unique as your family. The child and the caregiver illustrations are all gender, skin tone, eye color and hair neutral. Blank lines appear for the child and caregiver names. Blank lines appear for pronouns of the child and caregiver.

Perfect For:

- Non-Traditional
- Single-parent families
- Same gender families
- Multi-racial families
- Transgender families
- Foster families
- Adoptive families
- Stepfamilies
- Multi-generational families
- Children being raised by grandparents
- Children being raised by non-relatives



My Kind of Family Series

While it is crucial to teach our children to learn about and appreciate differences, it is undeniable that kids find comfort in seeing a family that's just like theirs.

Intended for traditional and nontraditional families alike, *My Kind of Family* is a series that engages young readers in an innovative, interactive process that tasks them and their caregivers, whoever they may be, to fill in names, select pronouns, and color the details of illustrations. In so customizing their books, children better identify with characters and storylines reflective of their own family situations.

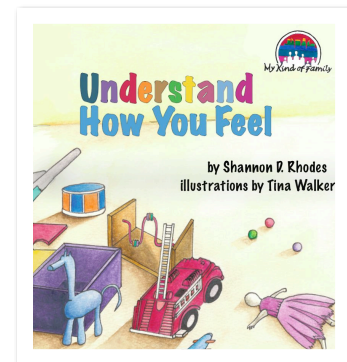
In the first installment in the series, *Understand How You Feel*, Rhodes presents the concepts of feelings and emotions and encourages children to better understand how they feel and to talk about their feelings with their caregivers. Inviting caregivers to participate in a dialogue with their children, Rhodes offers careful instructions on how to customize the book. At the end are several questions specifically geared toward helping caregivers identify specific words, images, and ideas their children associate with a variety of emotions including happiness, sadness, anger, confusion, surprise, and fear.

The illustrations penned by artist Tina L. Walker are the blank canvases onto which children can paint the many realities of the families they know and love. By shading features such as eyes, skin, and hair; adding accessories like glasses or wedding rings; or drawing body art like piercings and tattoos, any child can paint his or her own family into Walker's neutral images and Rhodes's dynamic text.

The six books encompassed by the *My Kind of Family* series, including those yet to be released, are:

- *Understand How You Feel*,
- *Never Doubt You're Loved*,
- *Include Everyone*,
- *Quitters Can't Win*,
- *Use Your Brain*, and
- *Education is Important*.

It is no accident that the first letter in each title can be combined in sequence to spell UNIQUE, which is by and large the best word to describe the body of work Rhodes has pioneered, as well as the needs of the sensitive audience she seeks to serve.

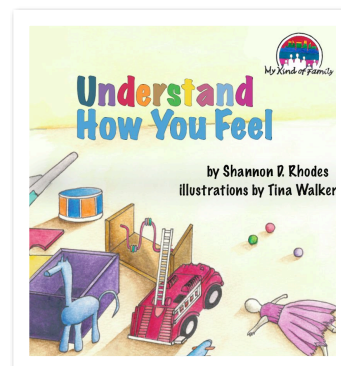


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