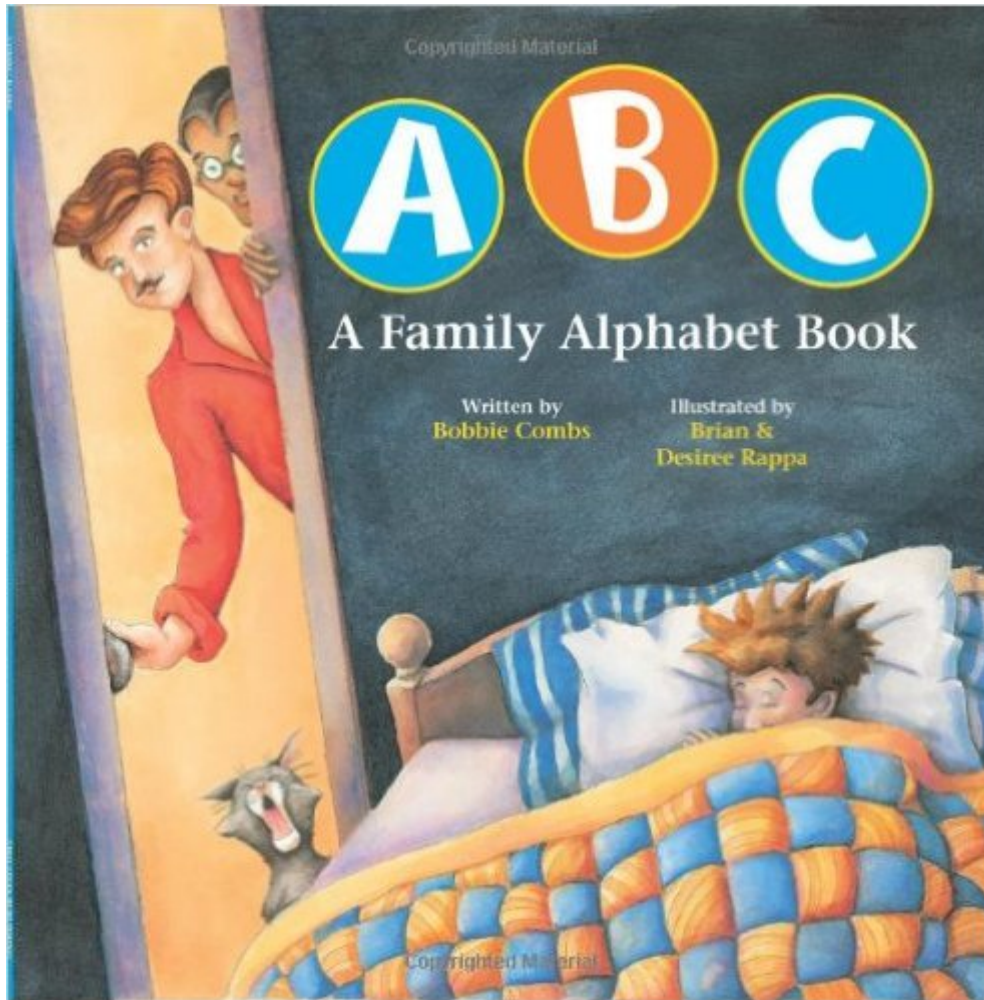


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# ABC A Family Alphabet Book



## Synopsis

Have fun with the kids, moms, dads and pets in this delightful book that celebrates LGBTQ families as it teaches young children the alphabet.

## Book Information

Paperback: 32 pages

Publisher: Two Lives Pub (February 1, 2001)

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Product Dimensions: 8.5 x 0.1 x 8.5 inches

Shipping Weight: 4 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.4 out of 5 stars Â Â See all reviews Â (18 customer reviews)

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Age Range: 3 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

We are a two mom family with a 5 year old son and a 16 month old daughter, and we have been waiting a LONG time for books that reflect our family constellation. I have been reading to my son since he was born, and "ABC A Family Alphabet Book" by Bobbie Combs is the first book to accurately, tastefully, creatively and humorously reflect the world of lesbian and gay families. Combs' books (see "123 A Family Counting Book" as well) are well written and beautifully illustrated and depict the every day lives of children who live in non-traditional families. What is wonderful about Combs' work is that the books are about learning to count and learning the alphabet foremost, and the illustrations of lesbian, gay, and multicultural families provide a natural backdrop for this learning. There is no heavy-handed political "message," only quality children's books that are a VERY welcome addition to our family library. I look forward to more works by Combs and by Two Lives Publishing, a company dedicated to producing children's books for alternative families.

I am pleased to see a children's book incorporating LGBT families as characters without presenting LGBT-specific issues as the central topic of the book. Kudos to the authors for choosing to depict a

fair amount of racial diversity including interracial families. However, I was disappointed to see a lack of heterosexual couple representation. Heterosexual couples are overrepresented in children's literature generally, so I fear that the lack of representation in books like this contributes to a sense of other-ness: Non-traditional families do exist, but they are so different and separate from the mainstream that they all crowd together in the safety of their own book and are rarely if ever seen interacting with heterosexual families.

I really like that this book is not ABOUT having two moms or two dads. It just let's that concept be known throughout the book as you read a word associated with a particular letter of the alphabet. The only reason I didn't give this a 5 is because I'd somewhat prefer if the authors instead used several different kinds of families/family members ("grandma", "mom", "dad", "mom and dad", etc.). That would make it more friendly to have in my sons' classrooms or elsewhere without it feeling like it's one of those "off beat books" we only have at home. With 26 letters, even having a few combinations would allow for each to be mentioned 3-6 times.

I don't really have a big issue with this book... it's a nice addition to our kids' library and helps to show families that don't usually make it into children's books. My only problem is with the depiction of the gay dads in the book... for whatever reason, the illustrator has chosen to show just about every one as a stereotypical queen. Thin, wispy moustaches, pinky fingers splayed to the side, effeminate poses. Something about it bugs me. I'm all for representing diversity, but the illustrator seems to have a pretty singular vision of gay men. The lesbian moms, on the other hand, are well drawn and aren't all uniform in appearance. If this book had some dads that didn't appear to be taken from some anti-gay propaganda book, I'd give it 5 stars.

My kids LOVE this. I have a few other books with 2 dads but this is the first to also be inclusive of 2 mom households. I think it's a great way of integrating other family structures into my children's perceptions. They get to see that there are even more types of families out there, making us less interesting.

Wonderful book that has lesbian moms and gay dads. Though I wish there were different names used for moms and dads coz not all lesbian moms are moms, some are moms, some are Mas, some mamas. Same goes for dads. Also no representation of transgender, gender queer, bisexual folks.

I love this book. I bought a copy for my own collection and gave a copy to my niece. It quickly became my niece's favorite book. It is cute and the illustrations are wonderful.

Love this book. Illustrations are great and it also uses same sex parents to illustrate the ABC's. Really cute book!

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