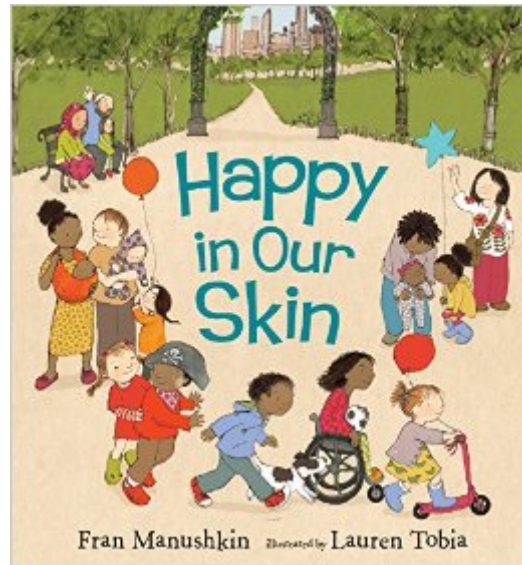


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Happy In Our Skin



Synopsis

Is there anything more splendid than a baby's skin? For families of all stripes comes a sweet celebration of what makes us unique and what holds us together. Look at you! You look so cute in your brand-new birthday suit. Just savor these bouquets of babies—cocoa-brown, cinnamon, peaches and cream. As they grow, their clever skin does too, enjoying hugs and tickles, protecting them inside and out, and making them one of a kind. Fran Manushkin's rollicking text and Lauren Tobia's delicious illustrations paint a breezy and irresistible picture of the human family—and how wonderful it is to be just who you are.

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Customer Reviews

The title *Happy in Our Skin* by Fran Manushkin, illustrated by Lauren Tobia pretty much captures the message of this book. Richly diverse illustrations capture children and their families in various activities. Readers will notice that regardless of ethnicity, culture or physical ability, families interact and love the same. Children will also learn that skin has important function: it keeps the outside out and the inside in. • All people have this in common. Skin presents obvious differences as well: color, texture, freckles, dimples, even goose pimples. *Happy in Our Skin* can create an easy opportunity to have some important conversations about race. This can help parents lay the groundwork for tolerance, acceptance and for the end of racism. #AAQ Lens: Race matters.

“Color blindness” is a misguided strategy for nurturing racial harmony and racial identity. It is essential for transracial adoptive families to have consistent conversation on the topic. Parents must ensure that they are encouraging a reality-based discourse not one that is sanitized because it is easier to pretend race is less of an issue than it is. Adult adoptees who were adopted into transracial and/or trans-cultural families have raised their voices to proclaim the absolute necessity to tackle issues of race with courage and openness. *Happy in Our Skin* offers an easy conversation starter. Like many difficult adoption-connected conversations, it is best to begin discussions at a young age.

--Gayle H. Swift, "ABC, Adoption & Me: A Multicultural Picture Book"

A fun picture book about infants, their skin color and diversity, this is an excellent and positive way to underscore how we "grow into our birthday suit" and how there also are more similarities than differences within the human family. The illustrations here are really very eye appealing...the rhymed text (which is a bit forced at times) is OK but not great. Overall, though, this is a happy book that young children should find fun to have open at story time.

As I was reading *Happy in Our Skin* to my granddaughter she kept pointing at all the different people in the book - "They look like us!" The text is a delight. It just rolls along with a rhyming bounce and gaiety. There are even science lessons here: "It's terrific to have skin. It keeps the outsides out and your insides in." The illustrations are colorful, cozy, and full of everyday fun, recognizable for every child - and, of course, the inclusiveness is key. It is fun all around.

What a wonderful book! The words are delightful, the pictures are enchanting, and the underlying message is incredibly important for our children to learn. I don't know of any other book like this. This should be a must for new parents, shower gifts, and all households.

Here we have a book about skin for toddlers and preschoolers. It touches on skin coming in different colors, it mentions freckles, dimples and birth marks. The diversity message is inclusive without being preachy. The illustrations show two young children, their baby sibling, and their same sex parents--one African American Mom and one Caucasian Mom. The reader learns that skin keeps your insides in and the outside out. We learn that skin grows with us, and when we fall down skin heals. There is just the right amount of information about skin for a three to five year old child. I'm a children's librarian, and we've added this book to our collection.

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