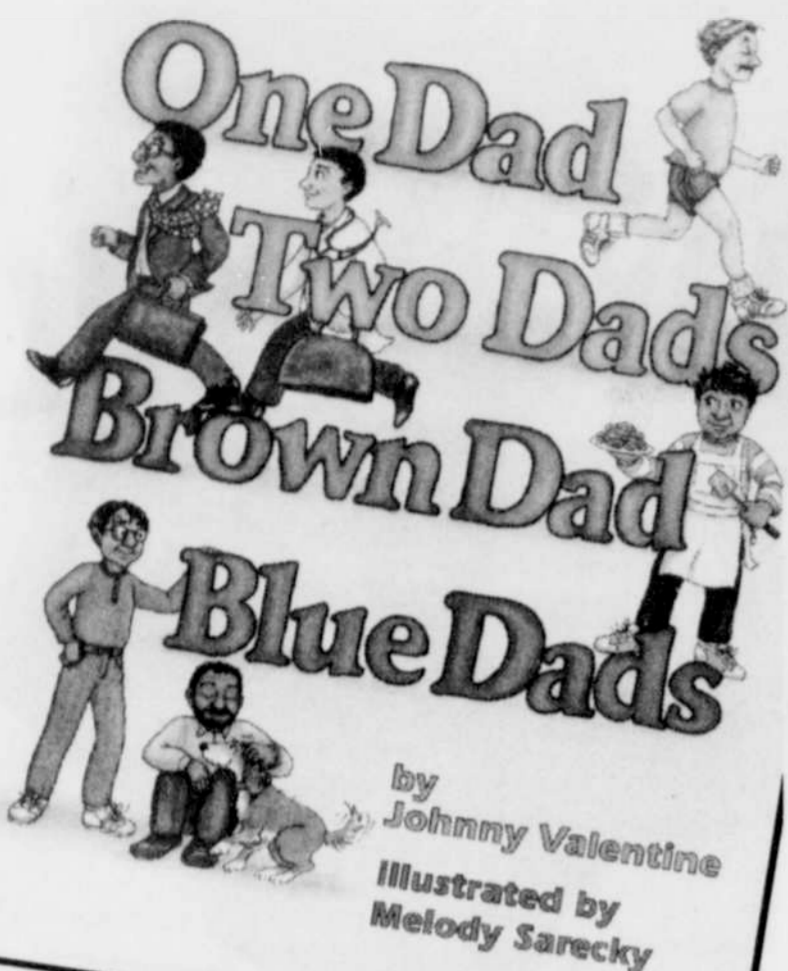
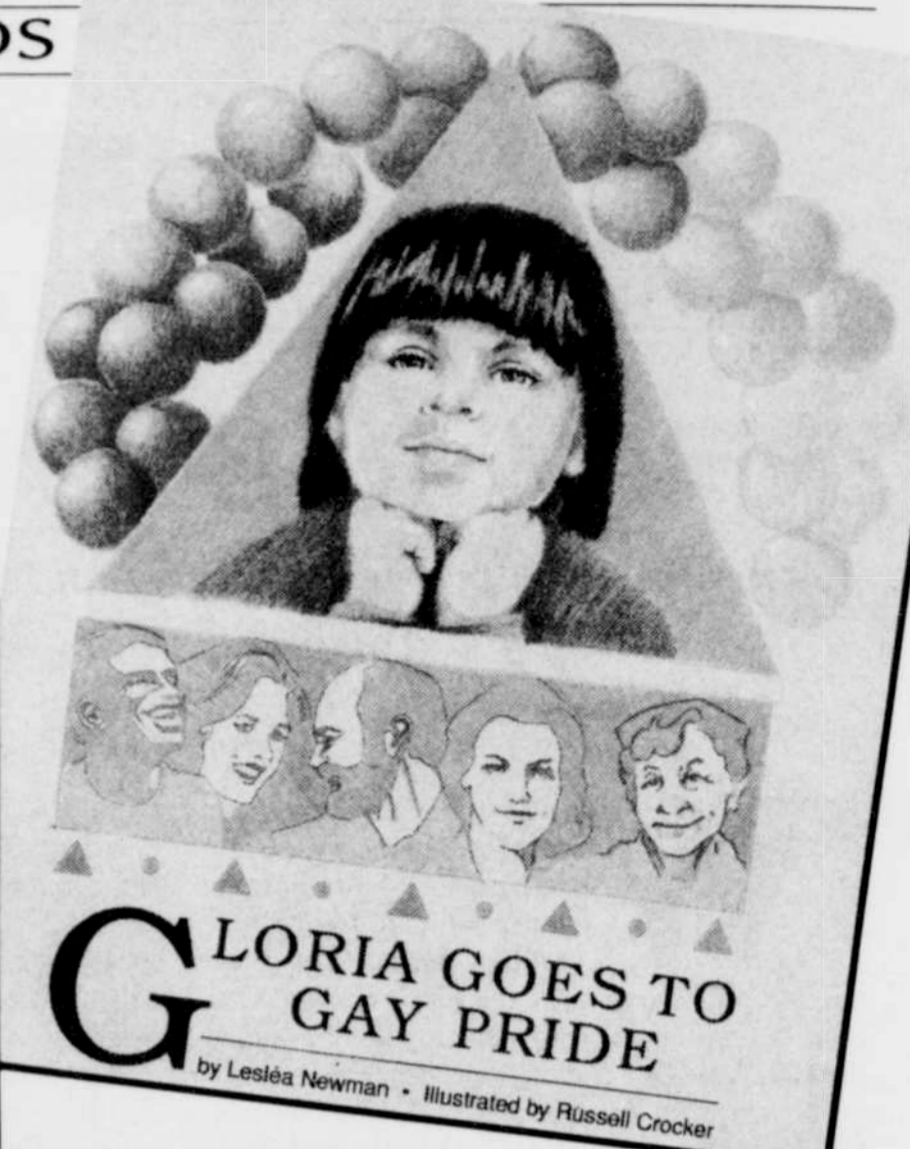


WINTER READING FOR KIDS



HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF YOUR DAD WAS GAY?

by Ann Heron & Meredith Maran
illustrated by Kris Kovick



Children love a good story. The following books all tell good stories about families with gay and lesbian parents. They are not, however, only for the children of gay men and lesbians. Any child on your holiday shopping list will appreciate these stories.

One Dad, Two Dads, Brown Dad, Blue Dads,

by Johnny Valentine, illustrated by Melody Sarecky. Alyson Wonderland, 1994; \$10.95. Two children, comparing notes about their families, discover that one of them has one dad and the other has two. And one dad is brown and the others are blue. A easy-to-read story

that shows that all dads are really the same. Ages 2 to 6.

Gloria Goes to Gay Pride, by Lesléa Newman, illustrated by Russell Crocker. Alyson Wonder-



land, 1991; \$7.95. Another book from the author of *Heather Has Two Mommies*. Gay Pride Day is a special day for Gloria and her two mothers. Told through the eyes of a little girl who views Gay Pride Day as one of the truly fun holidays. Ages 3 to 8.

The Generous Jefferson Bartleby Jones, by Forman Brown, illustrated by Leslie Trawin. Alyson Wonderland, 1991; \$7.95. Young Jefferson Jones lives with his mom during the week. Weekends he spends with his dad and his dad's friend, Joe.

Jefferson always has a dad to play with because he has two. This seems very unfair to his friends, who only have one dad each. So Jefferson loans his dads to his friends.

Two Moms, The Zark, and Me, by Johnny Valentine, illustrated by Angelo Lopez. Alyson Wonderland, 1993; \$12.95. A young child with two moms goes to the zoo and makes friends with a playful animal called a Zark. A close encounter with the narrow-minded McFinks, and some help from the Zark, all help explain what a family truly is. Ages 4 to 8.

Uncle What-Is-It Is Coming to Visit, by Michael Willhoite. Alyson Wonderland, 1993; \$12.95. Uncle Brett is coming to visit. All Igor and Tiffany know about their mother's brother is that he is "gay." They ask some older kids what "gay" means and are startled by the answers. Uncle Brett turns out to be not very startling at all. A good look at stereotyping.

How Would You Feel If Your Dad Was Gay? by Ann Heron and Meredith Maran, illustrated by Kris Kovick. Alyson Wonderland, 1991; \$9.95. When Jasmine tells her class that her father is gay the news quickly travels through the entire school. Her older brother, Michael, is angry that she told their secret. Parents, classmates and teachers all learn important lessons about the diversity of families today. The authors are lesbian mothers who wrote the book with help from their sons. An excellent look at the unique concerns of the children of gay men and lesbians. Ages 6 to 12.

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