

*Anna Sharkey, CEO of Adoption Focus and consultant on the book writes:*

‘I was really pleased to be asked for some input into the content of this book. It is a true celebration of family life in its many forms, representing the rich diversity of the lives of children. All children will find something here which looks and feels like their experience of family life.

I have both a professional and personal commitment to adoption and fostering as positive outcomes for children who cannot live within their birth families. As a result, I find it so helpful to have a book in which the ‘in care’ and adoption experiences are represented alongside those of other children – all of whom will be experiencing the good things which families can provide, as well as (potentially) loss, change and disruption of varying types.

This book allows children to feel jealous, worried and grumpy, as well as happy, excited and proud. The activities encourage conversations about personal experiences through which children will gain a growing understanding of the differences between themselves and others – without making any child feel that what makes them unique is something to feel bad about, or something which has no relevance because it is not represented.’