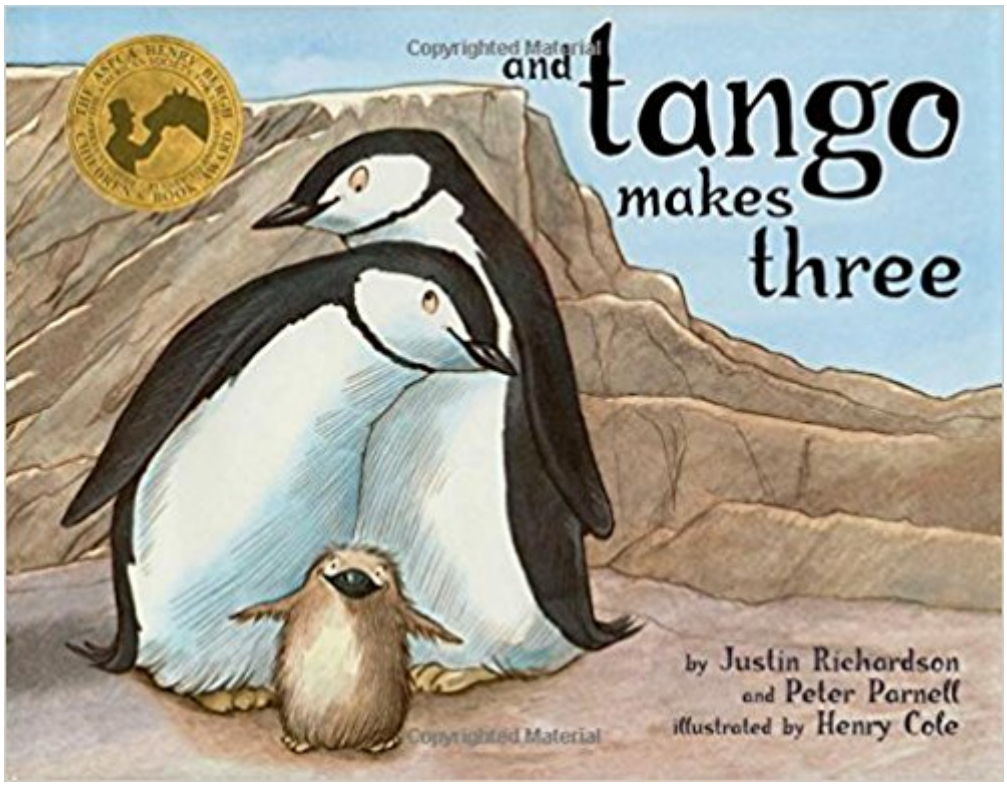
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Synopsis

And Tango Makes Three is the bestselling, heartwarming true story of two penguins who create a nontraditional family.At the penguin house at the Central Park Zoo, two penguins named Roy and Silo were a little bit different from the others. But their desire for a family was the same. And with the help of a kindly zookeeper, Roy and Silo get the chance to welcome a baby penguin of their very own. Selected as an ALA Notable ChildrenÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Book Nominee and a Lambda Literary Award Finalist, Ã¢â ¬Å“this joyful story about the meaning of family is a must for any libraryÃ¢â ¬Â• (School Library Journal, starred review).

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Customer Reviews

Starred Review. PreSchool-Grade 3-This tale based on a true story about a charming penguin family living in New York City's Central Park Zoo will capture the hearts of penguin lovers everywhere. Roy and Silo, two male penguins, are "a little bit different." They cuddle and share a nest like the other penguin couples, and when all the others start hatching eggs, they want to be parents, too. Determined and hopeful, they bring an egg-shaped rock back to their nest and proceed to start caring for it. They have little luck, until a watchful zookeeper decides they deserve a chance at having their own family and gives them an egg in need of nurturing. The dedicated and enthusiastic fathers do a great job of hatching their funny and adorable daughter, and the three can

still be seen at the zoo today. Done in soft watercolors, the illustrations set the tone for this uplifting story, and readers will find it hard to resist the penguins' comical expressions. The well-designed pages perfectly marry words and pictures, allowing readers to savor each illustration. An author's note provides more information about Roy, Silo, Tango, and other chinstrap penguins. This joyful story about the meaning of family is a must for any library.-Julie Roach, Watertown Free Public Library, MA Copyright Ã Â© Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

Starred Review PreS-Gr. 2. Roy and Silo were "a little bit different" from the other male penguins: instead of noticing females, they noticed each other. Thus penguin chick Tango, hatched from a fertilized egg given to the pining, bewildered pair, came to be "the only penguin in the Central Park Zoo with two daddies." As told by Richardson and Parnell (a psychiatrist and playwright), this true story remains firmly within the bounds of the zoo's polar environment, as do Cole's expressive but still realistic watercolors (a far cry from his effete caricatures in Harvey Fierstein's The Sissy Duckling, 2002). Emphasizing the penguins' naturally ridiculous physiques while gently acknowledging their situation, Cole's pictures complement the perfectly cadenced text--showing, for example, the bewildered pair craning their necks toward a nest that was "nice, but a little empty." Indeed, intrusions from the zookeeper, who remarks that the nuzzling males "must be in love," strike the narrative's only false note. Further facts about the episode conclude, but it's naive to expect this will be read only as a zoo anecdote. However, those who share this with children will find themselves returning to it again and again--not for the entree it might offer to matters of human sexuality, but for the two irresistible birds at its center and for the celebration of patient, loving fathers who "knew just what to do." Jennifer MattsonCopyright Ã Â© American Library Association. All rights reserved

Funny - as I finished reading this beautiful book for the first time, one of my old favorite songs (by Hal David/Burt Bacharach) as a child growing up in the 60's started playing in my head...What the world needs now is love sweet love,It's the only thing that there's just too little of.What the world needs now is love sweet love,No not just for some but for everyone!The simplicity of the words husband and husband team Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell have used to tell the true story of a couple of male chinstrap penguins (Roy and Silo) at New York's Central Park Zoo, who had paired off as a couple and were given an extra fertilized egg to hatch on their way to becoming a family unlike any of the zoo's other animal families (but a family nonetheless!), makes this book a perfect

way to begin naturally introducing the concepts of acceptance and inclusion to youngsters. The soft illustrations by Henry Cole are such a nice complement to the story - I’m really looking forward to sharing this special book with our four grandchildren, who will most certainly be meeting many families of varying composition during their lifetimes! The way baby Tango and his dads are welcomed by the children coming to see them after his birth is a good "footprint in the sand" to leave on a child’s growing sense of the world around them.I’m a dozen years late in my personal discovery of the book, so I missed the brouhaha surrounding its 2005 publication, having appeared on the American Library Association’s Office for Intellectual Freedom’s "Top Ten Most Challenged Book List" from 2006-2010, reappearing in 2012, and - sadly - again as late as 2014. This is such a gentle book, and to imagine literature that celebrates the love and devotion of parents would ever appear on such a list is disheartening. This is a sweet book that talks of the desire to share a home and a family (I’ll type the text in the comment section below for parents/grandparents to read for themselves if they’re on the fence about the book.) The younger of my two sons is gay, has been in a committed and happy relationship with his partner for seven years, and should they eventually marry and decide to begin a family, it would be so painful to the heart of this mother to see his family shunned or ridiculed. I hope the authors have not experienced it since the birth of their own daughter, little Gemma, whom I suppose is about 8 years old now and feeling very loved and secure.Children are drawn to books about animals, there aren’t too many animals cuter or funnier than penguins, and if you’re a parent or grandparent who’s searching for ways to begin opening your child’s mind to the concept of the different types of families they’ll encounter (or may be a part of!) along life’s journey, as I myself have been, I think "And Tango Makes Three" is a nice place to start.

This story is so cute and the fact that it is real blew my mind. I got this story for my friend’s baby shower who requested that everyone bring a book to build her soon to be son’s library. I thought it was a great story to teach diversity, after I read it I thought I will be getting this for everyone of my friends children. I do not have my own kid but when I do this will be one of the first books I get. I think its a great one that you can read to them and one day they can read themselves. It teaches love a diversity and that is just a great thing!

I bought this book for two male friends who are married and in the process of adopting their first child. This story is sweet and something that children and adults can connect with. This story discusses the life of a family of penguins, their habits, lifestyles and more. It then introduces two

male penguins who adopt an egg that another penguin couple couldn't care for and raise it as their own. I would highly recommend this book!

This is another book that I added to my independent study syllabus for multicultural childrens fiction as I had a week dedicated to homosexuality too. I have kept it since then and cannot wait to share it with my future children. There are many family structures out there and at the end of the day this is a book about two penguins caring for an egg. The adult penguins are both male and you should know this before purchasing the book and look for other stories if you don't want this in your household. I think it's a cute and fun way to become introduced to a family structure.

This is a great book for children. I read this book because I wanted a book for future students who might be adopted into or are from two parents of the same gender. I also am writing a paper on banned books and the controversy of the subject. This book is a banned book in many schools but it should be introduced to more children, especially to have children relate and feel like they are represented. I recommend it to children, especially children who are facing adoption.

I AM A SECOND GRADE TEACHER AND I READ THIS TO MY CLASS. THE KIDS LOVED IT AND ASKED FOR IT TO BE READ AGAIN AND AGAIN. IT'S A REALLY CUTE, TRUE STORY. TWO OF MY CLASSROOM PARENTS HAD AN ISSUE WITH IT BEING READ IN CLASS DUE TO THE FACT THAT IT IS A STORY ABOUT TWO MALE PENGUINS HATCHING AN EGG. IT WON A LOT OF AWARDS, BUT IT SEND UP RED FLAGS TO THE CONSERVATIVE FOLKS.

As an animal lover and grown daughter of a kindergarten teacher, I suggested my mother add this to her classroom's library. Although she hasn't had a chance to read it to her students yet, this book is a great way to teach children about how penguins raise their young, regardless of the uncommon circumstances. Besides, no matter where you stand on the political spectrum, there's no denying that at least the illustrations are adorable!

A cute book but a controversial one at that. Tango has two dads so if that is something that bothers you or you don't want to explain to a young child that might not be around diversity then you may not want to get it. However it could be a nice book to introduce it to a child. I'm a teacher and wouldn't read it to my kiddos at school because it is on a lot of do not read at school lists but I wouldn't be afraid to read it to my own kids. Love is love.

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