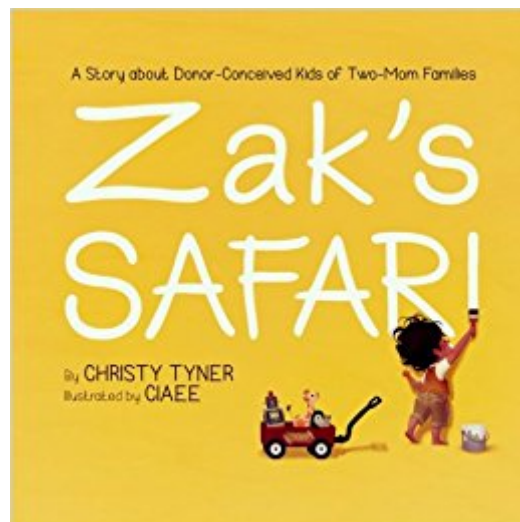




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Zak's Safari: A Story About Donor-Conceived Kids Of Two-Mom Families



Synopsis

1. Read the book for free at www.zaks-safari.com. 2. Discounted book available from Createspace, the publishing company: go to <https://www.createspace.com/4992334> and use code LUKXJ4U3 to get \$3 off the \$15 list price. Zakâ™s Safari is a book about donor-conceived kids of two-mom families. When the rain spoils Zakâ™s plan for a safari adventure, he invites the reader on a very special tour of his family instead. Zak shows us how his parents met, fell in love, and wanted more than anything to have a babyâ”so they decided to make one. In the first half of the book, Zak teaches us about his biological origins. Using simple but accurate language, we learn about sperm and egg cells, known-donors, donors from sperm banks, and instructions called genes that make up who we are. Zak's enthusiasm, combined with his scientific curiosity and gratitude for his inherited "awesome genes" make him the perfect tour guide for this contemporary conception story. The second half of the book celebrates family. Gorgeous illustrations depict Zak and his two moms living the adventure of everyday life: eating meals together, playing at the beach, going for nature hikes and hanging out with friends and family. Zakâ™s Safari aims to provide a starting place for many future conversations with your kids about their conception story and donor. Zak's Safari is written in a style that is genuine, informative, casual, and easy to understand. It will be most meaningful to kids ages 4-8. Zak's Safari is also available in Spanish and French.

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Customer Reviews

Zak's Safari: A Story About Donor-Conceived Kids of Two-Mom Families is a light-hearted, emotionally warm, wonderfully illustrated, and much needed children's book. My niece and nephew are donor-conceived, and without this type of positive "straight-up" mirroring, I don't think they would have 1) the language to talk about being donor-conceived; 2) the positive and proud attitude of their family story and structure; and 3) the positive esteem and strong sense of self associated with their family structure and story. They don't bat an eye when talking to me, my friends, or even strangers about their donor or their donor siblings (they call them diblings, so cute). And they shouldn't bat an eye. But unfortunately, there aren't many representations of their wonderfully unique family. Having lesbian moms and being donor-conceived is just not a popular structure in the world around them, including media, movies, cartoons, books, etc. Even though they are fortunate enough to be surrounded by other similar families, theirs is simply a minority. Being a minority, I do feel that it is important, especially for the growing hearts and minds of children, to be exposed to other examples and experiences mirroring their own family types. This seems to create a sense of normalization in a world where being different is sometimes followed by the question of why. Asking why is fantastic. It's HOW the WHY is answered that's so important. That's where this book comes in. Author Christy Tyner weaves us through the life story of Zak, the main character, who tells us how his moms "met, fell in love, and wanted more than anything to have a baby." Actually, Zak is giving a rainy-day tour to his stuffed animals, and we are listening in on the tour.

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