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Diverse Family Styles in Picture Books at the SCPL

By the Dawn's Early Light by Karen Ackerman

A young girl and her brother stay with their grandmother while their mother works at night. JEASY

Black is Brown is Tan by Arnold Adoff

Describes in verse the life of brown-skinned momma, white-skinned daddy, their children, and assorted relatives. JEASY

Amelia's Road by Linda Jacobs Altman

Tired of moving around so much, Amelia, the daughter of migrant farm workers, dreams of a stable home. JEASY

Migrant workers

Ten, Nine, Eight by Molly Bang

Numbers from ten to one are part of this lullaby which observes the room of a little girl going to bed. JEASY

African-American father and daughter

Saturday at the New You by Barbara E. Barber

Shauna, a young African American girl, loves helping Momma with the customers at her beauty salon. JEASY

Amber's Other Grandparents by Peter Bonnici

Amber and her family are visited by her grandparents from India.

Biracial families, East Indian families

The Wednesday Surprise by Eve Bunting

On Wednesday nights when Grandma stays with Anna everyone thinks she is teaching Anna to read. JEASY

Grandparent; adult illiteracy

Daddy by Jeanette Caines

A child of separated parents describes the special activities she shares with her father on Saturdays. JEASY

Just us Women by Jeanette Caines

A young girl and her favorite aunt share the excitement of planning a very special car trip for just the two of them. JEASY

Mama and Papa Have a Store by Amelia Lau Carling

A little girl describes what a day is like in her parents' Chinese store in Guatemala City. JEASY

Grandfather Counts by Andrea Cheng

When her maternal grandfather comes from China, Helen, who is biracial, develops a special bond with him despite their age and language differences. JEASY

Leslie Auerbach and Heather Norquist 11/5/01

Hairs/Pelitos by Sandra Cisneros

A girl describes how each person in the family has hair that looks and acts different, Papa's like a broom, Kiki's like fur, and Mama's with the sweet smell of bread before it's baked. JEASY

Hispanic American Family

Mama Zooms by Jane Cowan-Fletcher

A boy's wonderful mama takes him zooming everywhere with her, because her wheelchair is a zooming machine. JEASY

Bigmama's by Donald Crews

Visiting Bigmama's house in the country, young Donald Crews finds his relatives full of news and the old place and its surroundings just the same as the year before. JEASY

Grandparent, traditional lifestyle

Big Mama by Tony Crunk

Billy Boyd likes living with his grandmother, Big Mama, because she can make a space capsule out of junk, joins in all kinds of games, and turns a trip for ice cream into an adventure. JEASY

Tell Me Again about the Night I Was Born by Jamie Lee Curtis

A young girl asks her parents to tell her again the cherished family story of her birth and adoption. JEASY

Abuela by Arthur Dorros

While riding on a bus with her grandmother, a little girl imagines that they are carried up into the sky and fly over the sights of New York City. JEASY

Feast for Ten by Cathryn Falwell

Numbers from one to ten are used to tell how members of a family shop and work together to prepare a meal. JEASY

Extended family

Howie Helps Himself by Joan Fassler

Though he enjoys life with his family and attends school, Howie, a child with cerebral palsy, wants more than anything else to be able to move his wheelchair by himself. JEASY

Tanya's Reunion by Valerie Flournoy

When she and her grandmother go to help with preparations for a big family reunion, Tanya learns about the history of the farm in Virginia where Grandma grew up. JEASY

Extended family

How My Parents Learned to Eat by Ina R. Friedman

An American sailor courts a Japanese girl and each tries, in secret, to learn the other's way of eating. JEASY

The Lotus Seed by Sherry Garland

A young Vietnamese girl saves a lotus seed and carries it with her everywhere to remember a brave emperor and the homeland that she has to flee. JEASY

Emigrant/immigrant experience

Grandpa's Face by Eloise Greenfield

Seeing her beloved grandfather making a mean face while he rehearses for one of his plays, Tamika becomes afraid that someday she will lose his love and he will make that mean face at her. JEASY
Grandparent

All the Colors of the Earth by Sheila Hamanaka

Reveals in verse that despite outward differences children everywhere are essentially the same and all are lovable. JEASY

Celebrating Families by Rosmarie Hausherr

Presents brief descriptions of many different kinds of families, both traditional and non-traditional. J 306.8509 HAU

Sofie's Role by Amy Heath

On the day before Christmas, Sofie makes her big debut serving customers in her family's busy Broadway Bakery. Includes recipes on lining papers. JEASY
Biracial family

Boundless Grace by Mary Hoffman

Grace is invited for a visit with her father and his new family in Africa. JEASY
Single parent, divorce, African-American

Two Mrs. Gibsons by Toyomi Igus

The biracial daughter of an African American father and a Japanese mother fondly recalls growing up with her mother and her father's mother, two very different but equally loving women. JEASY

The Aunt in our House by Angela Johnson

When the Aunt comes to live with them, the entire family enjoys her company and helps her forget about the home she has lost. JEASY
Biracial family

Peter's Chair by Ezra Jack Keats

When Peter discovers his blue furniture is being painted pink for a new baby sister, he rescues the last unpainted item, a chair, and runs away. JEASY
African-American family

Horace by Holly Keller

Horace, an adopted child, realizes that being part of a family depends on how you feel and not how you look. JEASY

Less Than Half, More than Whole. By Kathleen and Michael Lacapa

A child who is only part Native American is troubled by his mixed racial heritage. JEASY

Dad and me in the morning by Patricia Lakin

A deaf boy and his father share a special time as they watch the sun rise at the beach. JEASY

I Love You Like Crazy Cakes by Rose Lewis

A woman describes how she went to China to adopt a special baby girl. Based on the author's own experiences. JEASY

Mama One, Mama Two by Patricia MacLachlan

A young child lives with a foster family until her own mother is well enough to care for her. JEASY

You Be Me, I'll Be You by Pili Mandelbaum

A brown-skinned daughter and her white father experiment to see what it would be like to have the other's skin color. JEASY

An Mei's Strange and Wondrous Journey by Stephan Molnar-Fenton

Six-year-old An Mei tells the story of how she was born in China and came to live in America. JEASY

A Birthday Basket for Tia by Pat Mora

With the help and interference of her cat Chica, Cecilia prepares a surprise gift for her great-aunt's ninetieth birthday.

Mexican-Americans, extended family.

Pablo's Tree by Pat Mora

Each year on his birthday, a young Mexican-American boy looks forward to seeing how his grandfather has decorated the tree he planted on the day the boy was adopted. JEASY

Families by Ann Morris

A simple explanation of families, how they function, how they are different, and how they are alike. J 306.85 MOR

Heather Has Two Mommies by Leslea Newman

Heather's favorite number is two. She has two arms, two legs, two hands, two pets and two mommies. JEASY

Lesbian parents

Who's Whose by Jan Ormerod

Three very busy families engage in such activities as school, soccer, piano playing, and cooking. JEASY

Uncle Melvin by Daniel Pinkwater

Charles enjoys spending time with his gentle Uncle Melvin, even though Melvin harbors strange delusions about his own power to talk to the birds or control the rain. JEASY

Mentally ill

Where's Chimpy? By Berniece Rabe

Text and photographs show Misty, a little girl with Down's syndrome, and her father reviewing her day's activities in their search for her stuffed monkey. JEASY

The Carousel by Liz Rosenberg

Two sisters find that the horses of a broken carousel have come alive in the rain. JEASY

Single parent (widowed father) & daughters

When Mama Gets Home by Marisabino Russo

As she helps her older sister and brother get dinner started, a young girl looks forward to spending time with her mother when she gets home from work. JEASY

Tea with Milk by Allen Say

After growing up near San Francisco, a young Japanese woman returns with her parents to their native Japan, but she feels foreign and out of place. JEASY

My Navajo Sister by Eleanor Schick

A white girl lives for a short time on an Indian reservation and forms a close bond with a Navajo girl.

On Mother's Lap by Ann Herbert Scott

A small Eskimo boy discovers that Mother's lap is a very special place with room for everyone. JEASY

Too Many Tamales by Gary Soto

Maria tries on her mother's wedding ring while helping make tamales for a Christmas family get-together. Panic ensues when hours later, she realizes the ring is missing. JEASY

Mexican-American family

Stevie by John Steptoe

Robert wishes Stevie, a house guest, would go away but when he does Robert realizes how much fun they had together. JEASY

Foster siblings

We'll Paint the Octopus Red by Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen

Emma and her father discuss what they will do when the new baby arrives, but they adjust their expectations when he is born with Down syndrome. JEASY

Families by Meredith Tax

Describes different kinds of families. J 306.85 TAX

Black like Kyra, white like me by Judith Vigna

When a black family moves to an all-white neighborhood, prejudice rears its ugly head as the white adults behave rudely and children's friendships break up. JEASY

Mommy and Me by Ourselves Again by Judith Vigna

Unhappy when her mother's former boyfriend forgets her birthday, a little girl is comforted by the loving attention of her mother and other relatives. JEASY

My Two Uncles by Judith Vigna

Elly's grandfather has trouble accepting the fact that his son is gay. JEASY

The Storyteller by Joan Weisman

New to the city neighborhood, a Pueblo Indian girl finds a friend in an elderly neighbor with whom she shares stories of her people, and in return hears stories of Miss Lottie's life

Daddy's Roommate by Michael Willhoite

A young boy discusses his divorced father's new living situation, in which the father and his gay roommate share eating, doing chores, playing, loving, and living. JEASY

Working Cotton by Shirley Anne Williams

A young black girl relates the daily events of her family's migrant life in the cotton fields of central California JEASY

Migrant workers.

A Chair for my Mother by Vera B. Williams

A child, her waitress mother, and her grandmother save dimes to buy a comfortable armchair after all their furniture is lost in a fire. JEASY

"More More More," Said the Baby by Vera B. Williams

Three babies are caught up in the air and given loving attention by a father, grandmother, and mother.

African-American baby, white grandmother

Three Days on a River in a Red Canoe by Vera B. Williams

Mother, Aunt Rosie, and two children make a three-day camping trip by canoe. JEASY

Jalapeño Bagels by Natasha Wing

For International Day at school, Pablo wants to bring something that reflects the cultures of both his parents. JEASY

Mexican/Jewish