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## E is for everyone under the sun. F is for feathers, and flags and fun...

A young child and their family are having a wonderful time together celebrating Pride Day—meeting up with Grandma, making new friends and eating ice cream. But then something terrible happens: their dog gets lost in the parade! Luckily, there are lots of people around to help reunite the pup with their family.

This rhyming alphabet board book tells a lively story, with rich, colorful illustrations that will have readers poring over every detail as they spot items starting with each of the letters of the alphabet. An affirming and inclusive book that offers a joyful glimpse of a Pride parade and the vibrant community that celebrates this day each year.

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A rhyming alphabet board book featuring a family that has lost its dog at a Pride parade.

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6 x 5.1"

28 pages

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## KEY SELLING POINTS

- New board book edition of this LGBTQ+ inclusive book, where identity is not the focus of the story but queer community is centered.
- The family is intentionally not gendered.
- The author is part of the LGBTQ+ community and has spoken extensively about Pride with kids of all ages.
- The busy, bright, dynamic illustrations will keep even the littlest readers poring over the pages of this alphabet primer and search-and-find book.
- The author's nonfiction book *Pride: Celebrating Diversity & Community* (2016) won a Stonewall Honor, and her board book *Pride Colors* garnered starred reviews from *SLJ* and *Kirkus*, was shortlisted for the Lambda Award and was on ALA's Rainbow List.

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## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Robin Stevenson** is the author of more than twenty-five books for kids and teens, including *Pride Puppy!*, *Pride Colors* and *Kid Activists: True Tales of Childhood from Champions of Change*. The first edition of her nonfiction book *Pride: Celebrating Diversity & Community* (2016) won a Stonewall Honor and was shortlisted for numerous other awards. Robin lives in Victoria, British Columbia.

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## ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

**Julie McLaughlin** is an award-winning illustrator of numerous children's books, including *Pride Puppy*, *Little Cloud* and *Why We Live Where We Live*, winner of the 2015 Norma Fleck Award for Canadian Children's Non-Fiction. Her work with various editorial, advertising and publishing clients can be seen around the world. Julie grew up on the Prairies and now resides on Vancouver Island.

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# A

for awake, animals and all.



# B

for breakfast

and baby

and ball.





**C**

for car, our old Chevrolet.

**D**

for dog, dressed up for the day.

**E**

for everyone under the sun.

**F**

for feathers, for flags and for fun.





**G** for Grandma, at our meeting spot.



**H** for hats

and hungry and hot.



**I** for ice cream, sticky and sweet.



**J** for joining the crowds on the street.





**K** for kindness and friends that we're keeping.



**L** for leash and for loose and for leaping!

# M for missing!



We search high and low.

# N for nearly...



and next time...

and NO!



P

for puppy,

proudly parading!



# Q

for queen in a beautiful dress.



# R

for rainbows



and a really big mess!



S

for school bus and students with signs.

T

for teachers and toddlers in lines.



U

for umbrellas with colors so bright.



V

for VICTORY

...and holding on tight!





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**W**

for wags and wide smiles all around.

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**X**

for exhausted, asleep on the ground.



# Y

for yawns as we drive away.



# Z

for ZZZs at the end of the day.



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