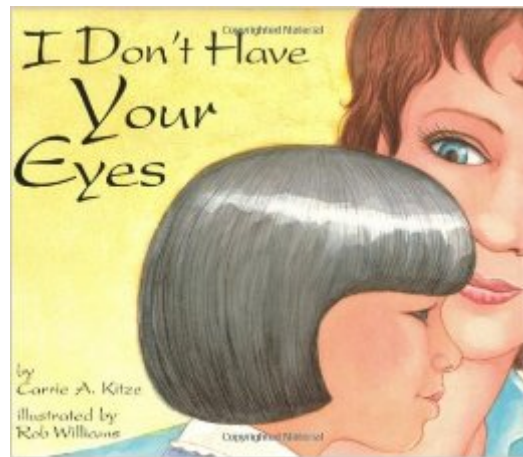


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# I Don't Have Your Eyes



## Synopsis

I Don't Have Your Eyes... but I have your way of looking at things. This begins beautifully illustrated and uplifting book that help to create the intimate parent/caregiver and child bond that is so important within a family. While others may notice the physical differences, there are so many ways we can celebrate the commonality that makes us truly family. We don't look the same on the outside, but in our hearts, we are the same.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

I just received this book as a gift. It's wonderful, filled with sweet messages affirming the value of loving, caring, giving, listening and sharing, and illustrations showing children and care givers who don't look alike sharing day-to-day life moments. I didn't realize how much I miss seeing images of diverse families in books until I read this one. The large photos are appealing even to young children and the text is accessible to a large age range of children with messages a parent won't tire of reading. Differences between family members are not denied but the commonality of the human spirit is honored. This book is appropriate not only for adoptive families (like my own) but step-families, bi-cultural or multicultural families and families where biologically related children don't resemble one or either of their parents. It's a great book for school reading projects too as it

promotes positive messages and is inclusive of children who don't look like their caregivers. Cissy White, Families with Children from China member, So. Shore, Ma

Don't be fooled by the cover. Carrie's newest creation speaks to the entire adoption and foster community. "I Don't Have Your Eyes" is the novel, one-of-a-kind kids' adoption book we have needed. Although a "feel good" book, there is nothing stereotypical about how adoption is discussed. The illustrations include and normalize all different types of families. "I Don't Have Your Eyes" helps kids go beyond "blood" and "genes" as the only important ties between family members. Instead, Carrie gently points out, even more important, shared strengths and similarities. The book's concrete examples (with a little dab of humor) are delightful. Congratulations to Ms. Kitz for carefully considering the needs of the adoption community as she publishes her 'adoption and empowerment-themed' books. Beth O'Malley M.Ed adoptee and newly adoptive Mom ....

Carrie Kitz has written a wonderful story for all families to enjoy together. My girls, ages 5 and 2, ask me to read it over and over. As a mom to one daughter from China and one from Cambodia, I especially enjoy the message the book sends- we may look different on the outside, but on the inside, we are the same.

My 8-year-old loved this book. She was fascinated by the illustrations and the idea that despite our physical differences as a racially blended family, we are very much the same inside, where it makes all the difference. Excellent source for starting a dialogue with any child.

I find this book to be very inspiring. I wish I had a book like this when I was a child. As an adult adoptee, I feel this book touches upon the most important connections we need to make with our children. Thank you, Carrie!

This is a great "feel good" book for young children. However, it is awkward to read for a family that does not pray, as the book assumes all do. Since it is written in the first person, it is especially hard to fit the words into our lifestyle.

I recently gave this book as a shower gift for my niece who adopted a 2 1/2 year old little girl. Everyone at the shower read the entire book and just loved it! Michelle says Austina always brings this book to her during reading time. I will remember this book for future adoptive families.

This book brings to light new adoption research--that adoptive parents have just as much biological influence over their children as the biological parents. How refreshing for the secretly doubting adoptive parent who compares his/her contribution to the birth parents in the life of the child. Carrie makes it clear that by modeling exemplary character to their children, the influence is just as great. Way to go, Carrie!

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