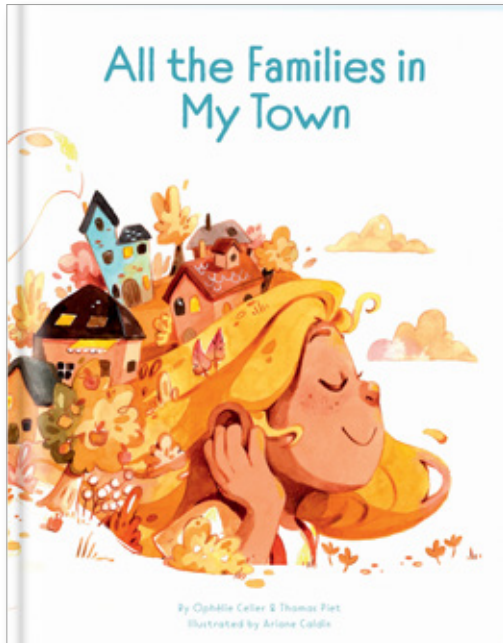




TEACHER'S GUIDE



Title: All the Families in My Town
Text: Ophélie Célier & Thomas Piet
Illustrations: Ariane Caldin
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Ages 5 +

BOOK SYNOPSIS

In my tiny hometown, there are only nine houses. But each of them contains an entire universe. All kinds of children and their families can be found—from Samir, whose grandparents never stop dancing, to Judith, whose father was born in a girl's body, to Lily, who never knew her birth mother and who lives with her two adoring fathers. The families in my town are very special.

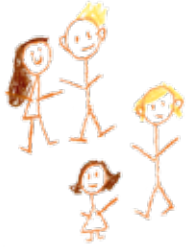
What makes your family special?



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BEFORE READING

Front Cover

What do you see on the front cover image? What do you think this story will be about?

Take the time to read the title, the authors' names and the illustrator's name.

Announce reading intention: While we're reading this story, pay attention to the many different types of families

VOCABULARY WORDS

Here are some words and expressions found in the book *All the Families in My Town*. Match them with their definitions.

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| Hopscotch | • | • large pieces of fabric that cover a mattress |
| Bedsheets | • | • two people who are together |
| Mock | • | • a bird that catches small birds and animals for food |
| Hill | • | • hard physical work |
| Couple | • | • laugh at, in a mean way |
| Leprechauns | • | • a small forest creature with a beard |
| Hawks | • | • raised area of land, not as high as a mountain |
| Elbow grease | • | • a game with squares marked on the ground |



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DURING THE READING

Pages	Reading component	Questions
5	Interpret	What do you think can be found inside the nine houses of this town?
7	React	Do you know anyone with 2 moms?
11	React	Do you know anyone being raised by a single parent?
12	Understand	Why do you think Aria goes there sometimes for breakfast, a snack or dinner?
14	Interpret	What did Judith explain about her father's transformation?
15	React	How would you have felt had you been friends with her dad back when he was a child?
17	React	Do you know any couples who don't have kids?
18	Interpret	What is this type of family called?
18	React	Do you know anyone who is part of a blended family?
24	Understand	According to Aria's mom, "adopting is like falling in love". What does the word "adopt" mean?
26	Understand	Aria says that Toby, Noah and Leo were all born on the same day. How is this possible?
26	React	Would you mind having a dad or a mom who is in a wheelchair? Why?



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AFTER READING

Understand

Circle back to your reading intention: What kinds of families have we discovered through reading this story?

Interpret

Did you notice any resemblances between certain families in the book?

Describe your own family.

React

What did you enjoy in this story? What didn't you enjoy as much?

How did you feel during this read-aloud?

SUGGESTED ACTIVITES

Ethics and Religion

Group discussion about different family structures that exist in our society. Use questions from the book p.31 + Annex A

Visual Arts

Each student is asked to draw their own family in the style of Ariane Caldin. Use instructions on p.30 + Annex B

Writing

In the style of Ophélie Célier and Thomas Piet. Use Annex C



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Annex A

COMPREHENSION AND ETHICS

Now that we have read *All the Families in My Town*,
which family from the book surprised you the most? Draw it.



Why?



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Annex B

WRITING IN THE STYLE OF OPHÉLIE CÉLIER AND THOMAS PIET

It is now your turn to tell us about your own family.
Write 2-3 sentences in which you describe your family.

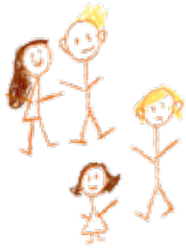
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ART APPRECIATION

Look at pages 28 and 29, then answer the following questions.

What do you like the most?

What don't you like as much?

How do you feel when looking at this illustration?

What captures your attention in this work of art?

What word would you chose to describe this illustration?

Does the illustrator use **WARM** or **COLD** color tones?





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