



Picture book about a parent who is neither male nor female, neither father nor mother. Gender norms and gender expression are thoughtfully explored through various metaphors as the child and Maddy go about their days together. Portraying Maddy in a way that defies the expectations of many adults when it comes to the physical attributes of men and women in contemporary society. Explains relevant concepts such as bias, parental transition, gender affirmation, and gender identity. My Maddy is a heartfelt narrative that marries refreshingly unapologetic LGBTQ illustrations with text that many child readers will be able to relate to. This celebration of nonconforming parents is a nuanced and noteworthy addition to any home, classroom, or library. Grades K-3.

Page 27 "Most mommies are girls. Most daddies are boys. But a lot of parents are neither a boy nor a girl. Like my Maddy."

...A Note on Intersex The particular Maddy who inspired this story is a person who has an intersex condition. The word intersex refers to a variety of conditions that lead to differences in development of physical sex characteristics. The conditions can involve differences in the external genitals, internal reproductive organs, sex chromosomes, or sex-related hormones. Conditions that result in genitals that blend characteristics of typical male genitals and typical female genitals tend to be identified at birth. ...Some people who have intersex conditions have non-binary gender identities like the Maddy who inspired this story. ...COLAGE's "Transition Tips for Parents" highlights the importance of parents letting their child know through words and actions that no matter what, they are still the child's parent.