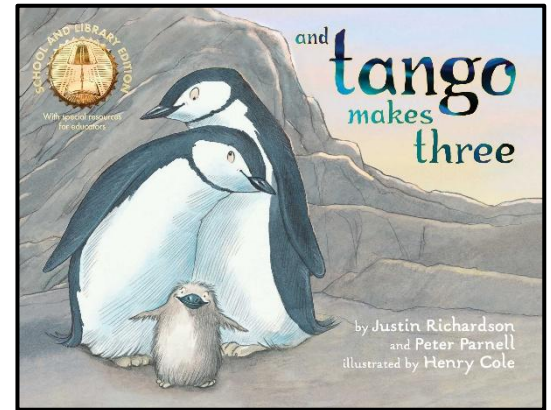


## And Tango makes Three

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**“Wherever Roy went, Silo went too”**

*And Tango Makes Three* is based on the true story of Roy and Silo, two male chinstrap penguins at the Central Park Zoo who form a pair bond and long to care for an egg just like the other penguin couples.

I appreciate how this book normalizes a two-dad family and places it alongside many other families in the zoo and in the city, without sensationalising or “othering” them. The story invites children to see that families can be created in many ways, and that love and care, not gender or biology, are what make a family.

### Guiding Questions

- What do you think this story will be about?
- What are you noticing on this page?
- Tell me about your family. Who makes up your family?
- What do you think Roy & Silo might be wondering?
- Why do Roy and Silo want to have an egg?
- Why did Mr. Gramzay give Roy and Silo an egg?
- Was it a good idea for Mr. Gramzay to give the egg to Roy and Silo?
- Some families have a mom and a dad, some have two moms or two dads, and some children have other people who care for them. What do you think makes a family a family?
- How do you think Tango feels being part of her family?
- What helps families feel safe and loved?
- What other kinds of families should we have in our books and stories?
- What did you enjoy most about the story?

### Themes to Explore

- Family Diversity
- 2SLGBTQ+ Inclusion
- Gender Roles
- Representation & Visibility
- Countering Stereotypes
- Allyship and Advocacy



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