

Every Body

A Celebration of Diverse Abilities

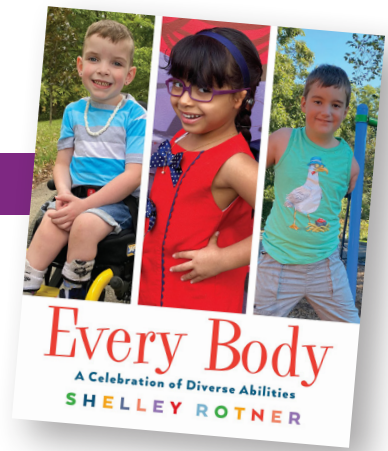
A RIF GUIDE FOR FAMILIES

Themes: Belonging, Bodies, Differing Abilities

Book Brief: *Every Body* is a nonfiction book celebrating children of all abilities, showcasing their experiences navigating the world using scooters, wheelchairs, walkers, and more.

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TIME TO READ!



Before: Read the title of the story and look at the cover. Point out that this book uses photographs to teach us about different bodies.

During: As you read, stop throughout the book to talk about what the children in the photographs are doing. Are they doing any things that you like to do too?

After, ask questions:

- How are you like a child in the book?
- How are you different from a child in the book?
- What is something that makes you special?

INTENTIONAL TALK

Print Awareness is a critical skill for learning to read. Print awareness includes learning that letters make up words in print, and written words represent spoken words. The word “body” is repeated many times in the story. After you have

read the book a few times, look at the first page and point out the word “body.” Point to each letter individually and identify its name. Then, walk through the text in the book and see if you can find the word “body” again.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

MY BODY CAN...

Materials: notecards with body parts drawn/printed, basket

On notecards, draw or write different body parts (e.g., eyes, nose, feet, hands). As a family, take turns picking a notecard out of the basket and sharing what you can do with the body part (e.g., I use my eyes to read books). Encourage your child to be as creative as possible!



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



OTHER BOOKS BY SHELLEY ROTNER

- **Lots of Feelings (2003)**
- **Shades of People (2009)**
- **Families (2016)**