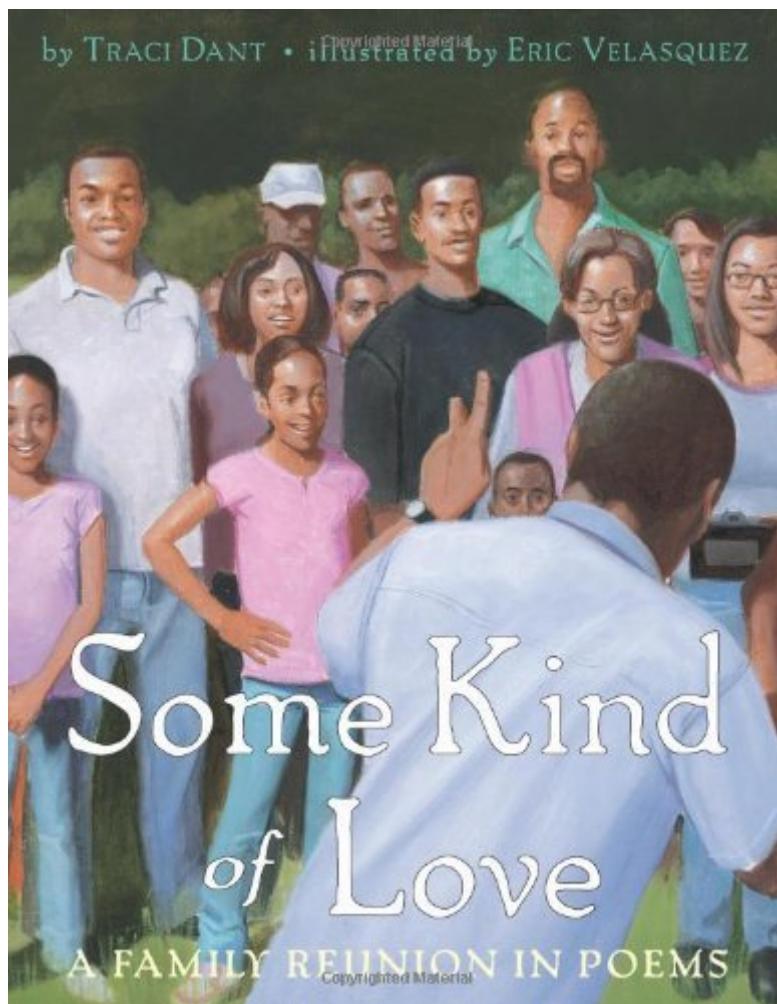


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Some Kind Of Love



Synopsis

Every summer, relatives (old and young, big and small) come together from all over the country for a reunion. All have one thing in common: their love for each other. They sleep wherever there is room. They eat and laugh and tell stories and remember. And a nine-year old boy captures it all in his words. This beautiful, inspirational collection of poems by newcomer Traci Dant is matched with the extraordinary paintings of acclaimed illustrator Eric Velasquez. Some Kind of Love is a book for every family to treasure.

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Customer Reviews

I bought this book to use as a read aloud and was particularly drawn by the fact that it was poetry that centered around an African American family. The pictures are beautiful and the content is well written. I found myself touched and tearing as I read these passages because of the memories and feelings that surfaced as I relived cherished moments of my childhood. I would recommend this book to anyone who is looking for a book on family values and relations, a book of poetry, and/or a

book to discuss feelings of love and togetherness. It is accessible to youth and enjoyable for the teacher and parents. We truly loved this book!

To me this is a book of various poems. I didn't realize it would be different poems but they were all lovely and about family and love.

I enjoyed all of the poems in this book. I've chosen several to read at our family reunion in July. Traci did an outstanding job in showing the joy and fun of her reunion memories. That's what we all want is to have fun, find joy and are eagerly anticipating the next gathering.

It was a great book to read with my 7 year old. He enjoyed the lyrical language and the message of family connections was especially important to him.

The author's writing style is beautiful. Her words paint pictures of how love reveals itself in relationships. As a teacher I would recommend this book for enjoyment and instruction. The illustrations are beautiful as well.

I really enjoyed this lovely melding of words and art that left me wanting to reconnect with my own extended family. Many of us have great stories to share, and family reunions are the place to hear and tell them.

I put this book aside to really take a deep look at it, but when I went to get it, it was gone. I asked for it back and my son brought it into the room. Then when I sat down later to take a look at it again, it was gone! My daughter just brought it into the room and told me that she read it from cover to cover and enjoyed it very much. She is 14. The artwork is really beautiful in this book and I must say that it is a book that will be precious to anyone in the family. It reaches out across the common bond of family in many cultures who value family. The poems are simple but take you back to a simple time where you can enjoy simple family experiences with the family in the book. As my daughter put it, "It makes you feel like you are not reading a book, but you are actually taking part with the family in their reunion." She is right. This is a precious book that makes you stop and think and pause to embrace a simpler time and life that is so easily passed by these days of hyper electronic media and entertainment obsessions. This simple family reunion is a breath of fresh air in a plastic world. I highly recommend it to read to children, but also to the entire family.

Every page in this book begins with the phrase "Must be some kind of love." This lends a sweetness to this look at a family reunion that matches the sense of family and appreciation for relatives. However, the story is told from the viewpoint of a 9-year-old boy, which makes me wonder would a boy of that age talk of "some kind of love" quite so incessantly? It's more of something an adult would say, or perhaps a little girl imitating an adult. So I'm not sure who the book is aimed at. Probably younger children, and since it is a picture book, it's certainly appropriate for preschool children and first graders. The boy and his family appear to be African American, but the appeal is beyond one ethnic group. Many children are aware of their extended families and are lucky enough to have cousins. Having mentioned ethnicity, I should mention that the illustrations are not caricatures and show warmth and respect. They are colorful, nicely drawn, and balanced in composition. They match the story line and bring the ideas to life. Very well done!

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