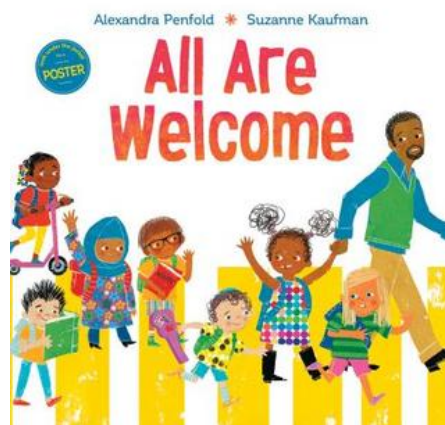




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New York Times bestseller!

A warm, welcoming picture book that celebrates diversity and gives encouragement and support to all kids.

Follow a group of children through a day in their school, where everyone is welcomed with open arms. A school where kids in patkas, hijabs, and yarmulkes play side-by-side with friends in baseball caps. A school where students grow and learn from each other's traditions and the whole community gathers to celebrate the Lunar New Year.

All Are Welcome lets young children know that no matter what, they have a place, they have a space, they are welcome in their school.

"Penfold and Kaufman have outdone themselves in delivering a vital message in today's political climate."--*Kirkus*, Starred review

"A lively, timely picture book."--*Booklist*

"This is a must-read for pre-school and elementary classrooms everywhere. An important book that celebrates diversity and inclusion in a beautiful, age-appropriate way." - Trudy Ludwig, author of *The Invisible Boy* and *Quiet Please*, Owen McPhee!

"A great read-aloud selection to start the year and revisit time and again." --*School Library Journal*

All Are Welcome Details

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From Reader Review All Are Welcome for online ebook

Viviane Elbee says

This is a great book for the start of the school year to help everyone feel included & welcomed.

It is not really a story, more like a poem, but it's lovely. The illustrations are perfect for this book. Kids enjoyed it and voted to give it 5 stars.

Margie says

Whether you've lived in the same community your entire life or it's brand new for you, today is a different day. Today is the start of something filled with potential and unexpected twists and turns. Today is about being your best self and helping others to be the same.

As individuals open the doors of their school and walk down the hallways, they need to know everyone is accepted and appreciated regardless of physical characteristics, ethnicity, or religion. *All Are Welcome* (Alfred A. Knopf, an imprint of Random House Children's Books, July 10, 2018) written by Alexandra Penfold with illustrations by Suzanne Kaufman is like walking into a party where everyone got an invitation. All feel the jubilation of being honored equally.

My full recommendation: <http://librariansquest.blogspot.com/2...>

Garrett says

This was clearly published in Canada.

Linda says

Many families are pictured with happiness in this rhyming picture book with double-page spreads by Alexandra Penfold and Suzanne Kaufman. Cute rhymes and happy pictures show children, and families, in the story of what seems to be the first school day. The lines on the first double-page: "Pencils sharpened in their case./Bells are ringing, let's make haste./School's beginning, dreams to chase./All are welcome here." Each verse following includes more of the day, during several lessons, at recess and lunch. I love the celebrating here: "Time for lunch--what a spread!/A dozen different kinds of bread." There is a wonderful double, double-page at the end, appears to be an evening open house/potluck.

Aeicha says

In Alexandra Penfold's picture book, *All Are Welcome*, readers follow a diverse group of school children as they learn, eat, and play side-by-side in a world where all are welcome.

All Are Welcome is such a charming and timely celebration of diversity and inclusivity! Through sweet, fun rhymes Penfold creates a heartwarming and positive atmosphere and message of love, respect, and kindness. From the clothes the young characters wear to the things they eat, traditions they follow, religions they practice, families they come from, and more, Penfold beautifully shows that people and families come in all colors, shapes, and sizes.

Kaufman's lively and colorful illustrations perfectly capture Penfold's story and message. There is so much wonderful diversity represented in these illustrations, including children of various religions and cultures, children who are differently abled, and children from LGBTQ families.

All Are Welcome is the exact kind of picture book, so full of love and diversity, that the world needs right now!

Jillian Heise says

In rhythmic phrases, emphasizes the inclusiveness, acceptance, and celebration of all cultures in a school community. Perfect for a first day of school read aloud!

Mrs. Krajewski says

The perfect book for the first day of school. All children need to know they are welcome in their classrooms. ♥?

Traci says

Diversity and inclusion are the key elements in this new picture book by Alexandra Penfold. Everyone should be welcome in a classroom and in this book, everyone is.

Vibrant and welcoming illustrations by Suzanne Kaufman. Published by Knopf Books for Young Readers.

#school #diversity #mustread #PB

Michele Knott says

I hope this book ends up in all classrooms and libraries.

Dorothia Rohner says

Reading ALL ARE WELCOME felt like getting a big hug. Kindness and inclusiveness trump hate. I love this book. The art and text sing! Children will enjoy all of the detailed illustrations that bring the story to life. An uplifting book for anyone who needs a spark of hope.

Amanda says

This very inclusive book shows over and over again a message that many of our younger readers need for a variety of reasons, at school you are safe; at school you are loved; at school you are accepted no matter where you come from or who you are. Beautiful message.

If only all of our schools/classrooms acted this way.

Andrea says

A lovely example of a rhyming story with a positive message for children. The repetition of the line "All are welcome here" is so effective. I can see myself using this throughout the year as a reminder, or even to post in the classroom. What a brilliant choice of words! I especially liked the way the illustrations show diversity & inclusion with different skin colors, clothing, and family groupings.

Jenny says

The rhyming text welcomes children back to school. The illustrations really help to emphasize the diversity of the students and the reality that students are all welcomed at this inclusive school. A wonderful back to school book and a wonderful book to build rapport with and among students.

Alex (not a dude) Baugh says

It's the first day of school and the endpapers of this lovely book show a large group of wonderfully diverse kids and their parents/caregivers walking to a school with a big "All Are Welcome" banner across the entrance. Inside, kids spend their day getting to know each other and learning about their different cultural backgrounds through music, art, and stories. Even their lunches reflect their heritage and who they are. School here becomes what school should be everywhere: "We're part of a community/Our strength is our diversity/A shelter from adversity/All are welcome here." Besides cultural diversity, there is a blind student and one on a wheelchair, and there are a variety of families: single parents, moms and dads, two moms, two dads, and mixed race parents. The story is told in a three line rhyme that never falters and always end in the fourth line "All are welcome here" and no, it won't take kids long to begin chiming in on that line. The mixed-media illustrations are as bright and happy as the children and adults they depict. But wait, there's more: the back end paper shows the kids and their parents/caregivers leaving school at the end of the day, and if you take off the dust jacket, you will see each child up close and personal. This book should generate lots of conversations and there is much for kids to discover and talk about long after the first day of school is over.

Beth says

A perfect read-aloud for the first week of school
