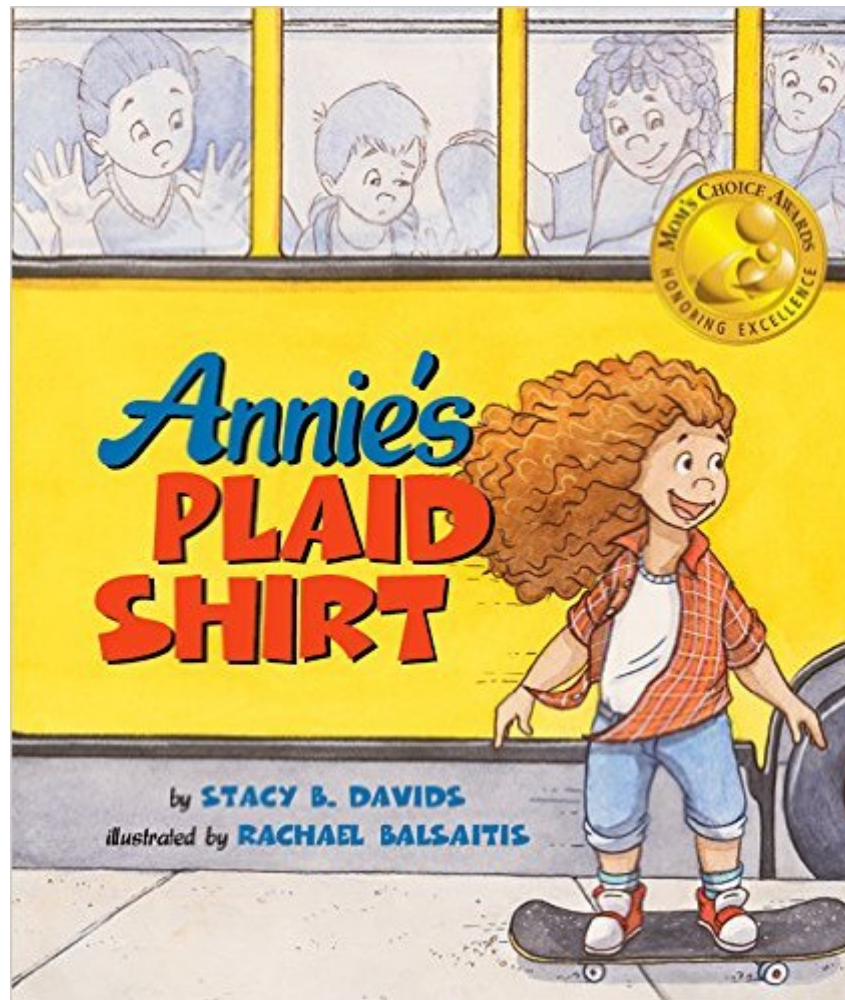


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# Annie's Plaid Shirt



## Synopsis

ANNIE'S PLAID SHIRT is a Mom's Choice Awards® GOLD Recipient! A Foreword Reviews INDIEFAB Book of the Year Awards Winner! A Next Generation Indie Book Awards Finalist! 5 STARS from San Francisco Book Review! Annie loves her plaid shirt and wears it everywhere. But one day her mom tells Annie that she must wear a dress to her uncle's wedding. Annie protests, but her mom insists and buys her a fancy new dress anyway. Annie is miserable. She feels weird in dresses. Why can't her mom understand? Then Annie has an idea. But will her mom agree? Annie's Plaid Shirt will inspire readers to be themselves and will touch the hearts of those who love them. Themes of gender norms, identity, individuality, tolerance, and self-esteem.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

The main staple in Annie's wardrobe is her plaid shirt. When her mother insists that she wears a dress to a relative's wedding, will she do it? Annie is a headstrong tomboy. She knows what she likes and who she is. There are great themes about gender norms and individuality in this children's book. The illustrations are absolutely delightful with the colors and facial expressions.

I am a Speech-Language Pathologist and I read this with some of my students. It kept the students engaged and it was short enough to finish in one session. No one could guess what would happen

at the end, which made the ending more fun. We worked on prediction, reading comprehension, decoding, and inferencing. We even got to talk about our feelings on gender and social norms. I will definitely use this book again and even with the children in my life.

Growing up I was the biggest tomboy. I loved baggy jeans & track suits, sneakers were a must..lol My poor mom wished I would wear girly dresses & ruffle socks, but I thought it was embarrassing. Now, I love dresses & that's why I think this is such a fantastic book! People are going to be who they are regardless, so embrace these special moments with our kids & encourage their individuality...

Annie's Plaid Shirt, written by Stacy Davids, and beautifully illustrated by Rachael Balsantos, is far more than the assertion of a young girl striving for individualism and self-expression. Yes, there is Annie, seeking independence, even if it is contrary to accepted social convention. But more than that, we see a small family communicating meaningfully and successfully mitigating a shared challenge. These are good values to impart on a young readership. Nicely done.

My books just arrived and they're gifts for Christmas but I had to open and read, what a charming story with beautiful illustrations. Strong characters with a brilliant message that is much needed in society today.

Stacy Davids brilliantly gives us a glimpse of the challenges and struggles of "fitting in" to society's outdated norms. "Annie's Plaid Shirt" is a great conversation starter on tolerance for any age group. Thank you Stacy for shining a light on unsung heroes!

As a young girl, I wore dresses but I always preferred to wear sweatpants and sneakers. I remember once in fourth grade going to a friend's birthday party in a dress that my mom made me wear. I called her up crying when I saw no one else was an address. Luckily she brought me my soccer jumpsuit to change into. And in sixth grade, I liked to wear my Adidas Samba sneakers, my indoor soccer sneakers, to school but I was teased by the other girls who kept calling me a boy. I wish I had had a book like Annie's Plaid Shirt when I was growing up, but at least now I can have my son read it so he understands how important it is to be true to himself. kids need to feel good about themselves, to wear what they feel most comfortable in and to not be afraid to be different. Congratulations to Stacy Davids for writing such an amazingly, important book that is so

heartwarming and genuine. The illustrations by Rachel are also beautiful, funny, and emotional. What a wonderful read that I highly recommend to everyone!

Although I didn't get attached to a plaid shirt until my college days in the '90s, I identified strongly with Annie. She has her plaid shirt; in my childhood, I had a pink dress that I wanted to wear all the time, every where. Davids perfectly captures the confidence that comes from wearing a beloved piece of clothing, and the way she shows the family interacting with Annie is a good reminder for everyone that acceptance and love are more important than perceived social norms. I'm a big fan of this book and highly recommend it for use in the elementary school class room. It makes an excellent writing prompt for K-3rd.

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