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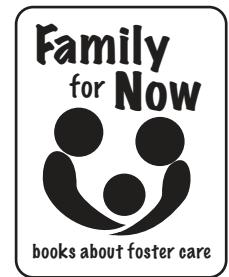
Sharing My Family / Compartiendo Mi Familia

written and illustrated by Jessica Pleuss

Spanish translation by Christian Supiot Pérez

In *Sharing My Family*, becoming a foster family turns a contented 8-year-old kid's life upside down. Readers follow along as Zee learns to use imagination and empathy to adjust to fostering. *Sharing My Family* is a picture book aimed at children ages 4-10, especially those whose families are fostering or whose parents are considering foster care. It is a valuable resource for parents, psychologists, social workers, teachers, and child care providers who care for children touched by the foster care system.

This is a bilingual picture book, written in English and Spanish from the perspective of a child already in a family when that family makes the decision to be a foster family. It is the debut children's book of author/illustrator Jessica Pleuss, and first in the *Family For Now: Books About Foster Care* series.



"A thoughtful, inclusive, and developmentally appropriate story that helps children and families explore what foster care can look like and the many ways families can grow—perfect for those considering fostering or simply wanting to spark meaningful conversations."

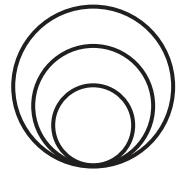
- Emily Gerstein, PhD, Associate Professor in Psychological Sciences at the University of Missouri-St. Louis

"Simple, easy to read, and relatable for children whose families are going to be foster families. So many good things are talked about in a way that children can understand."

- Christina Spicer, LISW, RPT

"I also liked that it encourages empathy for the foster siblings without demonizing their bio parents. I appreciate that the focus remains squarely from the perspective of children."

- (anonymous for confidentiality of clients), CASA worker



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Jessica Pleuss writes and illustrates, in addition to her roles as a professor, parent, and professional (foster) parent. As such, she writes from a place of both expert knowledge and practical understanding, thanks to her real-life experience and professional background. Currently a Professor of Psychology at Morningside University, she earned her PhD and MA in Child Psychology from the University of Minnesota's Institute of Child Development, after completing her undergraduate degree at Valparaiso University. She and her husband have been licensed foster parents since 2017, in addition to parenting their own four biological children.