

Rainbow Allies: The True Story of Kids Who Stood against Hate

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Based on a true story, this touching picture book demonstrates that hate can always be overcome by love and community—and suggests some age-appropriate methods for being part of the solution. When a lesbian couple's home is vandalized, the children of a Massachusetts neighborhood come up with a plan to make the women feel welcome again. The illustrations are colorful yet muted, evoking the lazy quietude of small-town summers; the bright stripes of rainbow flags stand out within them: prominent, defiant, and proud.

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