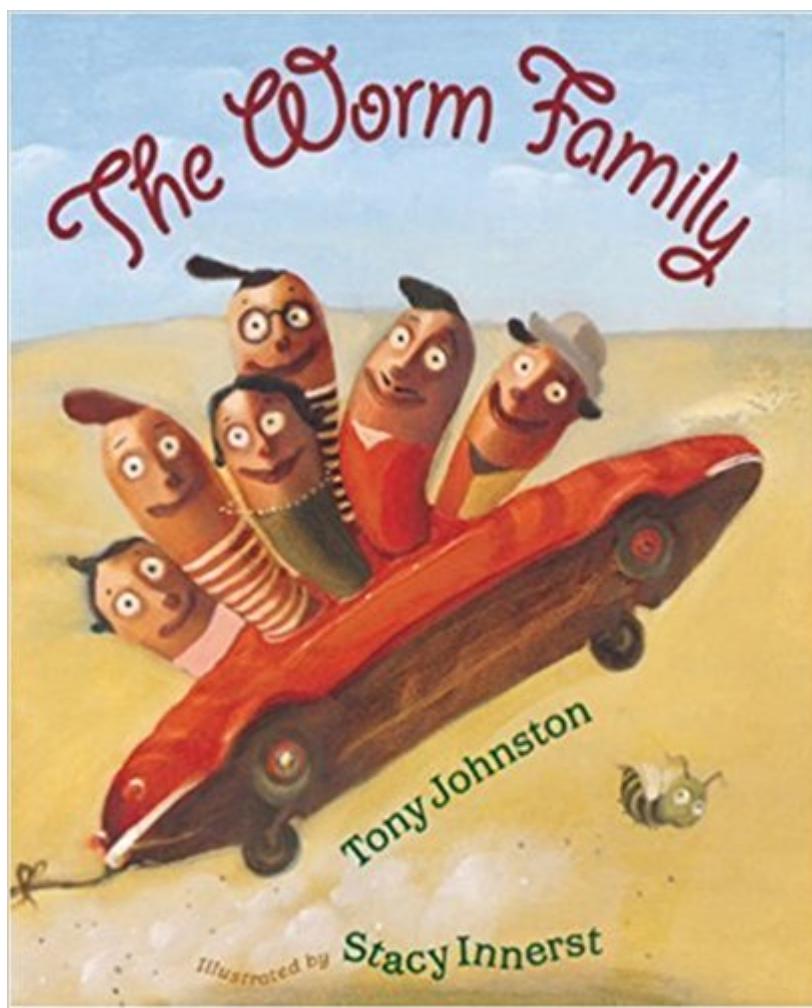


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# The Worm Family (Bccb Blue Ribbon Picture Book Awards (Awards))



## **Synopsis**

The Worm family loves being wormy. They're skinny--they're squiggly--they're very long--and they sing loud worm songs. They're nothing like their glossy, bossy, buggy neighbors. And the neighbors don't like that one bit. What are the Worms to do? Jump back into their skinny car and hope to find nicer neighbors somewhere else? Or stay put--and show the world the Glory of Worm? In a tale both warm and quirky, a family of merry, down-to-earth worms proves that being different is truly grand. They may not fit in, but they carry on, doing things they love with the family they love--and finally find some fuzzy-wuzzy neighbors who like them just as they are. Oh joy! They're Worms!

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Grade 1-3 - A unique take on prejudice. The seven-member, peripatetic Worm family is very enthusiastic about its worminess. "Oh, joy! We're Worms!" is their self-affirming mantra, the first two words spelled out with their twisty bodies in Innerst's clever oil paintings. However, wherever they reside, the other families of spineless-but-armed neighbors rebel and throw weird things (valises, toothbrushes) to urge the Worms to move on. Johnston's vocabulary is challenging - "flumped," "jubilate," "regaled" - and she portrays the Worm family as not only proud but also loud, making this strange picture book tough to pigeonhole as a comprehensible lesson for youngsters. Still, there's supplemental value to this nonstory for adults to help kids realize that "each individual is different

but compatible,"although the "glorious" bit seems rather much. - John Sigwald, Unger Memorial Library, Plainview, TX Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

Innerst's (M Is for Music) antic oil paintings, which picture the Worms standing tall like fingers or curling in graceful esses, recall Barry Root's rocking and reeling imagery for Brave Potatoes, another spirited tale of self-actualization. -- Publishers Weekly, Starred Review

My daughter can't say the letter "r", so I think of this book as "The Wom Family." She loves this book. I love this book. Experience the glory of worm. After I initially took it out of the library, I bought a copy used on so we could read it any time.

What a cute story! The book is durable and the illustrations are terrific. The book has a good moral lesson about how people can be different but that they can still get along.

The Worm Family is very "wormy". They are long, and squirmy. They like to sing loud. They are very different from there bug neighbors. They neighbor are mean to them and the Worm family decides to move somewhere where they will not be judged by others. They try several places but always run into others who don't like them because they are different. Finally they find a worm family just like them and all goes well from then on out! There are lots of themes that can be discussed with this book such as family, self esteem, and worms. We would recommend this book for families to read and discuss together. This is a great story to illustrate that just because some one is not just like you that doesn't mean that they don't have feelings that can get hurt.

This book is totally whacky and really different. It's also very fun to read to a 3-year old. If you like Maurice Sendak (I'm thinking particularly of "Outside over There") or William Joyce (the "George" books), or even the "George and Martha" books, with their weird sense of humor, you'll love this one.

This book along with "Diary of a Worm" are great for children ages six to eight. They become very involved in the book and identify with members of the family. Austin and Miranda were thrilled with the books.

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