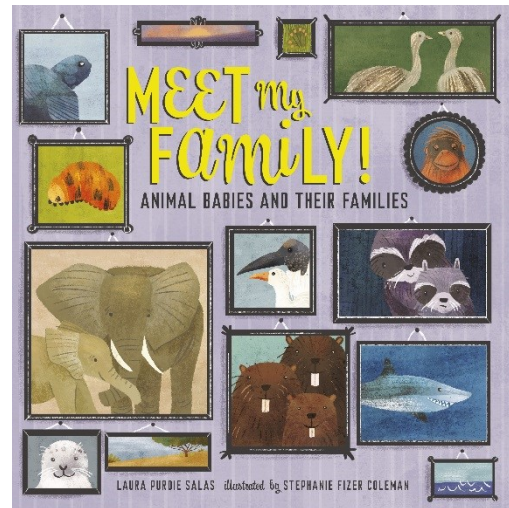


FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Laura Purdie Salas  
Phone: 763-370-4424  
Email: [lpсалas@bitstream.net](mailto:lpсалas@bitstream.net)

## MEET MY FAMILY! There is NO typical family!

MPLS./ST. PAUL, MN, December 20, 2017 – A new book by children’s author Laura Purdie Salas showcases the diversity of family structures in animals around the world. **Meet My Family! Animal Babies and Their Families**, publishing on March 1, showcases 23 different animals, including humans. From the raccoon kit who never meets her father to the elephant calf and his extended matriarchal herd to the swan cygnet watched over by both mother and father, the youngsters share what’s different about their family (genders, chores, playtime, physical resemblance to each other, etc.) and what’s the same (love).



In this climate of growing intolerance, Salas explores questions like what makes a family? Does it matter if you have two moms—or no moms? If you look like your parents? If you are adopted? **Meet My Family!** is “less a scientific glance at the animal kingdom and more a celebration of all kinds of families” (*Booklist*, Jan 1, 2018). “The sheer splendor of life is subtly woven throughout the text” (*School Library Journal*, Dec. 1, 2018) in a way that embraces differences and harmony. There is no single right kind of family.

### *Meet My Family!*

text: Laura Purdie Salas  
ill.: Stephanie Fizer Coleman  
Millbrook Press, 2018  
[lernerbooks.com](http://lernerbooks.com) 800-328-4929  
32 pages, ages 5 to 8  
ISBN: 978-1-5124-2532-1

As a child, Salas often felt ashamed of how different her family seemed from others. As an author doing school visits, she talks to many kids who feel the same way today. This book is her optimistic response. Its friendly rhyming text is approachable, and prose sidebars add information. Backmatter includes a language chart, animal ranges, author’s note, and a more reading list.

Salas is the author of many other books for kids, including ***If You Were the Moon*** and ***Water Can Be...***. Among the honors Salas’ previous books have earned are the Minnesota Book Award, NCTE Notable Books, Bank Street Best Books, starred reviews, and more. You can learn more at [laurasalas.com](http://laurasalas.com)