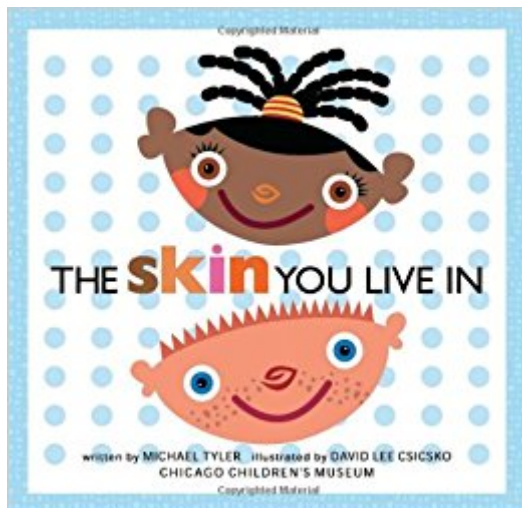


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# The Skin You Live In



## Synopsis

With the ease and simplicity of a nursery rhyme, this lively story delivers an important message of social acceptance to young readers. Themes associated with child development and social harmony, such as friendship, acceptance, self-esteem, and diversity are promoted in simple and straightforward prose. Vivid illustrations of children's activities for all cultures, such as swimming in the ocean, hugging, catching butterflies, and eating birthday cake are also provided. This delightful picturebook offers a wonderful venue through which parents and teachers can discuss important social concepts with their children.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 2 "This picture book takes a cheerful look at human diversity by focusing on skin. Rhyming verses describe the many experiences that can be had in it ("The skin you have fun in;/the skin that you run in;/the skin that you hop,/skip and jump in the sun inâ "); the different shades in which it comes ("Your butterscotch gold skin,/your lemon tart bold skin;/your mountain high apple pie,/cookie dough rolled skin!"); and the things that it is not ("It's not tall skin,/or short skin,/or best in the sport skin"). The poem ends by emphasizing the importance of the " 'You' who's within" and pointing out that skin is something that makes individuals different and similar at the same time. Tyler's cadenced language makes this a very rhythmic read-aloud. Csicsko's vibrant and energetic

illustrations are a perfect complement to the text and feature stylized children with elliptical faces and flowing fingers. Differences in the appearances of the youngsters go beyond skin color and include hairstyles, freckles, and eye shape. While somewhat lengthyâ “the metaphors seem to go on and onâ “this volume is an affirming addition to the collection of books dealing with self-esteem and multiculturalism.â “Kathleen Meulen, Blakely Elementary School, Bainbridge Island, WA  
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"Brightly colored, engaging illustrations . . . accompanied by a poem by Michael Tyler that celebrates all kinds of skin." -- San Antonio Express-News"Easy vocabulary and bouncy rhythm." -- Bulletin of the Center for Children&#x92;s Books"They deliver a message about the beauty of diversity and the importance of accepting one another." -- The Dallas Morning News"Using simple words and colorful images . . . offers the message that everyone is different, but the same, too." -- Chicago Parent

SUPER cute book, but I think some of the words or concepts are a little too advanced for younger children. A fun book to read though. We have an interracial family so we love it.

Great book and message

I LOVE this book! I purchased this book for my 4-year-old daughter who will be starting preschool this fall. I wanted her to be aware that there will be kids and teachers who may look different than her and that's okay! This book does a great job at holding my daughter's attention and teaching her that all skin colors are beautiful and to especially to love the skin she's in, and I think those are invaluable lessons. There's a fun rhythm to the story which makes it even nicer to read. I would definitely recommend this book to preschool age children.

Love this book! Really, it is even better than I thought it would be. I read it to my 3 yo grandson and he likes it, too. It has a very nice metre to it and the content is very good. I anticipate that he will like this book for years to come.

Absolutely love this book! The rhymes and the message it sends out about being confident no matter what your skin tone is is powerful in this time of racial tension we find ourselves in. Highly recommend!

This book was just what I was looking for to use in my classroom. I highly recommend it.

I'm a teacher (and soon to be first time mom) so I LOVE books for children. I loved the multi-racial faces in this book - the pictures/art was fantastic. When I read the book to my 5-year-old niece it was tricky... a little choppy and un-rhythmic at times. Cute though and we'll read it many times over the years, I'm sure!

Arrived as promised.

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