'Twas the Night Before Pride

A glittering celebration of queer families puts Pride gently in perspective—honoring those in the LGBTQ+ community who fought against injustice and inequality.

ABOUT THE CREATORS

Joanna McClintick is a debut children’s book author and a licensed social worker at the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center in Manhattan. When she was dreaming about building her family, she wrote this poem to honor Pride’s history of resistance and imagined sharing it with her future child one day. It has become a tradition to read it at their annual brunch the day before the Pride March with family and friends. Joanna McClintick lives with her wife and child in Brooklyn.

Juana Medina is the author-illustrator of Juana & Lucas, which won the 2017 Pura Belpré Author Award; Juana & Lucas: Big Problemas; Juana & Lucas: Muchos Changes; and many other titles and has illustrated numerous picture books, including Smick! by Doreen Cronin and I’m a Baked Potato! by Elise Primavera. Born and raised in Bogotá, Colombia, Juana Medina now lives with her family in the Washington, DC, area.
MAKE YOUR OWN PRIDE SIGN

How did this book make you feel? How do you think LGBTQ+ people should be treated? Put it on a sign! You can write a slogan and/or illustrate the blank sign below or use a separate piece of paper to make a big sign to take to your local Pride march or to hang in your window.
Help the family join their friends at Pride!
DESIGN YOUR OWN PRIDE T-SHIRT

What fabulous T-shirt would you wear to Pride? Create it here!
Can you find these items in the celebration?

- feather boa
- stroller
- rainbow fans
- cats
- baseball caps
- umbrellas
- hearts
- helmets
- signs