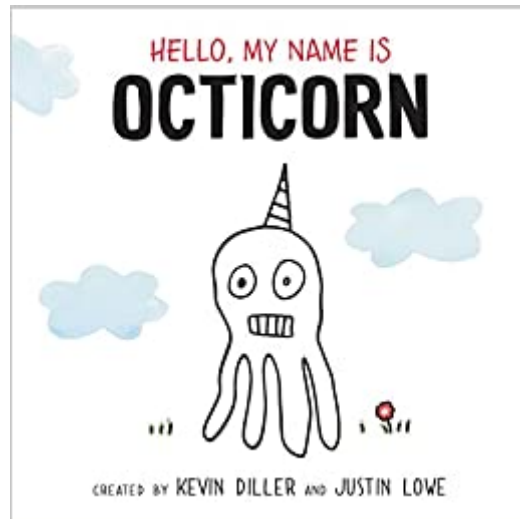


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# Hello, My Name Is Octicorn



## Synopsis

An Best Book of the Year Meet Octicorn, the funny, sweet, and disarming character who is a champion for anyone who has ever felt a little bit different. And isn't that everyone? This is a self-published success story from debut authors Justin Lowe and Kevin Diller. Octicorn is half octopus, half unicorn, half confused . . . which sometimes makes it hard to fit in. But maybe that's not such a bad thing.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

PreS-Gr 2-You've never heard of an octicorn? He's the offspring of an octopus and a unicorn, of course! Octi describes his life to readers in a matter-of-fact voice that belies the comic illustrations in this title. Octi believes his parents may have met at a costume party (where they each dressed as the other animal). But while his parents found each other and are happy, Octi feels very left out. He doesn't feel like he fits in on land or at sea. Octi is lonely, but he is also able to list all the things that make him unique and someone to be appreciated. The title character could be fun at parties, if he were ever invited-his tentacles make him a great juggler, his horn is perfect for ring toss. This story about how even the most unusual individuals long for friends will appeal to children. The text is fairly short and easy to read. The line drawings, in black and white with the occasional pop of color, are charming and amusing. Diller and Lowe use color to emphasize Octi's personality-the warmth Octi

would show to a friend, if only someone would try. VERDICT Children may start the book laughing at Octi's appearance, but they will be won over by his personality and will find him endearing in the end. A fun choice for storytime.-Susan E. Murray, formerly at Glendale Public Library, AZ

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"Hello, My Name Is Octicorn" is an easy read that everyone can appreciate. Crisp white pages with thin all-caps text are flanked by simple Sharpie-like drawings. The child-like style is sure to inspire budding artists." (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette)"With charmingly-simple illustrations and heartfelt narration, Hello, My Name is Octicorn celebrates originality." (Paste Magazine)"Charming and amusing|a fun choice for storytime." (School Library Journal)"At once funny and heartfelt, this highly original, important book helps kids to think about their own place among others and encourages acceptance of others, especially those who are left out." (The Times Herald)

Hello, My Name Is Octicorn by Kevin Diller and illustrated by Justin Lowe invites readers to consider befriending Octi, a creature whose mom was an octopus and whose dad was a unicorn. Octi has trouble finding friends because he is so unique. Everyone shuns him. Because they fear his differences, they miss out on the pleasure of knowing him. Octi showcases his many unique talents he has because he is half unicorn and half octopus. At parties he can juggle and dance with the best. At campfires he can toast marshmallows on his horn!...if he were invited. Ah, but that is the situation. Octi doesn't get invited. After presenting his case, Octi concludes his story with an invitation: "Will you be my friend? Yes or No?" This is brilliant writing because the question lands directly in the reader's personal world. And hopefully, in their heart. Octi challenges them individually. They must make a choice--even if only in their mind. Will they choose friendship or rejection? Justin Lowe's quirky, unsophisticated, child like illustrations further the sense that this story is a personal conversation between Octi and the reader. This is a short, easy read with a message that packs an important punch.

Adoption-attuned (AQ) Lens: This book has an obvious and easy segue into discussions of the challenges, realities and benefits of being biracial and/or multiracial. So, kids who are bi-racial or multi-racial may feel a special resonance with the theme of this book. One illustration shows a genealogical diagram depicting Octi's parents. (Dad is a unicorn; mom is an octopus.) This illustration might lead to conversations about the heritages of each birth parent. Parent and child can discuss both the reality and the cultural beliefs of both groups. The

book highlights the benefits of Octi's dual heritage. This is an important point for all adoptees. There is a richness that comes from multi-ethnicity. We see it as an additive experience instead of as a subtractive one.

I've had the opportunity to read to my daughter's first grade class and am always in search for a fun book for the class. The bonus is being able to keep the books for my daughters to read at bed time. Octicorn has made it into the regular rotation. I tend to gravitate towards the books that are fun for the kids and can keep their attention. This book does a great job keeping it fun and has a nice lesson to it. Some people look different, have different backgrounds, but it doesn't matter. It is a fun, good natured book and is enjoyed by our whole family!

This wasn't the easiest book to explain to my 7 year old son on the spectrum. He thinks it's a funny picture. He identified with the concept of the book - being different and feeling lonely. For that reason, we have read it and discussed it a few times.

My husband and I were on vacation and saw this book at a toy store. I literally couldn't take anything else back in my overstuffed bag. Anyway, I came home and ordered this book. I love it. It's adorable and has a great message and I cannot wait to read it with and to my son. I looked up the author to see if he had any other books. I don't think he does BUT I'm going to do another search just to make sure.

This book is pure genius. It's absolutely hilarious- the thrill I got from reading this was akin to seeing a puppy for the first time. Absolute pure joy. When you're reading Elmo over and over, it's magic to find something that delights both mommy and toddler. Can't say enough good things about this cute book.

My grandchildren loved this book. What a wonderful message without being preachy. Thank you for making this book available through .

My almost 5 year old daughter loves this book. She didn't want to read it at first because... well, what the heck is an Octicorn? The book answered that question very well. Also teaches that being different is OK. It's a short book that is still interesting.

This book is so good! I bought it for my nephew's birthday and the adults had a blast reading it actually! I would definitely recommend this for not only children, but for the parents who have to read this every night's sanity!

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