

Ayson Wonderland's New Summer Books

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Ayson Wonderland, the children's line of books from gay publisher Alyson Publications, has two new books about children with lesbian and gay parents out this summer. *Anna Day and the O-Ring*, by Elaine Wickens, is the story of a 4 year old boy, his dog, and his two moms. When a key piece of Evan's birthday tent is missing, the whole family joins in the search. Illustrated with color photographs, this book is a delight for 2-6 year olds. Of particular appeal to parents is that Evan's two moms are taken for granted - this is a story about any four year old - just one that happens to have two moms.

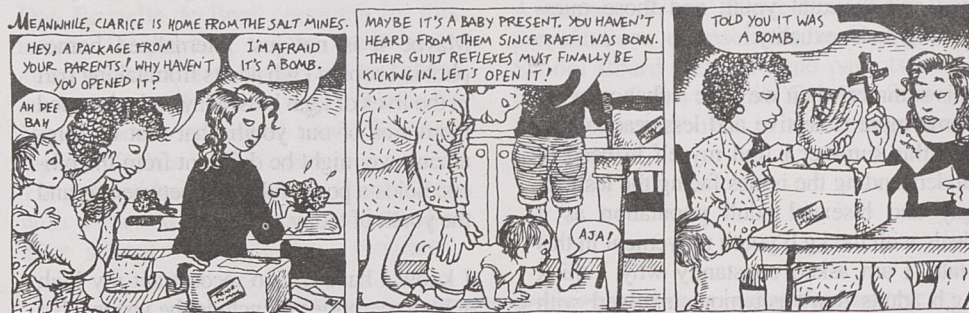
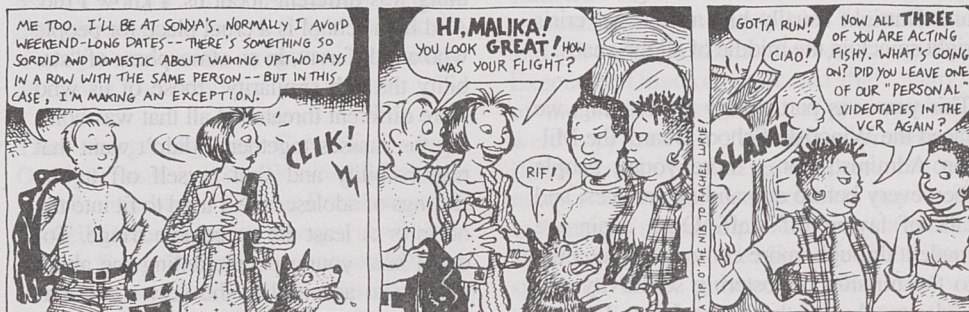
One Dad, Two Dads, Brown Dad, Blue Dads, is Johnny Valentine's fifth children's book. Two children, one with blue dads and one from a more traditional family, compare notes about parents and discover that blue dads aren't really different, except for one thing... With colorful illustrations and rhyming text, *One Dad, Two Dads* is appealing, imaginative, and educational.

Both these titles passed the true test. My sons ages 3 and 6, asked for them every night at bedtime for a week. The 3 year old was especially enchanted by *Anna Day* and poured over the photographs and the simple storyline.

Ask for Alyson Wonderland titles at your library or local bookstore. They can also be purchased directly from Alyson Publications, Inc, 40 Plympton St., Boston, MA 02118 (617) 542-5679. ▼

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