

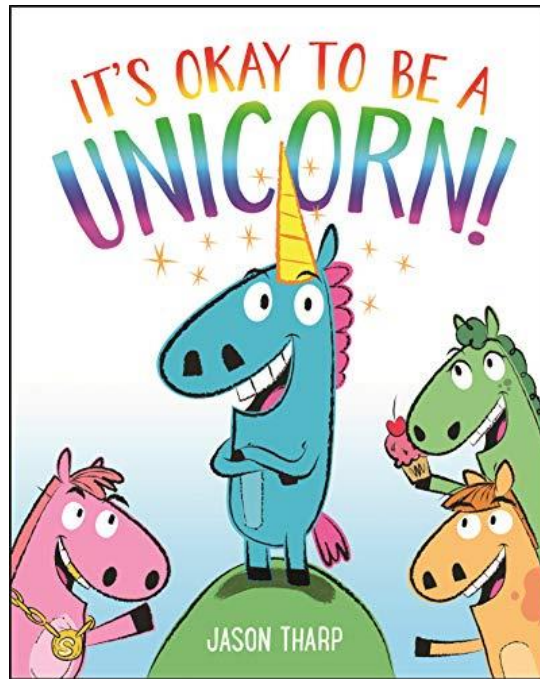
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Review of *It's Okay To Be A Unicorn!* Written & Illustrated by Jason Tharp

Adult/Educator Reviewer: Janet Key
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Student Reviewers: 3-Year-Old and 6-Year-Old Siblings



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Cornelius lives in Hoofington, where the horses are nice to every horse, except unicorns. Cornelius is asked to perform the final act at Hoofapalooza, a big holiday celebration. In preparation for the event, Cornelius challenges his friends to be bravely different – in their Hoofapalooza there are murals, cupcakes, and music. Cornelius is also brave. During his dance act, he reveals his big secret – he is a unicorn! The crowd cheers. For the first time, Cornelius feels great for being himself.

The author says to his fellow unicorns, “All the things that make you different or weird are your magic”. This is a story that encourages children to be unicorns and challenges them to be kind to others who are different. The illustrations are lively and bright. There are inside jokes for adults (like Hablo Horsecasso, famous artist, and the Tilt-a-Wheelbarrow, carnival ride), and lots of rainbows, glitter, and sparkles.

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“We liked this book!”