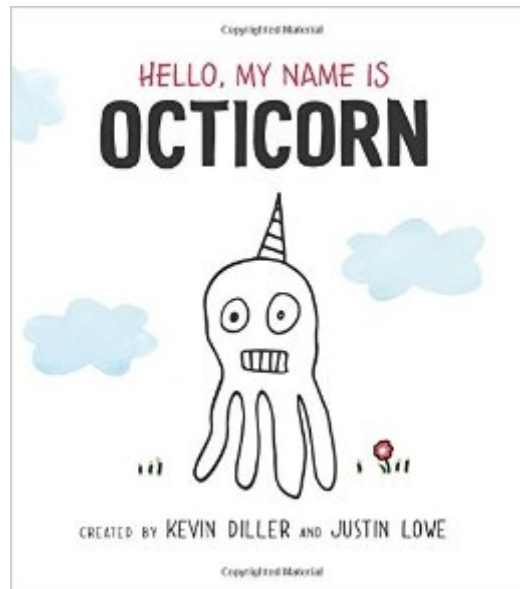


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# Hello, My Name Is Octicorn



## Synopsis

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.

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## Customer Reviews

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.

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