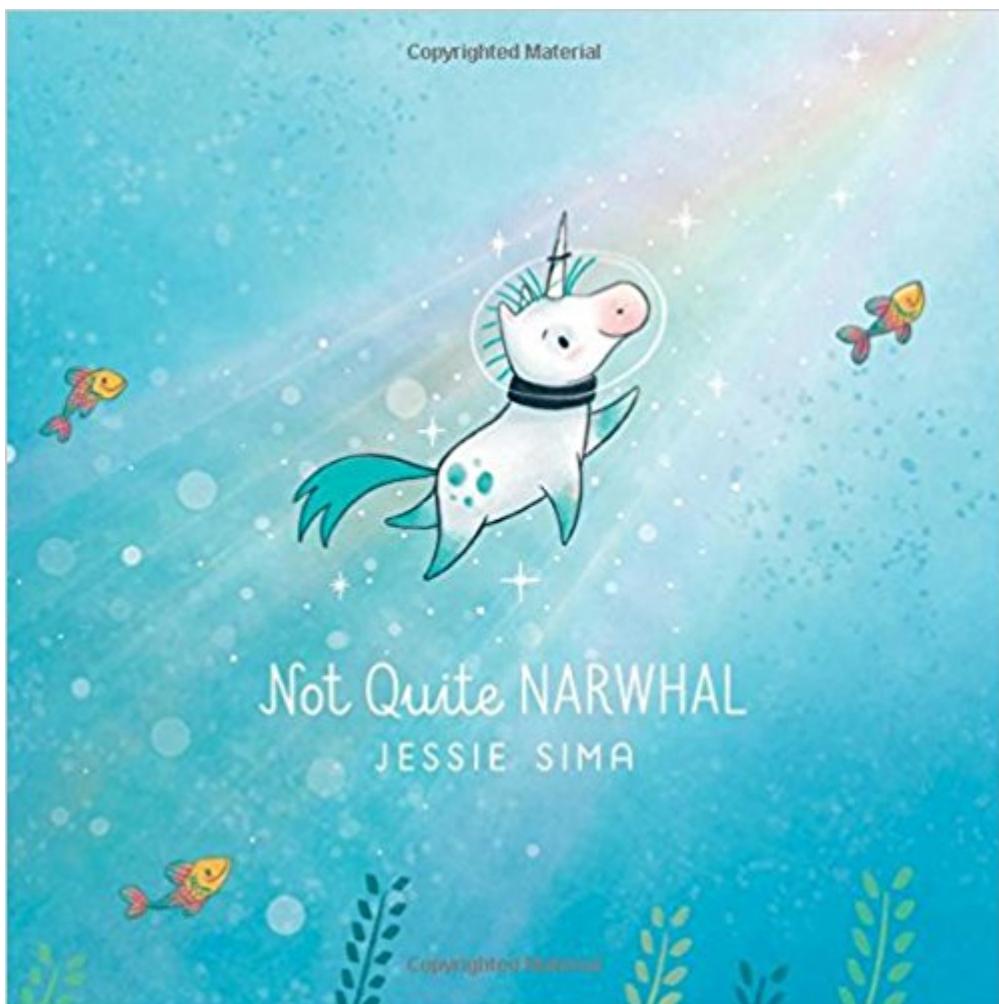


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# Not Quite Narwhal



## Synopsis

In the tradition of *Uni the Unicorn* and *Gaston*, this heartwarming and adorable debut picture book tells the story of a young unicorn who was born under the sea to a family of narwhals. Growing up in the ocean, Kelp has always assumed that he was a narwhal like the rest of his family. Sure, he's always been a little bit different—his tusk isn't as long, he's not as good of a swimmer, and he really doesn't enjoy the cuisine. Then one night, an extra strong current sweeps Kelp to the surface, where he spots a mysterious creature that looks just like him! Kelp discovers that he and the creature are actually unicorns. The revelation leaves him torn: is he a land narwhal or a sea unicorn? But perhaps, if Kelp is clever, he may find a way to have the best of both worlds. Told with heartwarming illustrations and spare, sweet text, Jessie Sima's debut picture book is about fitting in, standing out, and the all-encompassing love of family.

## Book Information

Hardcover: 40 pages

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

"The message is an appealing one that could speak to many family situations relating to multiple identities...feel-good story" (Kirkus Reviews November 15, 2016)"Adorable characters trigger smiles throughout" (Publisher's Weekly December 2016)"A storyteller's pacing and winning characters, resulting in an appealing book. Read it for a whimsical storytime or provide some text-to-text connections for older students with Amy Krouse Rosenthal's *Uni the Unicorn* and *Bob*

Sheaâ™s Unicorn Thinks Heâ™s Pretty Great....this title is highly recommended." (School Library Journal January 2017)"Swap the tired Ugly Duckling for this delightfully absurd tale of knowing who you are and where you came from." (Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books January 2017)"Simaâ™s bubbly, adorable artwork is nearly irresistible...This endearing tale will warm many a heart." (Booklist January 2017)"This book is painfully adorable...The story is about finding your own way to belong...It's just beautiful.â• (Shelf Awareness Pro January 24, 2017)

Jessie Sima is an author/illustrator who lives and works in New York City. She grew up in a small town in Southern New Jersey, unaware that she was a storyteller. Once she figured it out, she told her family and friends. They took it quite well. Not Quite Narwhal is Jessie's debut picture book. Visit her online at [jessiesima.com](http://jessiesima.com)!

How is it even POSSIBLE that this is Jessie Sima's very first book? (I literally just re-read the book flap to make sure I wasn't hallucinating. Yep, "very first book.") The text of Not Quite Narwhal is simple and lovely. The art is gorgeous and fun and sweet and charming. The story is be-who-you-are awesome and will surely resonate with big kids and little kids alike. Side note: I'm a children's book editor and my only wish is that I'd published this book myself! I received my copy tonight and while I had intended to keep it, I've decided to bring it directly to my nieces' house tomorrow. I am positive the 3-year-old will love it. I am positive the 6-year-old will love it. I am positive the 9-year-old will love it. (Not to be gender-normative. If I had a young nephew in that house, I am positive he would love it, too!) So here I am back on to order a new copy for myself. Brava to Jessie Sima on this wonderful book that feels as if it was written for us land narwhals who always thought we were sea unicorns. 5 VERY SPARKLY STARS! UPDATE 2/27/17: Nieces' review: "This book is AMAZING!" (I will note that the 3-year-old was very concerned about who Kelp's mommy was. So we decided it was the guitar-playing unicorn.) :)

This book is adorable and has a great message of inclusion, family, and accepting and embracing differences while also desiring to be around others like us. Great book!

This book is absolutely adorable! Great story, and I can't rave enough over the artwork. The illustrations are so cute and clever. Every time you read it you find a funny little detail you missed. Can't recommend this book enough!

Really cute. I can't wait to read it to our little one.

This is the cutest book. I saw it in a bookstore and immediately ordered it here for a friend's daughter. The illustrations are beautiful. The story just makes me happy. With the moral being that you don't have to choose between being a sea unicorn or a land narwhal - both family sides of yourself can come together and make one big happy family.

The artwork, the story line...so breathtaking. I happened to stumble on this book while browsing on and I can't say enough wonderful things about it to everyone I know. It's a story about accepting yourself and accepting others' differences. I read this to my 2nd grade class, and they all absolutely loved it--even my too-cool-for-school students!

What an adorable book! Great story with text that makes me and my boys laugh out loud and wonderful illustrations.

What a gorgeous book!! I bought this for a baby shower where we were asked to bring a book that promotes a message that we connect with. And I found this wonderful book. It's so incredibly gorgeous in every way. Wonderful story telling, fantastic illustrations and lovely design. I'm going to buy two more, one for my collection and one for my future babies!!!

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