

The Many Colors Of Friendship

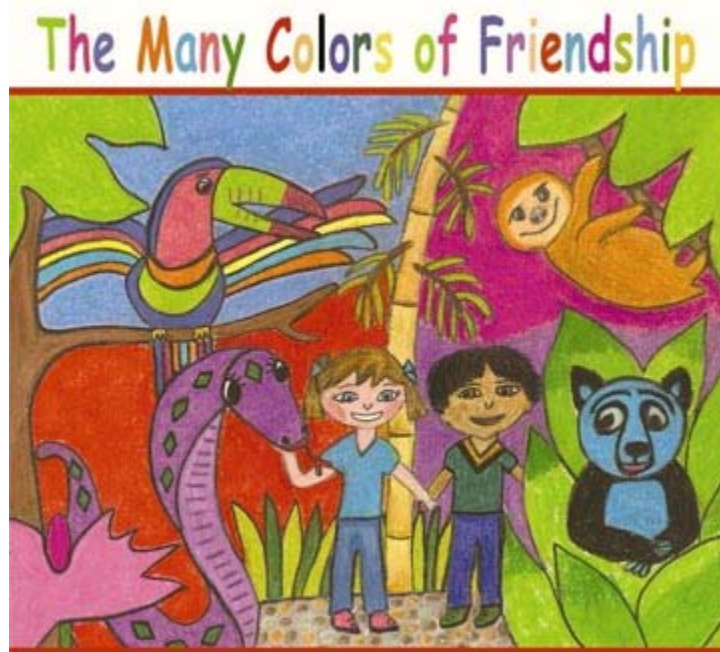
Don't Judge a Friend by His/Her Appearance



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Written and illustrated by Rita Kaye Vetsch, *The Many Colors of Friendship* is a unique story about diversity that will enthrall young readers.

Luis is a new student in Katherine's first grade class. But because he looks different than her, Katherine is afraid to talk to Luis and goes home feeling sad and confused.

In her dreams that night, Katherine finds herself in a jungle surrounded by

colorful creatures. There she meets Sanjay, the purple emerald boa; Addie, a bright orange tree sloth; Sophie, the brilliant rainbow-colored toucan; and Chen, a giant ocean-blue panda bear.

At first, the jungle animals frighten Katherine, but they eventually help her to confront her fears, to explore their differences and to realize that friends do come in many different colors, sizes and shapes. When

Katherine next goes to school, she talks to Luis and realizes how much they have in common. This begins a new & everlasting friendship.



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About the Author: Author Rita Kaye Vetsch resides in Central Minnesota with her husband, Dan, who also helped with illustrations, and her 5-year-old daughter, Katherine. Her daughter was the inspiration for *The Many Colors of Friendship*, which took nearly two years to write. Vetsch credits Beatrix Potter, E.B. White and Judy Blume for giving her the joy of reading when she was young.

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