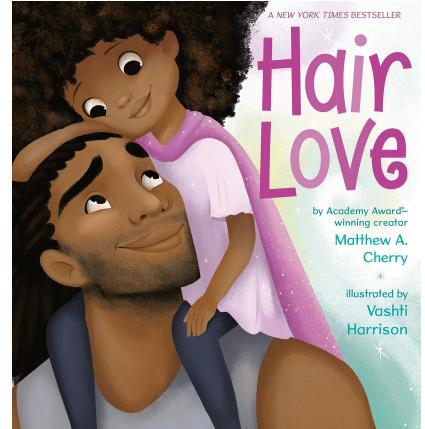


Parent Sheet for our Book Of The Month

Hair Love written by Matthew A Cherry and illustrated by Vashti Harrison



Here is a link to a youtube reading of the book:

[Hair Love - Read Aloud](#)

Here is a link to the Oscar Award Winning, animated short film of Hair Love which will help bring the story to life:

[Hair Love | Oscar®-Winning Short Film \(Full\) | Sony Pictures Animation](#)

What is the overarching theme/message of the book? Can we encapsulate this into one word or phrase that is easy for everyone to understand?

There is a male figure caring for his daughter and her hair – showing a positive image of male representation and taking on the sole responsibility of caring for the child.

Representing a different family dynamic of the father taking on the primary carer role.

Our hair should be embraced and feel rejoiced about.

Why is the message or theme entrenched in the book important to disseminate with everyone in our community?

Because the community is diverse, so this book represents the local community that we're in.

Bond between daughter and father.

Parental responsibilities.

Cultural representation and family dynamics.

Using technology to find out information.

The differences that make us unique and special

Thinking about the theme/message, what quotes from the book jump out at you that relate to the theme or message?

“Daddy tells me it is beautiful. That makes me proud. I love that my hair lets me be me.”

“I am a princess”

“I was only trying to help” ...“Can I help too?” ...“It will be a piece of cake Zuzu”

“Daddy combed, parted, oiled and twisted. He nailed it”

“Thank you we learned from the best”

“My hair is mummy, daddy and me. It's hair love”

Activity:	Target Audience:
Take time to look at each other's hair and notice the similarities and differences. For example, straight, frizzy, curly, brown, black, blond, soft etc.	2-4 year olds
Tactile activity- Look at different textured hair, products; gel, mousse, oils etc. How does it feel, smell, look? etc.	2-4 year olds
Set up Hairdressers, saloon. Use empty bottles of hair products, tools, reassembling hairdressing equipment etc.	2-4 year olds
Dolly washing activity – Variety of dolls.	2-4 year olds
To use play doh/clay etc to style different hairstyles.	2-4 year olds
Paper plates activity – to make own faces with key features.	2-4 year olds
Threading activity – Faces with holes in the head for children to thread wool, cotton, and other materials to represent the hair.	2-4 year olds
Trip to local hairdressers, Afro Caribbean shop to look at the different products and techniques when designing hair.	Outside visit