Tuesday Is Daddy’s Day
by Elliot Kreloff

“A welcome mirror for RAINBOW families.”
—Kirkus Reviews

ABOUT THE BOOK

The girl in this story has two rooms: one at Mommy’s house and one at Daddy’s apartment, which he shares with his partner, Harry. All that’s lacking is a puppy!

Tuesday Is Daddy’s Day is a reminder that family comes in many forms, but always comes with love. In this book, bestselling author-illustrator Elliot Kreloff writes from the heart, as the story is based upon his own family.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Study the calendar on the end pages. What does the calendar reveal about the girl’s family? Count the number of days the girl is with her mommy, and the number of days she is with her daddy. What else does the calendar reveal about the girl?
- In what ways does the girl feel lucky? Note the two houses on the first page. Point out the girl’s rooms. Contrast her room at Mommy’s house with her room at Daddy’s house. What do the things in the girl’s rooms reveal about her interests? Note the picture hanging above the loft bed at Daddy’s house. Who are the people in the picture?
• On Tuesdays and Thursdays, the girl’s daddy picks her up from school and they ride home on the bus. Point out the girl and her daddy on the bus. Discuss all the things that makes riding the bus so much fun. Count the adults on the bus. How many are using devices? How many are reading? Count the children on the bus. Identify the youngest child on the bus. What are the signs on the side of the bus advertising?

• The girl goes to the park with her mommy and shopping with Daddy and Harry. What is her favorite thing to do in the park? What is her favorite store?

• Contrast the dinner table at Mommy’s house with the one at Daddy and Harry’s house. What is the girl’s favorite food? How does the girl show that she hates broccoli?

• The girl and her mommy read a bedtime story together. What is the book about? Draw a connection between the book they read and the girl’s favorite store. Describe the bedtime story that the girl and her daddy read. How does the illustration reveal that Daddy has fun reading the book?

• The girl’s mommy picks her up on a Tuesday instead of Daddy. Discuss the girl’s behavior when she realizes that her daddy isn’t there. How does this reveal that the girl likes for things to always be the same? How does Mommy handle the girl’s temper tantrum?

• Describe all the things the girl imagines could have happened to Daddy. How are bubbles of color used to show what the girl is imagining?

• The girl says that she doesn’t like surprises. How does she change her mind? Name all of the surprises that happen on Tuesday, Daddy’s day.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Elliot Kreloff is a bestselling illustrator of picture books, easy readers, and board books, some of which he also wrote. His first book with Holiday House was The Luckiest Snowball. Like the father in Tuesday Is Daddy’s Day, Elliot is a gay dad who shares parenting responsibilities and joys with the mother of his (now grown) daughter. Elliot lives in New York City.