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**Ever felt like your family was crazy?**

All Wally wants to do is open presents, but before he can he has to endure his nutty family!

Written for siblings of autistic children, this fully-illustrated heart-warming, story teaches tolerance and understanding for everyone.

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## **From Reader Review Nuts: Every Family is a Little... for online ebook**

### **RLL22017-Tammi says**

Wally's entire family is gathering for the holidays at grandma's house and he can't wait to see what presents he will receive. Before he can open presents he must endure his extended family: avoiding Grandma's 101 coconut storytelling; the non-help with unloading presents from the car; and wrongly setting the table, how much more can he take. Well, little did he know there was not a present for him. How could his family forget him. Most young kids might think or feel this when everyone is in a rush during the holidays and they all are focused on making it a perfect gathering but they forget the main reason for the gathering, cherishing family no matter what. This would be an easy read for an 8-10 year olds.

I rated this slightly low because there is a small section, I believe the author wanted to touch upon, but it did not get explained or expressed well. Wally cousin Chestnut might have special needs but it's not presented in a clear way. It's addressed as a 'never mind, he will be ok deal'. Therefore, children might not understand that section. Overall, acceptance of all family members is truly what matter.

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### **Fisher says**

i was initially skeptical, but this is an excellent story.

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### **Marilyn says**

A sweet story of family and those who don't feel that they belong.

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### **Lora says**

I enjoyed this book and hope to share it with my kids as a reminder that every family unit operates differently than another. To some not in the immediate family unit, others look nuts, but in the end the family ties can still bind us together.

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### **Montzalee Wittmann says**

#### **Cute drawings**

Nuts by A J Cosmo is a tale of a family get together, and we all know how wonderful that can be...not! Well, things go pretty bad for one poor soul...many times during the visit!

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## **Diane says**

### **Relatable**

This is a cute book, that doesn't spell out the lesson. The situation and the events of a holiday celebration with the extended family over at Grandma's are very relatable.

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## **Holly Lenz says**

### **A cute story about a nutty family's holiday**

Nuts is a cute illustrated story about a nutty squirrel family's holiday get together. This simple story is good for young readers ready for a slightly longer book or for parents to read to their kids. The pictures are a nice addition.

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## **Julie Barrett says**

Nuts: Every Family is a Little... by A. J. Cosmo

Family visits the grandparents with their children and it's Christmas. Wally wants to open his gifts right away. Pistachio his sister wants to visit with the birds in the forest.

Few colorful pictures along the way.

Other relatives arrive with their presents also to share in the celebration.

Wally has to help wherever it's needed while others are doing other things.

After dinner the presents are delivered to who they belong to...Wally does not get one and the grandparents take over after they figure out what happened and talk to him.

Cute story in the long run.

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## **Laura Thomas says**

Right from the beginning this story felt so familiar. It began with Wally the squirrel and his sister and parents driving to his grandmother's house for a family reunion. I remember playing the car games. I Spy and counting objects we passed by. And it never failed, someone always asked, "Are we there yet?" Remember those family road trips?

The more I read, the more fun I had. If it weren't for the colorful, fun illustrations I would have forgot this was about a family of squirrels. That's how much I connected with them. And those illustrations. You should see the expressions on the squirrels faces. Too cute.

And the author gets quite creative with their names. There's Wally and his sister, Pistachio. His mother, Brazil and father, Almond, Grandma Praline and Uncle Peanut. A few more relatives are introduced. Can you guess what their names might be? Every time I read their names I grinned. It'll be fun for your kids to see how many "nuts" they recognize.

Wally thinks it's all about the presents. Everyone exchanges names and brings a gift. He's impatient to eat so they can start opening them. But family reunions are much more than that. Something Wally will soon learn.

I've read many of A.J.'s books and Nuts is one of my favorites. He includes special messages in such clever ways. If my son ever gets around to giving me grandkids, you can bet I'll share this with them. I can almost hear the snickers and exclamations of excitement when they see the pictures and read about Wally and his family.

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### **Kristin says**

#### **Good moral**

The story has a good moral behind it, but be warned... it's really weird. I'm not a fan of the style or flow of this book.

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### **Christine Ryan says**

The artwork was not great and not particularly interesting. The writing was fine, but the story was okay at best. I've read similarly themed children's story books that expressed their point much more clearly and more interestingly. Not a classic by any means.

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### **Katie Richards says**

#### **My 5 year old granddaughter loved this story.**

This time is a very cute story, with all of the squirrel family members named for a different nut. My granddaughter especially enjoyed Praline, the grandma.

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### **Susan says**

There are some characters in every family!

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### **Hyacinth says**

I hope I am missing something. Although well written, I found it disrespectful and heartbreaking. How can everyone open presents on Christmas but one little kid? The main one in the story. That is a scarring for life. I've seen people scarred for far less. I don't know that I would read this to my grandson as I am already working on his smart mouth.

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**Eileen Carter says**

**Cute story**

This cute story uses a family of squirrels to help children understand feelings of disappointment. The book is easy to read and the illustrations are cute.

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