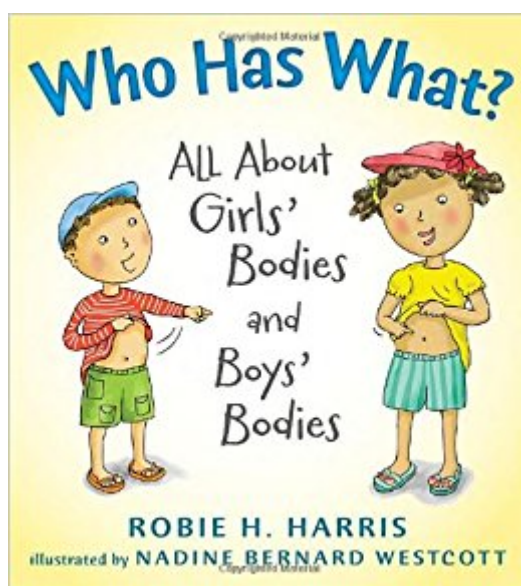


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# Who Has What?: All About Girls' Bodies And Boys' Bodies (Let's Talk About You And Me)



## Synopsis

The trusted, New York Times best-selling author of *It's Perfectly Normal* presents a charming and reassuring picture book series for preschoolers. Young children are curious about almost everything. Asking questions is one of many ways they learn about themselves and the world around them. Now, this unique series for our youngest children provides easy-to-understand facts and answers to their delightful, thoughtful, and often nonstop questions. Launching the series is *WHO HAS WHAT?*, a simple story following Nellie and Gus on a family outing to the beach. Humorous illustrations, conversations between the siblings, and a clear text all reassure young kids that whether they have a girl's body or a boy's, their bodies are perfectly normal, healthy, and wonderful. Authoring the series is Robie H. Harris, whose nonfiction books are known as the source for addressing kids' questions about themselves, their families, and their friends. Nadine Bernard Westcott's accurate and entertaining illustrations offer an inviting way for children to discover straightforward, fascinating information about themselves.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## Customer Reviews

The book serves as a great way to introduce male and female body parts for anyone not used to discussing or naming them. [School Library Journal](#) (starred review) Harris' tone is cheerful

and confident... Westcott's bright digital illustrations keep the affair as breezy and non-shocking as possible -- just as it should be. Expect the usual outcry, as well as the usual demand. [Booklist \(starred review\)](#) This much-needed title stands out for its comfortably familiar presentation of material adults sometime find difficult to share with young children. [Kirkus Reviews \(starred review\)](#)

Robie H. Harris is the author of the much-acclaimed Family Library series. While working on WHO HAS WHAT? she consulted parents, grandparents, educators, librarians, child development specialists, health professionals, and clergy to make sure that the information and illustrations answer young children's questions about themselves in an appropriate and honest manner. Robie H. Harris lives in Massachusetts. Nadine Bernard Westcott is the illustrator of more than fifty books, including SUPERMARKET! and UP, DOWN, and AROUND. She lives in Massachusetts.

My three and a half year old daughter really enjoys this book. It's written in a style that's entertaining and easy to understand. I like that the authors have included many types of families in the illustrations, and have tried to combat gender stereotypes by discussing all of the similarities about what boys and girls like (both boys and girls like active play; both boys and girls play with dolls). However, there is one flaw in the book that bothers me as I read it to my little girl. In the descriptions of the external physical attributes of boys and girls, boys' external genitalia is named, while girls' is not. Boys are described as having "a penis, a scrotum, and two openings." Girls, on the other hand, are described as having merely "three openings." And while there are indeed a penis and scrotum visible in the picture accompanying the boy's description, in the girl's, the little girl resembles a Barbie doll with a smooth genital area and three dots representing her openings. The little girl has no clitoris at all, and just a hint of labial folds. I understand that a clitoris may have been a little tougher to draw than a penis, but to completely excise a part of female genitalia in a book about the topic? What is a little girl supposed to think about that part of her anatomy? According to this book, it shouldn't exist and doesn't have a name. But if you have a daughter, you know that she knows it's there. The first time we read this book, my daughter was confused and wondered if she had a penis, because she said she had a "bump like that" and pointed to the picture of the little boy's genitals. Since my daughter still likes to read this book, and since I do like the rest of it, I choose to just add in the words when I read it to her. I read that sentence as "Between their legs, girls, baby girls, and women have a clitoris, a vulva and three openings." I point to the picture and say "her clitoris is here, just above the opening where the pee comes out" (which is how the urethral opening

is described in the book). It's not a perfect solution, and while I understand the authors' intent to rely on very simple descriptions, it would be great to know the reasoning behind completely omitting a visible part of a girl's body. We're already so squeamish about girls' genitals, calling their genitalia their flower, their bits, their woo-woo... is it too much to ask that in a book about their bodies, visible female parts should be represented and named?

Perfect for our 6 year old. We are trying to educate our only child about what is private and why girls wear different bathing suits. We felt this book was perfect for his age.

This is a great book for inquisitive kids - it has enough detail so your children learn the differences between boys and girls while not being too graphic. My boys are 3 and 4.5yo and it seems very age appropriate for them.

Love that this talks about all body parts and ties in private parts to normal human anatomy...not a taboo subject

This is a wonderful story to read to children to understand bodies and how we're all different but kind of the same as well. It's written in a way that children will understand. The pictures are very well drawn and I like that even the animals around are shown with the different body parts mentioned (a dog that has ovaries just like the little girl and her mom as only one example). It really helped my kid to understand bodies are the same and different

Received this last night and read it for bedtime with my 5-year-old boy and 8-year-old girl. I think it was very helpful, especially in putting appropriate names to different body parts. It talked about ways the genders are similar and how some body parts are different. Dogs were also included, and when boy exterior body parts were shown, the boy dog's were also shown. Same for the girls. So in the body part details, there was the first section about what is seen externally, then a second section showing internal organ differences (like an "x-ray" view). By popular demand we read the specifics twice. I noticed both kids felt less nervous and giggly and more matter-of-fact after reading the book. Like they had some knowledge/control over the gender differences. Good book! highly recommended

My kid is six and this was exactly the kind of book I was looking for for an age appropriate lesson.

The illustrations are adorable and provides a lot to look at in the scenes (lots of families, animals, sandwiches, etc). Aside from the purpose of the story, there are also features of the book that most wouldn't notice but some will appreciate. It isn't just a sea of waspy white people, the family in the book appears to be mixed race. There are people at the beach of all ages, races, shapes, and sizes. There's a pregnant asian woman, a woman breastfeeding her child, a woman wearing a hijab, a child in a wheelchair, grandparents taking care of a child, two men with some children, one man is bottle feeding a baby (in other words, possibly a family with two daddies). Some families will love this aspect, others will not, but it's something I appreciated for the lessons I plan to give my family. Aside from simply what parts everyone has, it could also springboard into a lesson on how people look act or dress differently and the different ways in which people can be a family. I'm glad I ordered this book.

Great for starting conversations about our bodies at an early age.... I recommend around potty training age. My 3yo was completely excited to discover his "two balls" - haha! Once he started asking a lot about girls and boys and trying to understand who was a girl and who was a boy and why, we knew it was time to get intentional with some early teaching. This book is a great one to start with and has lots of great, simple information delivered in a fun way that keeps them engaged and excited to learn.

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