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This deeply emotional read-aloud about a lost wolf pup who is raised by a loving polar bear is sure to resonate with families - particularly non-traditional ones.

You are not my mother, said the wolf pup.

I am not your mother, said the polar bear, but I can cuddle you and keep you safe.

Here is a picture book that celebrates differences and promotes kindness, sure to resonate with the many fans of the beloved classic, *Mama Do You Love Me?* During the ice melt that follows an Arctic winter, a wolf cub finds himself spinning out to sea on a sheet of ice. He awakes lost and alone to an unfamiliar smell: a polar bear. And while the polar bear is not the wolf's mother, she takes him on her back to her den, where she feeds him, keeps him warm, and does everything a mother would do. Time passes, the cub grows into a wolf, and soon it's time for him to venture out into the wide world alone. Years later, the now grown wolf comes upon a tiny lost polar bear cub--and the cycle begins again. With poetic prose this beautiful picture book about the love and kindness of a stranger is sure to touch a deep chord, particularly with parents and children who have found each other in unexpected ways.

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Laine says

yeah i cried.

Elaine says

Gorgeously adorable illustrations!

Leslie Basky says

I felt that this book portrayed kindness, generosity and understanding for a lost wolf cub and polar bear. How true how life events can go full circle, this story shows us how life can be funny like that. This book made me sigh. ?

Emma says

it was the best picture book in the world.

Danielle says

Gentle and sweet, with charming illustrations by Naoko Stoop on her signature plywood backgrounds.

Peacegal says

What a wonderful little book, with lovely illustrations and a kind message.

Mary Librarian says

I'm a huge fan of Naoko Stoop's illustrations and these are breathtaking. I also love the message kindness that the text and artwork work together to show.

LizzyBerry says

I've read this one three times now and I get mushy every time!!!! I want to use this for a wolves and bears storytime this winter.

Bethany says

Wolf pup is lost from his mother. Polar bear takes him in, warmly reassuring that him that she can keep him warm and fed and cared for until it's time for him to go off on his own.

Wolf, now grown, goes off with his own pack, living a wolfish life until he finds a polar bear cub who has lost his mother. Repaying the kindness of his own bear parent, he warmly reassures the lost cub that he will keep him warm, fed, and cared for until the cub is ready to leave.

This quietly glowing story of love toward another living creature should find a warm, secure home with books about foster families. (I'd caution against lumping this with adoption stories: both polar bear and wolf are quite clear that they are not the lost babes' mothers. Even in open adoptions, the adoptive parents usually assume the roles of parenting.)

Tina says

Gorgeously soft, baby-like illustrations for an unlikely pairing in the wild. Still, a good way to explain what comes around goes around...lesson on paying it forward.

Doreen says

This is a sweet story of the commonality among us. Wolves and polar bears are employed to show how wonderful kindness and love can be. My grandson loved it.

CaseyTheCanadianLesbrarian says

Beautiful illustrations but I found the story kind of dull. Plus it did that thing where all animals are gendered 'he' unless proven otherwise. Also, isn't this a rip-off of *Mama Do You Love Me*?

Lindsay says

For step parents, foster families and other unconventional family make-ups.

Dana says

Don't mind me, I'm just crying at work.

This beautiful story about a polar bear that raises a wolf pup is an excellent read-a-loud for adopted, foster, and step-families.

Jackie Ostrowicki says

Lovely, loving book about finding family in unexpected ways.
