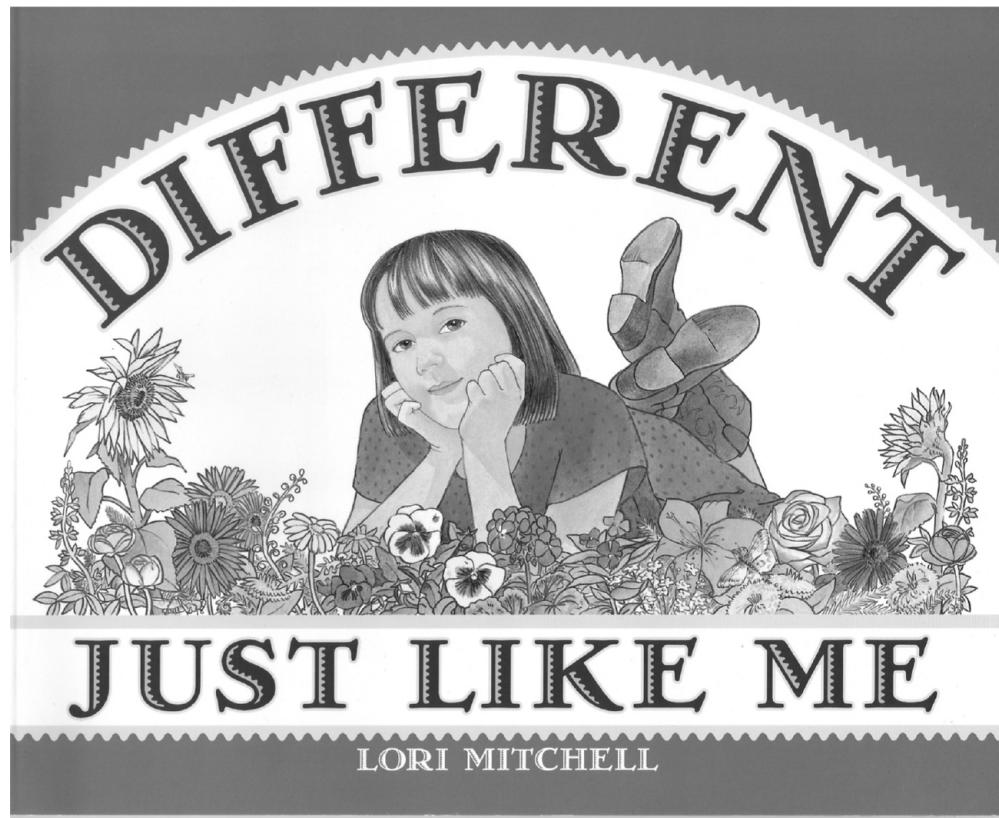


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## VISIT PREPARATION

### EASY CHECK LIST: PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR

#### Before the Author Visit

Confirm that the author visit will be on: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Send to Author:

- a. signed contract
- b. schedule for the day
- c. directions to the school or library
- d. signed copy of this list

Make sure all the teachers have read the book to their class. They may want to go over possible questions they can ask the author.

Send home book order forms at least 3 weeks before the visit: \_\_\_\_\_ Order books at least two weeks before visit: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Set Up the Day Before: \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Two long tables in the front of the assembly area
- b. Computer and screen for powerpoint
- c. Microphone (preferably cordless)

Stack the ordered books by class, with the order form in the first page of each book, ready for me to sign.

#### The Day of the Event

Make sure all the teachers and the author have a copy of the schedule.

Please have one small bottled water at the table.

If possible, have a student meet the author at the office to help direct her where to go.

#### After the Assembly

If your school would like to expand on what was discussed in the assembly, go to [www.differentjustlikeme.com](http://www.differentjustlikeme.com), download games, coloring book pages and a 5-day lesson plan, all ready to use in the classroom. You are welcome to make copies available for teachers. (please don't review the information with the class before the visit)

I have read the above and understand my responsibilities in making this the best assembly the school has ever had!

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Name

Title/Position

Date

## BOOK ORDER FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Room Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### DIFFERENT JUST LIKE ME

Quantity:

Paperback Books @ \$\_\_\_\_ = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Autograph to:

Book 1. \_\_\_\_\_

Book 2. \_\_\_\_\_

### HOLLY BLOOM'S GARDEN

Quantity:

Hardcover Books @ \$\_\_\_\_ = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Autograph to:

Book 1. \_\_\_\_\_

Book 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Turn this form in to your teacher by: \_\_\_\_\_

## GAMES YOU CAN PLAY

Here are a few of the games you can play while reading DIFFERENT JUST LIKE ME.

There are many more ideas and lesson plans on the website.

As seen on

Oprah



- Look for April's room. On the opposite page there are some objects from her room. See if you can find some of them in April's room.
- Look for the small illustrations under the type.

See how many things are the same about the objects on each page.

See how many things are different. Example: The fish are all fish, they all have fins, they all have eyes, they all swim....They are different in that they are all different colors, different shapes, different sizes...

- Find the page with cups and glasses. See if you can find them in the illustration on the opposite page.
- Find the chairs. See if you can find them on the opposite page.

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Lori Mitchell will be at your school on: \_\_\_\_\_

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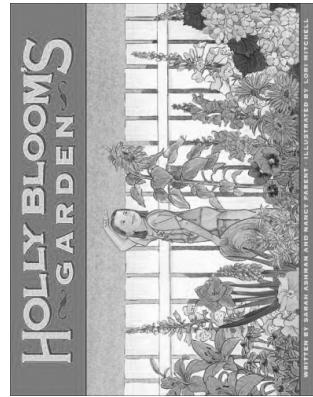


## DIFFERENT JUST LIKE ME received many awards and honors:

- American Booksellers Association Kids Pick of the Lists
- Read America! Collection
- Best Children's Fiction, San Diego Book Awards
- Selected as outstanding by the Parent Council
- Early Childhood News Directors Choice
- Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People
- Chosen as Best Children's Book, San Diego Magazine Book Awards
- Featured and recommended in the following magazines, Teaching Tolerance, Creative Classroom, The California Reader, California Educator, and Exceptional Parent.

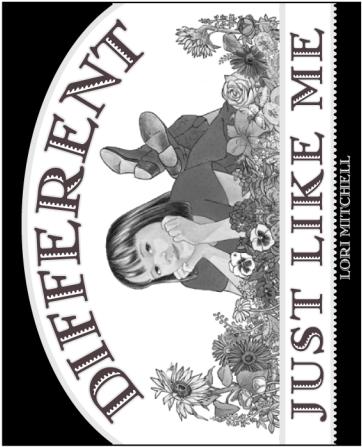
Lori wrote and illustrated the award winning picture book, *Different Just Like Me* (Charlesbridge publishing). The book has been translated into Chinese and braille. It has been seen on *the Oprah Show*, *The Today Show* and local San Diego News shows. Lori has been giving school talks since 1999.

Lori has illustrated 10 books including *Holly Bloom's Garden* and *Bal Yoga for Kids*.



## School Library Journal Review

The story is told from the point of view of a little girl anticipating a visit to her grandmother's house. Every day as she waits, the girl and her mother go on an errand. On each of these trips, the child encounters someone who is different—someone who is either older, speaks another language, has a disability, or is of a different race—but who is doing the same thing she is. Acrylic paints highlight only a few items or people in each of the pen-and-ink illustrations, inviting children to take a closer look while reinforcing the story's point. Tolerance and acceptance are difficult concepts to address for a young audience, and this book does it in a manner that can be applied to a number of situations.—*Jane Marino, Scarsdale Public Library, NY*



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