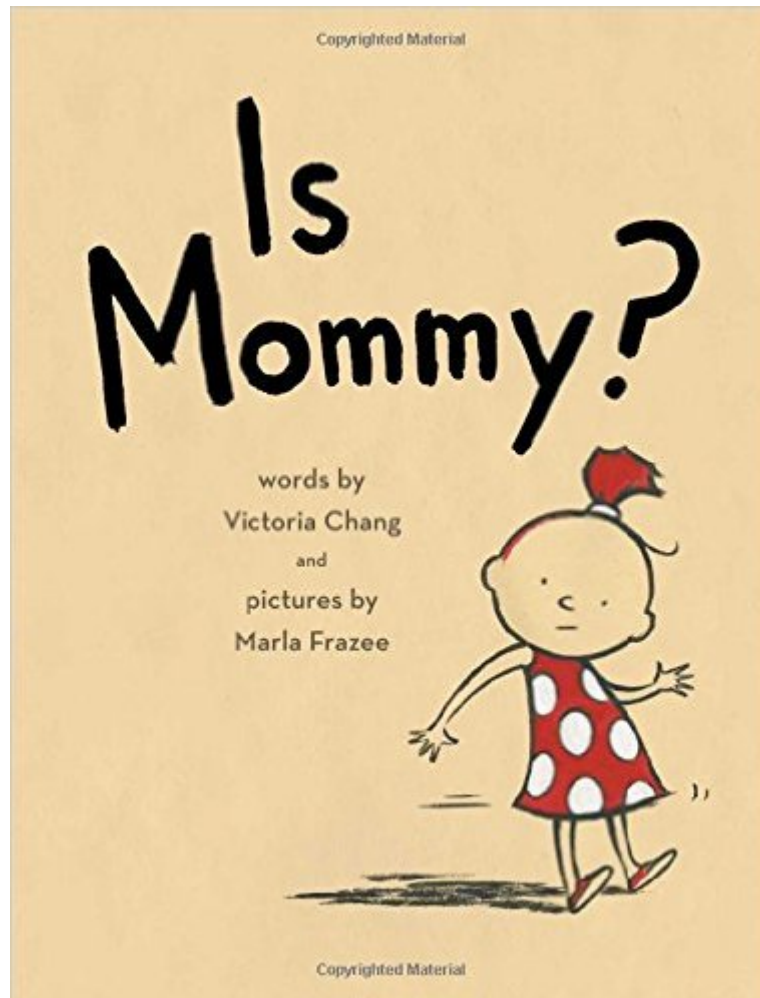


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# Is Mommy?



## Synopsis

In this irreverent, hilarious, and charming picture book, award-winning poet Victoria Chang and celebrated artist Marla Frazee show that all toddlers love their mommiesâ "no matter what. Is Mommy tall or short? Short! Is Mommy fun or boring? Boring! In this joyous ode to hardworking mothers everywhereâ "who may not always be fun or organized or neatâ "Victoria Chang asks, do their toddlers love them anyway? Of course! Marla Frazeeâ 's colorful and humorous illustrations bring this simple textâ "perfect for reading aloudâ "to vivid life.

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## Customer Reviews

Awful. "Is Mommy nice or Mean" "Mean!" "Is Mommy Beautiful or Ugly?" "Ugly!" Those are just a couple of the questions asked in the book. My four year old kept answering with Beautiful and nice but was wrong according to the book. By the time we were 2/3 of the way through, she didn't know how to answer the questions. A terrible book that not only shakes the confidence of a 4 year old, but makes mommy out to be a monster.

I don't think it's a kind message to say people are ugly, or boring, even if it \*may\* be true. I believe the book could have taken the message of unconditional love and spun it in a still tongue-in-cheek, yet more appropriate way. Two stars for cute, simple illustrations. But, I just wasn't a fan of the book, and I wouldn't read it to my own children.

We love it at my house. It's rare that a book aimed at toddlers is so polarizing, but I think this is a

testament to how original it is. Most books aimed at under 3s seem to focus on what we think kids should be feeling. This book captures the volatility, frustration and big emotions toddlers are actually feeling, which of course is often directed at their mean-ugly mommies, who, as any parent of a toddler can tell you, they nevertheless love sweetly and immensely. I actually find it kind of touching. The illustrations are great too; I love that the kids and moms have matching hairstyles. It's not for everyone, but I'm a fan.

If I could give this book zero stars I would. This is the only review I've ever written on and I am sending this book back. I don't think that teaching toddlers that it is acceptable to call their moms messy, ugly, boring or old is the right message. In a world where women are doing more and fighting for equal pay, maternity benefits and respect, this is the wrong message to send. No No No.

I can see why this book rubs some people the wrong way, but it is one of my 4 yr old daughter's favorites. She totally gets that it's supposed to be funny. When we read it, you can see her having fun as she rebels against saying the nice thing and having an outlet to jokingly say the mean thing. She and I both know she doesn't mean it. I go along by saying "MEAN!" or "UGLY!" in a fun, funny, joking way. I have no concern that the book is teaching her to say or think mean things. It's cute, playful, and a fun outlet. Love it.

This book celebrates all mommies, whether they are tall, short, pretty, ugly, nice, or mean. The format is there are a series of questions asked by the children- for example, "Is mommy pretty... or ugly?" The children always pick the "worse" of the two, leading up to a description of a short, ugly, mean, boring, old, messy mommy. But of course, the kids love her all the same. It is a cute message, but I don't know that I want my kids going around telling people I'm boring and ugly- even if they \*do\* love me all the same. I think a good way to address it is to talk about how sometimes mommies are both. Sometimes we can be mean and sometimes we can be nice. Also a nice lesson on opposites!

Hilarious! My girls (7 and 3) understood immediately that book-Mommy just like their Mommy is a real person who gets messy and grumpy. I didn't feel offended at all by this story- it is clear the kids in the book are exaggerating! It's truthful. It's adorable. I laughed until I cried. Thank you author!! You nailed it.

Saw this book at my local library and am glad I thumbed through it before bringing it into my home. If the atmosphere in your home is such that it's acceptable and funny to call Mommy ugly, mean, short, boring... but it's ok, because we love her anyway, then maybe this is the book for you. As for us, um, no thank you.

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