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In this irreverent, hilarious, and charming picture book, award-winning poet Victoria Chang and celebrated artist Marla Frazee show that all toddlers love their mommies—no matter what.

*Is Mommy tall or short?*

*Short!*

*Is Mommy fun or boring?*

*Boring!*

In this joyous ode to hardworking mothers everywhere—who may not always be fun or organized or neat—Victoria Chang asks, do their toddlers love them anyway? Of course! Marla Frazee’s colorful and humorous illustrations bring this simple text—perfect for reading aloud—to vivid life.

## Is Mommy? Details

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## From Reader Review Is Mommy? for online ebook

### Cheryl says

Brilliant. Unconditional love works both ways, you know. These mommies are real people, usually but not always perfect, but beloved anyway. And the children are both amused and amusing. I do love Frazee's art, even when it's over-the-top-ish, as it is here.

Still, the negative reviews have a point. You need to read this for yourself first. If you don't 'get' it, then don't share it with your kids.

4.5 stars rounded up to try to counter the defensiveness and hostility of the other reviewers, poor things.

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### Lizzie says

I am kinda of torn about this book.

On the one hand, I get what was trying to happen here. The story pattern and illustrations are meant to be playful and they remind me of *No, David!*. On the other hand, woah talk about Mommy shaming. Like Mommy is ugly because she has bed head? And short is a negative thing - really?

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### Lynn says

We have a number of children's books in which the parent reassures the child that they are loved no matter what their behavior, but this one turns the table and asks if children still love their mommy even if she is "short, ugly, mean, boring, old, and messy."

I can picture my granddaughter examining these qualities in her own mommy.

Clever how another child and another color are added on each subsequent page as each question is posed.

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### Helene Cardona says

Bold, funny, unusual, Victoria Chang's *Is Mommy?* is liberating, opens a tongue-in-cheek dialogue with kids and underlies the unconditional love and bond between mothers and children. *Is Mommy?* is also beautifully illustrated by Marla Frazee. Kids and their mommies will have the best time and a great laugh together.

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### Laura Harrison says

People are either loving or hating *Is Mommy?* The illustrations are some of Marla Frazee's best. I would give

it 5 stars based on the illustrations alone. I understand what the author is trying to do. Do I like it? Not so much. Name calling is just mean. Directing it towards one's mother is probably the worst. I wish these illustrations were in another title.

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### **Erica says**

Not a fan of this one. I don't want my kid to think that saying someone is ugly, especially mommy, is okay at this stage of her life (age 2). When I read this to my daughter and left out the word ugly, she picked all of the words that the kids pick in the book. It was a little disheartening but she thought it was funny. The illustrations are cute and the only thing from making this a 1-star book.

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### **Angie says**

I know this book might be a little rough for some folks but the humorous aspect of loving mom above is joyful. I get it, some of the humorous undertone might seem negative but its not. I don't think so.

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### **Amanda says**

Poor Mommy. She is not catching any breaks in this book...except for the fact that her kids love her. But overall, I found this REALLY depressing. The only thing that saved it and made we want to give it 1/2 star was Frazee's illustrations.

Horrid book.

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### **Paula says**

Ha! You mean I don't have to be pretty and young and neat to be loved by my sometimes-boring, sometimes-mean, sometimes-messy children? Good to know - and I'm sure they'll be happy to learn that the reverse applies too, which is surely the point of this book :)

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### **Tasha says**

Told in a question and answer format, this picture book embraces the different ways that toddlers view their mothers. The book asks if their mother is tall or short. Short! Is she nice or mean, well the book shows her both ways and why the toddler sees her as mean. The same for pretty and ugly, which is how she seems when she wakes up in the morning. The book goes on to say mommy is boring and old too. But the children love her just the same.

Seeing the reviews on GoodReads, this book is clearly not for everyone. It reminds me of a reverse take on the Russian folktale about the lost little girl who tells everyone she is the daughter of the most beautiful

woman in the village and it turns out to be a homely old woman that the little girl sees as the most lovely of all. Here the children also have reasons for saying something negative about their mother. Take it as a lesson in toddler honesty and not personally and it's a very funny read with a little bit of sass thrown in.

Frazee's illustrations add to the merriment on the page where the children clearly know they are being naughty with what they are saying, but also delight in it too. You can almost hear the giggles and see the sparkling eyes.

Silly toddler fun, this picture book will end with lots of laughs and hugs for parents with a big sense of humor. Appropriate for ages 2-4.

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### **Eric Villiers says**

Truly magical look at the way kids see their mothers, faults and all. This book will bring a smile to your face.

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### **Geni says**

I get the humor. BUT I AM AN ADULT! I don't think children are prepared to know the what facetious is. There is no way I would read this book in storytime.

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### **Shamekia says**

WORST. PICTURE BOOK. EVER. There's no way I'd recommend this to parents. No way I'd read it at storytime. Children are already cruel, they don't need the help of a picture book to be even more insulting, especially to the woman that gave them life and raises them. Hate. HATE. HATE this book.

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### **Tara says**

While the illustrations are amazing, why are we teaching kids words like Ugly and Old.

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### **Gordon says**

**Is Mommy?**, by Victoria Chang, is an unexpectedly terrific picture book. Meant for some very young readers, the text and illustrations allow for a little rebellious snickering at Mom's expense, but sweetly brings the attitude back around to loving her wholeheartedly.

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