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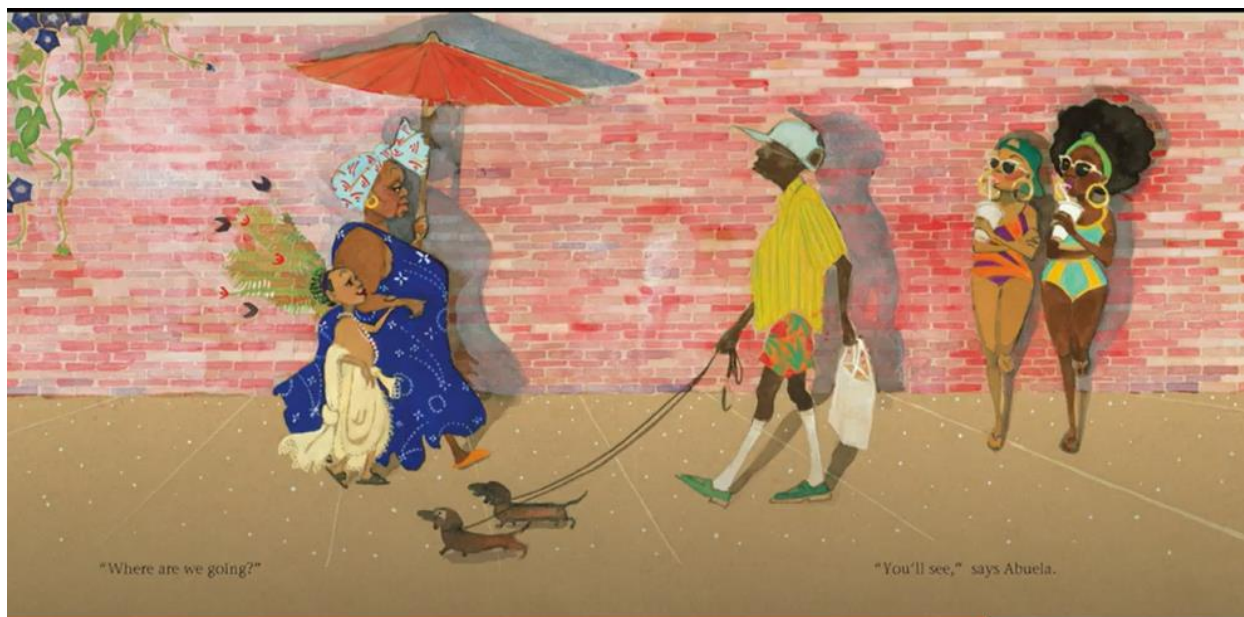
Concerns: Alternate gender identity, cross-dressing a child by an adult relative, child depicted in various stages of undress. Adult pictured in a state of undress (in bath towel).

This book is a favorite among drag queen story hour drag queens and is frequently read by drag queens at the story times because it involves gender nonconformity.



This moment has us (and Julian) wondering how Nanna will react to Julian's costume.



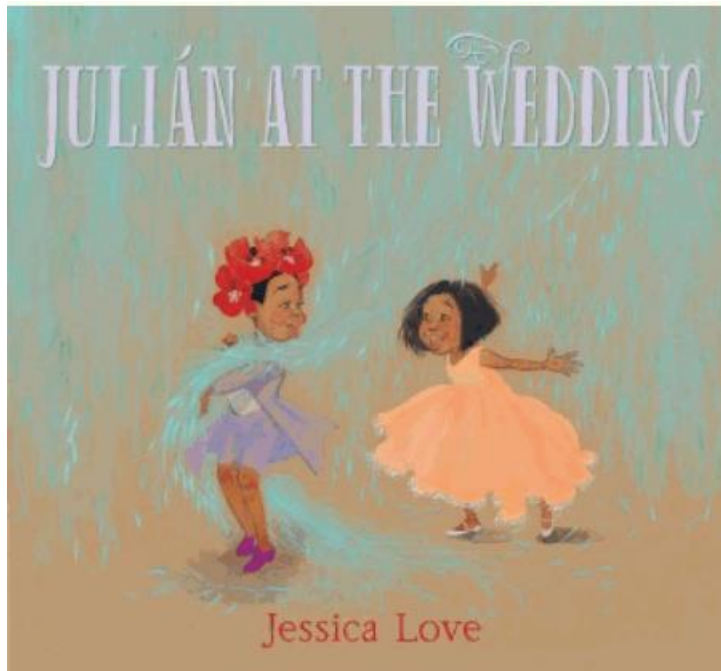



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This follow-up to the polarizing *Julián is a Mermaid*, winner of a 2019 Stonewall Book Award, finds young Afro-Latinx Julián participating in the wedding of two brides, along with their dog, Gloria, and another child named Marisol. After the kids sneak off to play in the "fairy house" enclosure beneath a weeping willow, a romp with Gloria ends with Marisol muddying her dress. Julián solves the problem by making her a tunic from his shirt and a boa from a willow branch. When their abuelas discover them, a moment of shame is swept away by parental pride and support. This is a work similar to its predecessor, featuring joyful exploration of gender presentation without any

trauma or real conflict. The art, again set on soft brown paper, bursts with dappled color, busy with fluttering fall leaves and flower petals. The intimate details in posture and expression make Love's illustrations deeply striking, though an element of caricature in her figures ties the work inextricably to the white gaze, fogging any mirror or window some readers might have found here. *Preschool-Grade 2*. Copyright 2020 Booklist Reviews.

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