



The Right Blessing: An Identity Story

Kerry M. Olitzky

Samantha Orshan Kahn

Violet Tobacco, Illustrator

Kar-Ben Publishing (Apr 7, 2026)

Hardcover \$18.99 (32pp)

979-876566351-6

Joey always felt different. By nine years old, she was ready to tell her family the truth: “I am not a boy.” Though nervous about being rejected or misunderstood, she summoned her courage to reveal herself on Shabbat. Instead, she ended up telling her father only that she didn’t want the boys’ blessing. After much consternation and a day’s pause, she managed the full truth: she needed the girls’ blessing instead. This affirming story about owning your identity—and, in Joey’s cheering case, being accepted as such by your family—is complemented by colorful illustrations embellished with Joey’s lovely crayon-art touches.

MICHELLE ANNE SCHINGLER (May / June 2026)

Disclosure: This article is not an endorsement, but a review. The publisher of this book provided free copies of the book to have their book reviewed by a professional reviewer. No fee was paid by the publisher for this review. Foreword Reviews only recommends books that we love. Foreword Magazine, Inc. is disclosing this in accordance with the Federal Trade Commission’s 16 CFR, Part 255.