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Parents’ Note

Let me start by saying thank you for purchasing Shapes All Around Us. I wrote this book in the hopes of starting your child on the journey to learning about shapes. This is a great book to help children identify what the basic shapes are and what they look like in different sizes. I wanted to show how certain shapes can transform into other ones. What better way to demonstrate that than to make some shapes that move? The shapes that move will have a little instruction on how to do so and they include the: oval, heart, diamond, rectangle, and arrow.

I really hope your children enjoy learning about just some of the shapes that are in everyday life. A great way to take this book a little further would be to stop on each page and ask “do you see any of this shape around us?” Why not try this in the park? Maybe they’ll spot a diamond in a kite.
CIRCLES are made from one line that goes round and round. Everywhere you look CIRCLES can be found.
OVALS are CIRCLES that are stretched longways a bit. OVALS have no edges or corners, just roundness, that's it.
A **TEARDROP** is another shape that can be made from a **CIRCLE** too. The **TEARDROP** has 1 round end and 1 pointed end that can be made by you.
A HEART can be made when 2 TEARDROPS come together. The HEART has 2 round bumps and 1 pointed end where the TEARDROPS are tethered.
TRIANGLES have 3 lines and corners. The TRIANGLE’s lines and corners make up all its borders.
A DIAMOND can be made when 2 TRIANGLES make friends. DIAMONDS have 4 sides and corners that appear sharpened.
A SQUARE has 4 corners and 4 sides that are all the same size. When you stand a SQUARE on its corner, it’s a DIAMOND in disguise.
The RECTANGLE takes the SQUARE and stretches it one way. A RECTANGLE has 4 sides and corners and that's the way it will stay.
An ARROW can be made from 2 other shapes, not 3. The ARROW is a TRIANGLE put on the end of a RECTANGLE that will point you where you need to be.
SHAPES can be found all over the world. SHAPES are made up of lines and some lines are curled. When you look around, how many SHAPES do you see? When you put SHAPES together, what other SHAPES could they be?
Author Biography

Theresa Black was born in West Point, NY, on an Army base and grew up in Massachusetts during her early years. She now resides in upstate New York where she met her fiancé Dan and his two wonderful children Nate and Danielle. After watching and listening to how curious and willing to learn these children were, she understood that learning has to start at a young age and be a life-long commitment. Theresa has always had a love of books, the environment, and the way things all fit together in the world. While working on her Bachelor’s in Biotechnology at SUNY Cobleskill, she was excited to jump at the opportunity of sharing her love of learning with children. By taking a children’s literature course in college, Theresa found the perfect way to do just that. In 2016, she wrote and illustrated Shapes All Around Us and looks forward to sharing her vision of learning with the world.