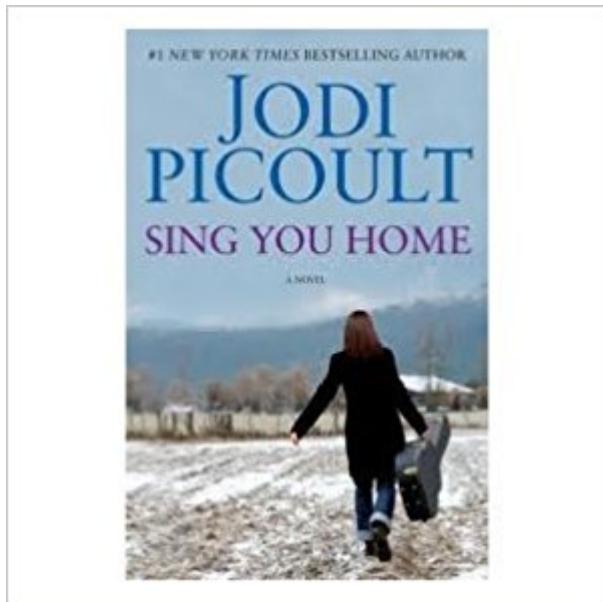


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# **Sing You Home Large Print (Large Print, Companion Soundtrack, Large Print)**



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## **Customer Reviews**

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I enjoyed this book, as I do all of Jodi Picoult's writing. She always presents controversial subjects, and tries to show both sides. However, I found this one to be a little contrived, setting up situations driven to highlight the issues. I don't want to do a spoiler alert, but the resolution to one problem didn't seem likely to me. Rather, it just helped to tie up some loose ends. All that being said, it was still an interesting, quick read, and I appreciate her shining her light multiple issues - homosexuality, religious zealotry, the risk of teen suicide. Ms. Picoult also must do extensive research to be able to present the motivations and methods of a music therapist so clearly.

Couldn't put this book down. No one can express true thoughts and feelings like Jodi Picoult. The controversy regarding gays and lesbians was so extremely touching verses the beliefs in the Bible well written had me cheering for Zoe and Vanessa. It's true the world can be a cruel place to live in,

especially finding that you are gay and then thrust into the media would have broken most people. Loved, loved, loved this book. I only wish got to learn about Lucy and if Zoe and Lucy continued their music therapy.

Zoe Baxter has spent ten years trying to have a baby, and finally it looks as though her dream is about to come true - she is seven months pregnant. But a terrible turn of events takes away her baby and breaks apart her marriage to Max. In the aftermath she throws herself into her career as a music therapist. When Vanessa, a guidance counsellor, asks Zoe to work with a suicidal teen, Vanessa and Zoe's relationship moves from business to friendship and then, to Zoe's surprise, blossoms into love. When Zoe allows herself to start thinking of having a family again, she remembers that she and Max still have frozen embryos they never used. Max, meanwhile, has found peace at the bottom of a bottle, until he is redeemed by an evangelical church where the pastor has vowed to fight the 'homosexual agenda' that threatens traditional family values. This mission becomes personal for Max when Zoe and her partner want permission to raise his unborn child. *Sing You Home* is an honest and moving story of contemporary relationships and the consequences of love and desire colliding with science and the law. From tragedy to self-discovery and joy, Zoe, Vanessa and Max will realise the undeniable truth - that you can't choose who you love. Compelling reading.

This book definitely brought out a lot of emotion in me. I started going to church on my own when I was in middle school. I was very involved in the youth group in my church, I even babysat for the pastor. I wanted to graduate high school and help minister to children, and then I realized I was gay. I felt "conviction" to come to my Pastor's wife and tell her what I had been feeling, and doing. That's when my dreams came crashing down. I wasn't allowed to be a part of the children's ministry or the youth ministry, and I had to see the head Pastor's wife for counseling. That lady was intimidating enough without being looked at as a sinner. I eventually left that church and went to another one, where I didn't disclose my sexuality. I'm in the military now and don't go to church unless I'm home with my family. I say all that to say that this book definitely made me sad, angry, happy and a whirlwind of other emotions. I saw that Jodi Picoult acknowledged a member of Focus on the Family for helping with the book and I got nervous, I thought I'd made a mistake buying this book. But I'd seen a lot of praise for this book exposing the difficulties the LGBT families go through, so I read. And I read. I couldn't put this book down. Even when I slept, I dreamed about this story. Other than DADT (which is finally gone and hopefully DOMA will be too), I haven't been discriminated against

for my sexuality since the church slammed the closet door in my face when I tried to come out as a teenager, but I do get scared of what my life will seem like if I try to have a family. My gf thinks about how it might be if we try to have children. How it's going to affect the kid(s) if they're teased at school, how much trouble we might go through just to have a kid, how we might be the subjected to anti-gay hatred. But I've always been hopeful. I'm lucky I live in California, and not my home state of Texas. But I realize we still have so far to go. I am so thankful Jodi Picoult wrote this book. I saw a review that one person went from being anti-gay to tolerant and then read this book and now they realize what LGBTs through to try to have a family. I thought we were past a lot of these issues until I started watching the Republican debates and realized that a lot of them really don't want to see gays succeed. I hope this book opens many more eyes to see that all we want is the American dream, just like anyone else. Oh, and what's up with the 4-stars? Well, I didn't like the ending that much. BUT, that's just me. Read it. You'll be glad you did, I sure am.

How does Jodi Picoult get this so right? Her characters are pretty incredible. Real and human. Zoe has to be one of the best characters created in a long time. Vanessa is not far behind. Even Max despite how angry he made me at times was a good character. Picoult nailed every single emotion in this book and did so with class and honor. She also showed the ugly side. The side of hate and intolerance. This book had it all and that was what made it so darn good. I wished only for one thing as I cried. That readers could have felt Zoe joy as she held her and Vanessa baby for the first time. Zoe tore at my heart and I so wanted her to hold her baby. I just wish the readers could have felt hers and Vanessa joy as well.

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