

Families and Groups

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Leo Tolstoy once wrote to the effect that happy families were the same, while unhappy families were all different. I think, though I revere Tolstoy, that the half about happy families is untrue. I see every indication that every family is different, just as are the people who make up those families. I do not believe that there are “happy” or “unhappy” families. There are families that undergo constant change, and there is an infinite supply of adjectives that apply to families. Everything that is true of families is also true of any other multi-individual group.

— Kilgore Forelle