Toes have an expression of family as much as minivans and Handbags have a personality

Hugs have an expression of friendliness as much as a handshake or a kiss. Some are smothering; some have distance; some are awkward and phony; others are real, honest and strong, like the 'bear' or the one that lifts you off your feet.

Now here's what I'm thinking about after I write.

Does the sentence "some have distance" create the imagery I want?

I like the word phony. I think it adds punch. We've all received a phony hug before.

I like the word 'bear' Again, I think the one word shows great imagery.

Last appositive, I want something better than 'lift'. What word would work better? Squeeze? Should I add more . . . "the one that lifts you off your feet,