

A Crocodile in the Family (Happy Fox Books) A Charming, Heartwarming Children's Picture Book about Blended Families & Adoption, with Messages of Acceptance, Inclusion, and Belonging, for Kids by: Kitty Black

Age Range: Ages 4-8

A heartwarming picture book about adoption, acceptance, and inclusion!

A family of birds stumbles across an egg in the Australian bush and take it home to nurture

The egg hatches, but it's no bird—it's a baby crocodile!

Other families question why the birds keep the crocodile as their own

"Because he belongs" is their simple, honest answer

A moving story that will capture your heart, A Crocodile in the Family is a charming children's book about a family of birds in sunny Australia who stumble across a lone egg that's been left behind.

The birds decide to take the egg home and take good care of it. When the egg eventually hatches, the family is surprised to discover that it isn't a baby bird inside—it's a baby crocodile!

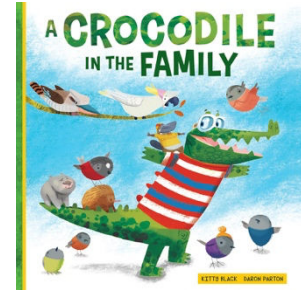
The birds raise their new baby crocodile as one of their own, and as their curious community continues to ask questions about why they keep him, the family says the answer is simple. Because he belongs, that's why!

A heartfelt children's book for kids ages 4 to 8 that conveys messages about unconditional love, acceptance, and what makes a blended family so special, A Crocodile in the Family instills important and relevant values in young children at an early age.

The pages of this sturdy hardcover book for kids are filled with stunning illustrations by award-winning illustrator Daron Parton, whose previous work includes illustrating The Ultimate Survival Guide to Bedtime Monsters and six other children's books. The text is written by author Kitty Black, a children's author with a background in psychology and education.

With a story that captures your heart and beautiful illustrations kids love, A Crocodile in the Family is the perfect children's book about the beauty of blended families!

Where to find: <https://a.co/d/cyoFt0r>



A Family Is a Family Is a Family (Who We Are) by: Sara O'Leary

Age Range: Ages 3-7

When a teacher asks the children in her class to think about what makes their families special, the answers are all different in many ways — but the same in the one way that matters most of all.

One child is worried that her family is just too different to explain, but listens as her classmates talk about what makes their families special. One is raised by a grandmother, and another has two dads. One has many stepsiblings, and another has a new baby in the family.

As her classmates describe who they live with and who loves them — family of every shape, size and every kind of relation — the child realizes that as long as her family is full of caring people, it is special.

A warm and whimsical look at many types of families, written by award-winning author Sara O'Leary, with quirky and sweet illustrations by Qin Leng.

Correlates to the Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts:
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.K.1

With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about key details in a text.
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.1.2

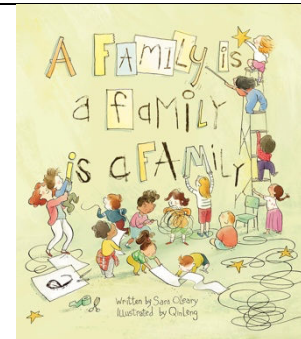
Retell stories, including key details, and demonstrate understanding of their central message or lesson.
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.1.6

Identify who is telling the story at various points in a text.
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.1.9

Compare and contrast the adventures and experiences of characters in stories.
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.2.6

Acknowledge differences in the points of view of characters, including by speaking in a different voice for each character when reading dialogue aloud.

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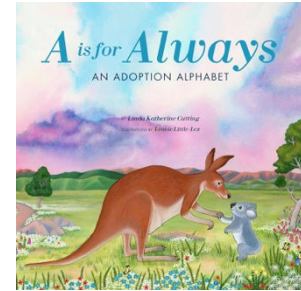


A Is for Always: An Adoption Alphabet by: Linda Cutting

Age Range: Ages 2-6

*A is for Always. With your hand in mine,
Adoption's a gift that will last for all time.*

With gentle rhymes and lovely illustrations, A Is for Always celebrates the joy and love of adoption from A to Z. With B for birth parents, Q for questions, and U for understanding, it frames challenging aspects of adoption in a way children can understand. Best of all, each page shows a different adoptive family of cuddly animals welcoming and cherishing a new child.



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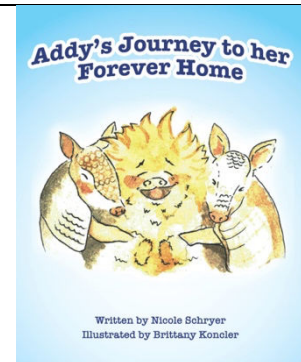
Addy's Journey to her Forever Home by: Nicole Schryer

Age Range: Ages 6-12

The story is about a 7-year-old girl (Addy) who is also a Porcupine that is removed from her home due to neglect. She goes through various foster homes, some terrible and some just leaving her more alone. As the story goes on you can see her spikes begin to form as she experiences more and more trauma. She ends up at her final foster home that happens to be armadillos. They are hard on the outside to withstand her spikes, but soft on the inside to warm and comfort Addy. They then bring her to therapy where colors more than brown begin to shine.

This story was created to help children in the foster/adopted system provide normalcy and hope for a brighter future. Addy goes through many homes and experiences trauma and loss in so many different ways. However, it is a story that provides resiliency in the face of adversity, and love when it's hard to see. Follow Addy on her journey to find love and belonging.

Addy's Journey to her Forever Home is a recipient of the prestigious Mom's Choice Award. The Mom's Choice Awards® (MCA) evaluates products and services created for parents and educators and is globally recognized for establishing the benchmark of excellence in family-friendly media, products and services. Using a rigorous evaluation process, entries are scored on a number of elements including production quality, design, educational value, entertainment value, originality, appeal and cost. Around the world, parents, educators, retailers and members of the media trust the MCA Honoring Excellence seal when selecting quality products and services for families and children.



Where to find: <https://a.co/d/05InFkm>

Adopting A Little Brother or Sister: A big sister's guide to adoption for a child becoming a big sibling through adoption of a younger child or baby ... Kinship Care and Special Guardianship by: Holly Marlow

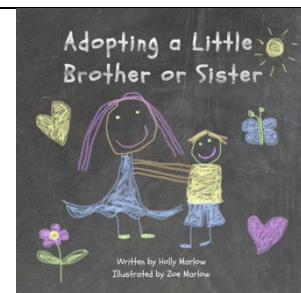
Age Range: Ages 2-11

From the author of award-winning foster care and adoption books, Dolly Duck and Room in the Nest, and her talented daughter, Zoe.

Adopting A Little Brother or Sister features charming illustrations from a 5 year old big sister. The engaging story is told in the voice of a young child who is excited to be a big sister through adoption and shares her top tips for other future brothers and sisters going through the process of adoption from foster care. The story touches upon social worker visits and the introductions process with the foster family, as well as highlighting some of the frustrations a child may have with the process, (such as how slow it feels) and the things a young child may find fun about adopting (such as the child being already old enough to play, unlike a newborn).

This story is suitable for birth/biological children, as well as elder siblings who were adopted themselves.

Where to find: <https://a.co/d/16u3KXO>



All About Families by: Felicity Brooks

Age Range: Ages 3-5

What do families look like? Who's in your family? And how can families change? With delightful illustrations, this glorious celebration of family diversity talks about lone-parent families, adoptive, foster, divorced, remarried, and multi-racial families, and lots, lots more, showing little children that families come in all shapes and sizes.

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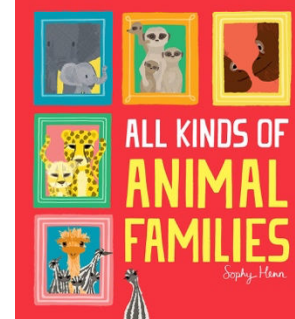


All Kinds of Animal Families by: Kane Miller

Age Range: Ages 5-8

Just like us, animal families are all different. From a clownfish mommy and daddy to cheetah daddies who adopt cubs -what do they all have in common? Love, of course! A wonderful celebration of the diversity of family life.

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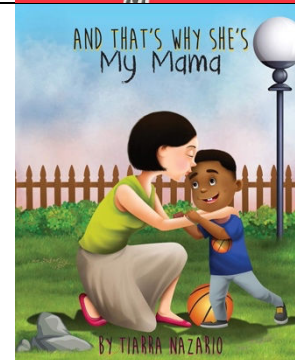


And That's Why She's My Mama by: Tiarra Nazario

Age Range: Ages 1-7

What is a Mama? A mama is someone who is always there for you. She makes you your favorite food, takes you to the park, and kisses your boo-boos better. Some mamas didn't hold you in their belly, but they will forever hold you in their hearts. Mamas come in all different shapes, colors, and ages, but they all have one thing in common. They love you! Enjoy the multiple characters in this children's story which explores the loving tasks of what makes a mama. Recommended ages 1-7

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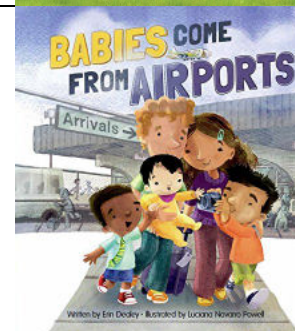


Babies Come From Airports by: Erin Dealey

Age Range: Ages 3-8

Some babies come from airports, but all babies come from love. A special, joy-filled Gotcha Day story for all types of families.

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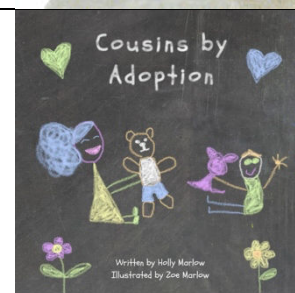


Cousins by Adoption: A story to explain adoption to nieces and nephews becoming cousins through their aunt(s)/uncle(s) adopting a child | Adoption ... Kinship Care and Special Guardianship by: Holly Marlow

Age Range: Ages 2-11

Created by Holly Marlow (author of award-winning *Delly Duck: Why A Little Chick Couldn't Stay With His Birth Mother*, *Room in the Nest*, *Adopting A Little Brother or Sister* and *So You've Adopted a Sibling*) and her talented daughter, Zoe.

Cousins by Adoption is a cousin version of Marlow's popular *Adopting A Little Brother or Sister* book. It has been created in response to numerous requests from prospective adopters seeking a cousin edition to give to their nieces and nephews, to explain that they will be becoming cousins through



adoption. The engaging story explains the adoption process in a child-friendly way. It is told in the voice of a young child who is excited that her uncle has adopted a child.

Where to find: <https://a.co/d/bfoGFPT>

Delly Duck SIBLING GROUP EDITION: Why Some Children Cannot Stay With Their Birth Families: A foster care and adoption story book for children, to ... Kinship Care and Special Guardianship) by: Holly Marlow

Age Range: Ages 2-11

When Delly Duck lays two eggs, she is excited for them to hatch. But she doesn't really know how to keep eggs safe, or how to look after the ducklings when they hatch. See how a concerned goose tries to help Delly to learn how to care for the ducklings, in this sensitively-written adoption story.

Delly Duck: Why A Little Chick Couldn't Stay With His Birth Mother and this special siblings/twins edition are intended to help support and stimulate discussion around some of the questions an adopted or fostered child (or another child trying to understand adoption) may have. The story can be used to help answer difficult and emotive questions, such as "Why can't I live with my birth mother?" and "Why didn't someone just teach her how to parent me safely?"

No two adoption stories are the same, so symbolism has been used that is open to appropriate interpretation by the parent, kinship carer, social worker, play therapist, teacher or other adult reading this story with a child. The beautifully-illustrated story includes animal characters that may reflect common behaviours and responsibilities of several of the key people involved in an adoption process. Delly is a likeable duck, who sadly makes some poor choices and struggles to care for her ducklings in a consistently safe way.

The book includes a helpful guide to the symbolism, with suggestions as to how the various metaphors can be used to support therapeutic life story work and answer questions about the challenges faced by a child's birth parents, such as memory or concentration problems, addiction and/or poor or inconsistent role models during their own childhoods.

Above all, it portrays that all adults involved want the best for adopted children, and that they are so very loved.

Delly Duck is a popular story with kinship (special guardianship) families and connected carers, particularly when used alongside Marlow's award-winning bestseller, *Room in the Nest*. It will appeal to readers of *The Blanket Bears*, *The Invisible String*, and the works of Sarah Naish and Todd Parr.

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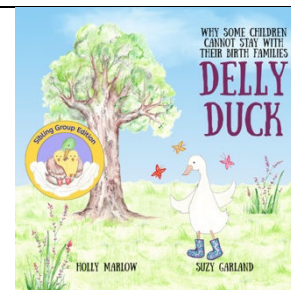
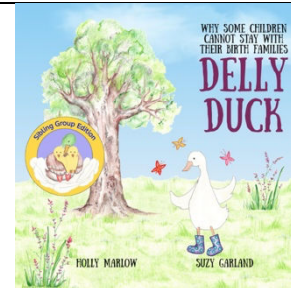
In response to popular demand, Holly Marlow has created this special sibling/twin edition of her multi-award winning book, *Delly Duck*.

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Age Range: Ages 2-11

This listing is for the original award-winning edition of *Delly Duck*, featuring one duckling. For twins/sibling groups, click on the author's name or series title, and select the sibling group edition.

Created by Holly Marlow (adoptive and biological parent, and author of *Room in the Nest*, *Adopting a Little Brother or Sister*, *So You've Adopted a Sibling and Cousins by Adoption*) and her sister, Suzy Garland.

When *Delly Duck* lays an egg, she is excited for it to hatch. But she doesn't really know how to keep an egg safe, or how to look after her chick when he hatches. See how a concerned goose tries to help *Delly* to learn how to care for her chick, in this touching adoption story.

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Where to find: <https://a.co/d/hv0WUAd>

Foster Care: One Dog's Story of Change by: Julia Cook

Age Range: Ages 5-8

An Encouraging Picture Book for Kids in Foster Care

In this heartfelt story from the bestselling author of *My Mouth is a Volcano!*, Foster meets new friends and a kind foster mom who help him navigate the fears and feelings associated with going into foster care.

Foster has lived with his mom and "sometimes dad" all of his life...until now. And like so many others entering foster care, he has more questions than answers and so many new feelings to deal with.

"I don't know what's going to happen to me.

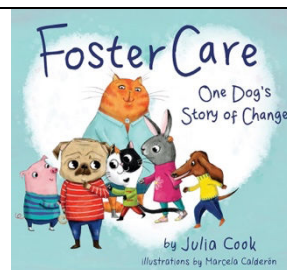
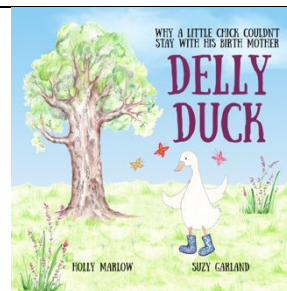
Will I end up being like Zeke?

Will I have a new forever mom?

Can I visit my mom once a week?"

"I have so much going on inside me right now.

I feel angry, guilty, scared, hurt, and sad.



But maybe the others are right.

Maybe being here isn't so bad."

Written in an honest, approachable way, Foster Care will encourage children entering or already in foster care and help them understand they are not alone. Foster, Daisy, Zeke, Simpson, and Rex all have different circumstances which brought them to foster care. Together they talk through their stories and realize this is right where they need to be for now; under the caring watch of foster mom, Miss Beulah.

Where to find: <https://a.co/d/1LGa2Ag>

Fostering Feebie : A Book for Children in Foster Care: Feebie's Life in Foster Care by: Ms Sherry Grandmaison

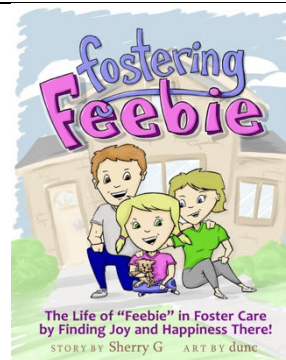
Age Range: Ages 3-11

Through the eyes of a foster child, readers will be captivated by the touching and inspiring story of love, support, and hope that comes with being a part of a foster family. They will be able to relate to the character's experiences and gain a newfound appreciation for the invaluable role that foster care plays in their lives.

This book is not only an enjoyable read, but it is also a powerful tool that can help shape a child's perspective on life. It provides a positive outlook on an often-misunderstood topic, giving readers a chance to see the world in a whole new light.

Filled with beautiful illustrations and a relatable storyline, this book is the perfect gift for any child who needs a little extra encouragement and support during a difficult time. It will leave them with a sense of hope and an eagerness to embark on a new journey filled with endless possibilities.

Where to find: <https://a.co/d/azQelfZ>



Home is Wherever I Go! A kids story book about moving to a new house by: Sunny Mai

Age Range:

Home Is Wherever I Go! is a fun and simple rhyming story for children and toddlers about the often times difficult experience of moving away to a new home!

Moving can be a tough experience for us all, especially young children. The fear of leaving behind everything that they love, including friends, toys and even their room can cause anxiety in a child. This book helps teach the concept that everything we love always lives in our hearts, and therefore goes wherever we go!

This is the perfect book for military families that move often and families whose jobs require frequent relocation. Children as young as toddlers will gain an understanding that moving can be an opportunity to have new experiences. It also reinforces the fact that moving doesn't mean leaving behind important things we love. We can still maintain the connection to our dearest friends and loved ones, places and things no matter how near or far we are to them!

Perfect book for teachers to read during group or circle time! Children will enjoy seeing the evolution of the main character's feelings as she goes from sad and worried to excited and brave! This book also teaches children that experiencing difficult emotions is perfectly normal for everyone and that what's most important is how we manage those feelings. This book is the perfect way to get early school-age children to open up and discuss their own experiences with moving and trying new things!

Where to find: <https://a.co/d/d3LwwA7>



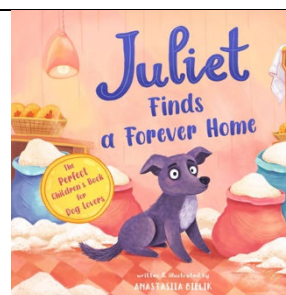
Juliet Finds A Forever Home: Children's Book about Empathy and Friendship (Juliet's Stories) by: Anastasiia Bielik

Age Range: Ages 4-8

A little dog was all alone. No food. No home. And no love. In the midst of a storm, she found herself in a place filled with yummy cakes, tasty breads, and the most delicious pastries. That is where the little dog found someone who gave her warmth, comfort, and even a name.

Will this be her forever home? Or is Juliet meant to keep searching for her luck?

Join this puppy on this poignant adventure of courage and belonging.



This touching story, accompanied by beautiful illustrations, is the perfect book for kids aged 4-8 and for all dog lovers who believe in the magic of friendship and kindness!

Where to find: <https://a.co/d/4bqep6k>

Just Because I was Adopted . . . : A Story About Adoption and Forever Love by: Dr. P. Shiroma

Age Range: Ages 13-18

The bond that links us to our families can be in different ways. Usually is shown through love and joy at sharing each other's lives. This delightful tale seeks to introduce children to the concept of adoption when William, a little boy, learns this important lesson on one snowy day.

William, his best friend Yuki, and their next-door neighbor Rosie decide to make snow families. Then William is confronted about whether his family is his real family.

Will William learn that there is more to family than being born into it? Will his friends, Yuki and Rosie, understand the meaning of adoption and what it means to be adopted?

With an inspiring story and stunning chibi anime illustrations, *Just Because I Was Adopted* is sure to become a book you'll revisit again and again.

♥ An adorable new book from the award-winning author of *Super Duper Big Heart* ♥

♥ *Just Because I Was Adopted . . .* 2021 Winner of the Purple Dragonfly Children's Book Award ♥

Where to find: <https://a.co/d/8XP9lmI>

Learning About My Friend's Adoption: An Open Adoption Story (Open Adoption Stories) by: Allison Olson

Age Range: Ages 4-8

Finally, a children's book that describes adoption to kids outside the adoption community with this heartwarming tale of friendship and understanding.

When a curious young boy learns that his friend has been adopted, he embarks on a quest to uncover the meaning of adoption. Armed with a multitude of questions, he eagerly listens to his friend's captivating narrative, unveiling a profound journey that will leave readers touched and enlightened.

In this beautifully illustrated book, young readers will join the inquisitive protagonist as he discovers the essence of adoption through the eyes of his friend. Explore the concept of adoption as they interact with relatable characters and thoughtfully crafted conversations.

Learning About My Friend's Adoption: An Open Adoption Story is more than just a book; it's an invitation to embrace diversity, compassion, and understanding. Perfect for families, schools, and libraries, this charming story will spark conversations about adoption and bridge the gap between young minds, nurturing empathy and acceptance.

Open the pages of this remarkable book and embark on a journey of discovery, empathy, and friendship – a journey that will warm hearts, ignite imaginations, and leave a lasting impact on readers of all ages.

Where to find: <https://a.co/d/eE9Y6gc>

Lily Coyote's New Baby: An Adoption Story for Kid's by: Xander Martin

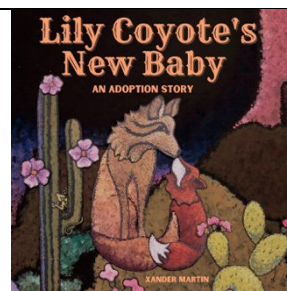
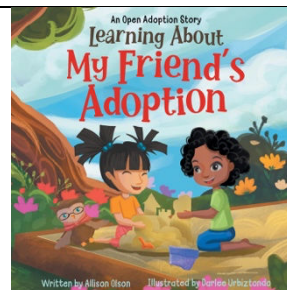
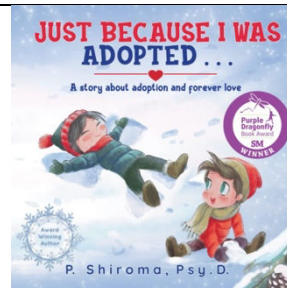
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Night after night, Madame Moon shined bright above Lily Coyote.

Lily Coyote howled "Why, Madame Moon in the sky, can't I have a baby?"

Lily Coyote longs to have a child and asks her friend, Madame Moon, for guidance. Madame Moon guides Lily Coyote through the vast desert in search of someone to care for. Lily Coyote searches and searches until she finds the sweet Little Fox. Together, Little Fox and Lily Coyote build trust and become a chosen family.

This sweet adoption allegory teaches us that there are many ways to build a family. The only things a family truly needs are love and support.



Kids will love the beautiful illustrations that accompany this fable. And each illustration is full of little surprises.

The book comes complete with a Spot the Difference puzzle following the story.

Where to find: <https://a.co/d/cfPHbo>

No Matter What: A Foster Care Tale by: Josh Shipp

Age Range: Ages 5-11

"A Beautiful Message of Hope for Adopted and Foster Children."

Is there an Adopted or Foster child in your life? Do they ever feel like they don't quite belong? Are they worried you might give up on them?

Introducing a hilarious, relatable, and heartwarming story for adopted and foster children about unconditional love.

According to child welfare studies, up to 70% of foster and adoptive children struggle with feelings of belonging and instability.

In *No Matter What*, former foster kid and best-selling author Josh Shipp shares a mostly autobiographical tale about finding a forever home.

Josh was a squirrel without a squirrel family. Between the pelicans, the leopards, the otters, and the snakes, no one seemed to want a squirrel like him.

He did everything he could to scare those families away first, but the elephants weren't like other families. The elephants were very large and very patient, and they wanted Josh to be part of their family today, tomorrow, and forever.

Adopted or Foster children will:

Recognize their own feelings of belonging and insecurity, knowing they're not alone in their emotions.

Connect with the relatable character, Josh, and empathize with his journey as they see their own experiences reflected.

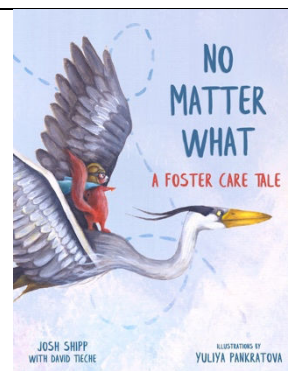
Understand the concept of unconditional love through the story, appreciating its significance in their own lives.

Be inspired by Josh's resilience and perseverance, learning to face challenges with determination and optimism.

Empower themselves with a positive self-identity, recognizing their uniqueness and worth.

With hilarious illustrations and a heartwarming message, *No Matter What: A Foster Care Tale*, is certain to cultivate empathy, inspire resilience, and encourage heartfelt conversations.

Where to find: <https://a.co/d/5iOn3EK>



Room in the Nest: An inclusive foster care story to explain fostering, reunification, kinship care, adoption, long term foster care and the family ... Kinship Care and Special Guardianship by: Holly Marlow

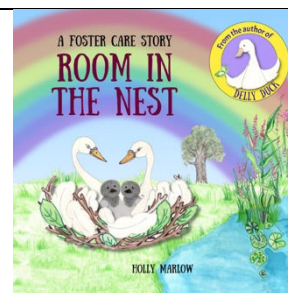
Age Range: Ages 1-11

Winner of the Literary Titan GOLD Award, March 2023.

From the author of award-winning children's story book, *Delly Duck: Why A Little Chick Couldn't Stay With His Birth Mother* and other adoption and fostering children's stories, comes a heartwarming story featuring a mixture of familiar and new characters.

Mr and Mrs Swan build a big nest, so that they have plenty of room to help anyone who needs them. Teach children about different kinds of foster care, with this touching tale of fostering placements leading to reunification, kinship care, adoption and long term foster care / fostering-to-adopt. This inclusive story features different types of family, including same-sex and single parents, and can be used as a therapeutic tool to help care-experienced children to process their experiences, or as an effective teaching aid to normalise and explain foster care and other family structures to all children.

Where to find: <https://a.co/d/0t4zPVk>



So You've Adopted a Sibling: A big sister's survival guide for big brothers and sisters through adoption of a younger child or baby | Adoption shower ... Kinship Care and Special Guardianship) by: Holly Marlow

Age Range: Ages 2-11

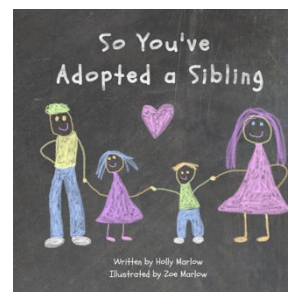
From the author of award-winning foster care and adoption books *Delly Duck*, *Room in the Nest* and other adoption, fostering and kinship care children's stories, comes an adorably-illustrated story to help elder siblings to adjust to a new sibling joining their family by adoption.

So You've Adopted a Sibling features charming illustrations from Marlow's daughter, a real 5 year old big sister. The engaging story is told in the voice of a young child who is enjoying being a big sister through adoption, and shares her top tips for other children who have a younger brother or sister who has joined their family through adoption. The story touches upon some of the emotions and changes to routine that children may experience in the early months as a big brother or sister.

Marlow is a biological and adoptive mother, and understands the challenges faced by parents who adopt after having a biological child. Most children have an established routine by the time they move to their adoptive family, and one of the primary goals of the adoptive family is to try to minimise the changes to this routine during transitions, to help the adopted child to settle in. Marlow found that this meant that there were quite a lot of changes to her biological daughter's routines, so they worked together to write this story to help other parents to support their children through this.

This story is suitable for birth/biological children, as well as elder siblings who were adopted/placed in an adoptive family themselves prior to their younger sibling joining the family.

Where to find: <https://a.co/d/a7eYlkt>



Some Things Have Changed: A gentle story to help care-experienced children to understand that a younger biological sibling can stay with their birth ... Kinship Care and Special Guardianship) by: Holly Marlow

Age Range: Ages 3-10

From the author of award-winning children's story books including *Delly Duck*, *Room in the Nest* and *Cousins by Adoption* comes another sensitively-crafted story to make difficult conversations easier.

Little Chick couldn't live with his birth mother, *Delly Duck*, because she didn't look after him properly, or keep him safe, so he is surprised to hear that she has laid another egg, and this duckling will be staying with her!

Little Chick has lots of feelings and questions about this confusing situation, which Quill answers to put his mind at ease. This story can be used to gently address some of the questions a care-experienced child may have when their biological mother makes the changes needed to be able to parent another child.

This story is suitable for children who have adoptive families, long term foster carers, special guardians, kinship carers, connected carers and other friend-and-family carers.

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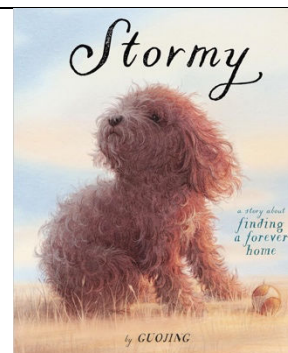
Stormy: A Story About Finding a Forever Home by: Goujing

Age Range: Ages 3-7

From the creator of the New York Times best-illustrated children's book award winner *The Only Child*, comes a gorgeous and moving wordless picture book that's perfect for dog lovers.

In this heartwarming, wordless picture book that's perfect for dog lovers, a woman visits a park and discovers a pup hiding under a bench--scruffy, scared, and alone. With gentle coaxing, the woman tries to befriend the animal, but the dog is too scared to let her near. Day after day, the woman tries--and day after day, the dog runs away. With perseverance and patience--and help from an enticing tennis ball--a tentative friendship begins. But it's not until a raging storm forces the two together that a joyous and satisfying friendship takes hold. Goujing poignantly explores how trust doesn't always come easily, but how, over time, and with kindness and determination, forever love can grow.

Where to find: <https://a.co/d/jbuEubf>



Surrounded by Love: An Open Adoption Story (Open Adoption Stories) by: Allison Olson

Age Range: Ages 3-7

Written by an adoptee.

This modern take on the "where did you come from" adoption book celebrates open adoption. Through words and illustrations, the characters express the immense amount of love that everyone involved in the process has for the adoptee.

Being both an adoptee and an adoptive parent, Allison Olson has a unique perspective on the topic of adoption. Her goal is to build confidence and self-esteem in young adoptees by changing the adoption narrative from the "lucky" child to the "loved" child.

Author's Purpose & Passion

Written by an adoptee for adoptees (and to help educate non-adoptees)

Build confidence & self-esteem about being adopted

Portray birth mom and adoptive parents in a positive light

A love story for young adoptees

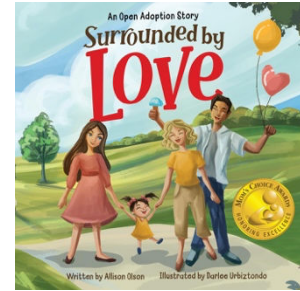
Highlight the beauty of open adoption

"... a wonderful celebration of uniting two families together through open adoption." -- Sara Silvestri, MD, Adoptive Parent, The Adoption Doc, LLC

"... I think it is a great tool for helping a child understand adoption." -- Melanie Leal, Adoption Specialist, LMSW, LCPAA

"...this book sends a clear and tender message about the beauty of open adoption." -- Lorri Antosz Benson, Birth Mom, Author of "To Have and Not to Hold", "Adopting Hope", and "Amazing Adoptees Who Changed The World"

Where to find: <https://a.co/d/iVaBu72>



The Adoption Ceremony: A sensitive story to explain the purpose of an adoption ceremony to an adopted child and their friends and classmates | ... Kinship Care and Special Guardianship) by: Holly Marlow

Age Range: Ages 0-11

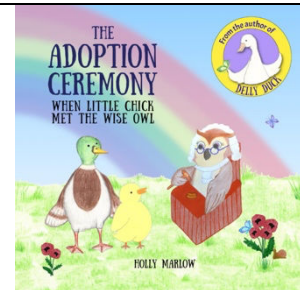
From the author of award-winning children's story books, *Delly Duck* and *Room in the Nest*, comes another sensitively-crafted story featuring a mixture of familiar and new characters.

An adoption ceremony - often referred to as a Celebration Hearing, Pronouncement Hearing or Adoption Visit - can be a helpful tool to support therapeutic life story work and to help adopted children to understand what happened when a judge made important decisions about their lives.

This story is designed to show children what to expect at their adoption ceremony and to reassure them that the decision has already been made and will not change at the ceremony. It may be used to explain the purpose of the Celebration Hearing to a child's friends and classmates, and also serves as a thoughtful gift to help a child to understand and process the ceremony after the fact.

This story is suitable for adoption from foster care, not private adoption.

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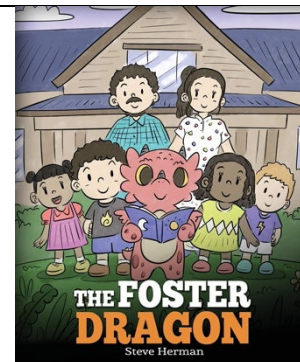
The Foster Dragon: A Story about Foster Care by: Steve Herman

Age Range: Ages 4-8

A Cute Children's Book to help Kids understand Foster Care and Adoption.

Join Drew and his dragon Diggory Doo on this uplifting story to understand what it means to be a foster child and the many issues, questions, and feelings they have that are directly or indirectly affected by Foster Care.

With the cute and relatable Dragon Diggory Doo going through the same issues children have, this is an essential book to help children cope with difficult challenges such as changing families, being removed from a home, or how scary things can be, and how to navigate the fears and feelings going into Foster Care.



Educators and parents will find this book a great tool to help kids open up to discuss negative behaviors, as well as understanding and gaining trust for adults involved such as social workers, parents, lawyers, parents, therapists, and more...

Read this book to children to give them the empowering affirmation that no matter how hard and uncertain things can be, they're loved and the adults involved are lending the helping hands, and what they can do to adjust to the new living associated with Foster Care.

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The Mulberry Bird by: Anne Braff Brodzinsky

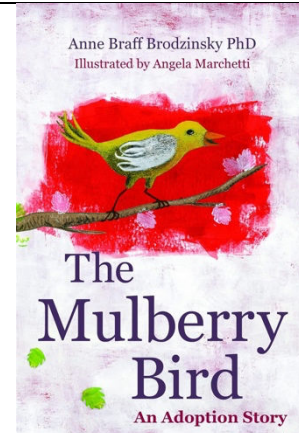
Age Range: Ages 5-10

Mother Bird is looking after her baby bird in the forest, when a huge storm scatters her nest. Try as she might, she just can't give him the protection he needs. She faces a choice: continue to struggle on her own, or give her precious baby bird to another family who can care for him in their strong, secure nest.

In this classic adoption picture book for children, common issues in adoption are addressed—from the enduring force of a birth parent's love and contact post-adoption to the importance of nurturing an adopted child in his or her new environment. It is a timeless and enduring tale of sacrifice, wisdom and love.

This book is ideal for reading aloud with adopted children aged 5–10 and their siblings, whether at home or in school.

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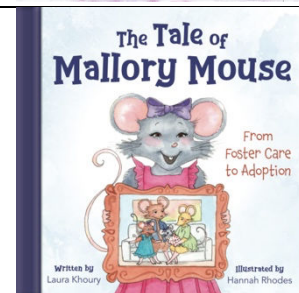
The Tale of Mallory Mouse: From Foster Care to Adoption by: Laura Khoury

Age Range: Ages 4-7

Mallory Mouse may be tiny, but she captures hearts in a big way during her journey through foster care.

While it may seem that Mallory begins her journey alone, she is never truly alone, as God is by her side the entire time. Mallory experiences love from her birth mother, her foster mom, and her forever mommy, each in a unique way.

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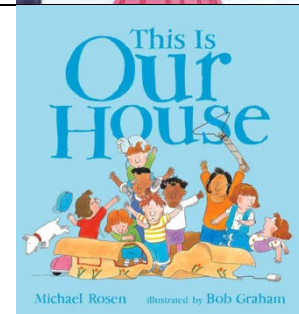
This is Our House by: Michael Rosen

Age Range: Ages 3-7

"Playground dynamics become testy as a willful child attempts to exclude everyone else in this simple, humorous lesson in human relations. . . . Deft and funny." —THE HORN BOOK

George has a house made from a big cardboard box, and he says that no one else at the playground can come in. Not Lindy, because George's house "isn't for girls," nor Freddie, because it "isn't for small people." Sophie can't come in because, George says, "This house isn't for people with glasses." But when George leaves his house for a moment, everyone piles in, and on his return, George gets a taste of his own medicine. Aided by Bob Graham's striking illustrations of an urban playground, Michael Rosen tells the tale of a little boy who makes a big discovery — that letting everyone into his playhouse is a lot more fun than keeping them out.

Where to find: <https://a.co/d/2wOCYbe>



What Makes A Family? by: Hannah Bruner

Age Range:

Each family is different. Each family's unique!

Readers will fall in love with this lyrical, whimsical ode to families and the common thread that creates them all. From blended families to foster families and all the families in-between, this colorful, inclusive picture book teaches children and grown-ups alike that no matter how a family is created, what truly makes a family is CHOOSING to LOVE.

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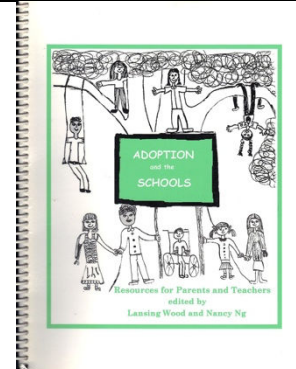


Adoption And The Schools Resources for Teachers and Parents by: Lansing Wood

Age Range:

A resource book about adoption for both older and younger children, and their schools. This book is for both parents and teachers.

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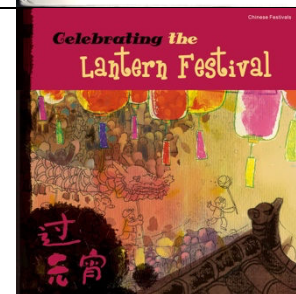


Celebrating the Lantern Festival by: Tang Sanmu

Age Range: Ages 4-8

Little Mei wants to know why her grandpa is making a paper lantern. Grandpa tells her the story of the Jade Emperor of Heaven and how he ordered the earth to be destroyed by fire. Includes a quick recipe for yuanxiao, sticky rice dumplings.

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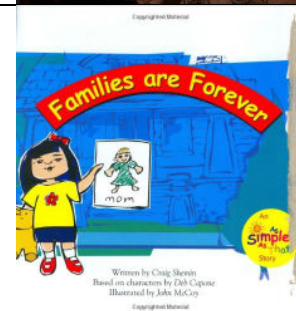


Families are Forever by: Craig Shemin

Age Range: Ages 2-4

Families are Forever is the first in a series of children's books confronting the issues of adoption and multi-cultural life. Locating the delicate balance between individuality and diversity, Families are Forever follows one girl's heartwarming, fascinating journey from China to America-into the arms of a loving mom and her extended family. Lighthearted and touching, this color-bursting tale is narrated by Rain a 6-year old Chinese-American adopted girl and her beloved stuffed hippo who is a family legacy.

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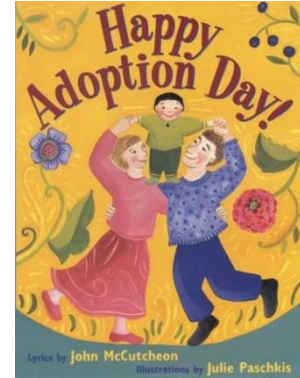


Happy Adoption Day! by: John McCutcheon

Age Range: Ages 2-7

This adaptation of McCutcheon's song commemorates the day when a child joins an adoptive family. Complete with musical notation, these verses reassure adopted children they are special. Full-color illustrations.

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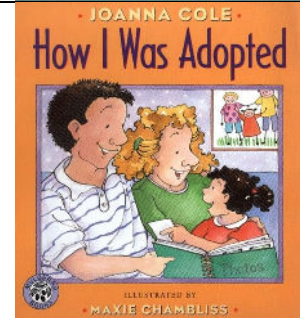


How I Was Adopted by: Joanna Cole

Age Range: Ages 4-8

Sam has a joyful story to tell, one completely her own, yet common to millions of families -- the story of how she was adopted. Most of all, it's a story about love. And in the end, Sam's story comes full circle, inviting young readers to share stories of how they were adopted.

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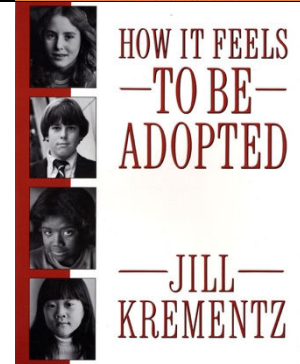


How it Feels to Be Adopted by: Jill Krementz

Age Range:

In these wonderfully straightforward accounts of what it means to children to be adopted, nineteen boys and girls, from eight to sixteen years old—and from every social background—confide their feelings about this crucial fact of their lives. It is deeply affecting to listen to these children as they reveal their questions, frustrations, difficulties, and joys with an honesty that is immediate, convincing, and stirring. Their generosity will provide solace and strength for thousands of other children who share with them the experience of being adopted—and who will be helped to understand that their own emotions are normal and appropriate.

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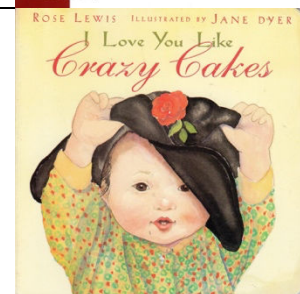


I Love You Like Crazy Cakes by: Rose A Lewis

Age Range: Ages 2-6

This story of a woman who travels to China to adopt a baby girl, based on the author's own experiences, is a celebration of the love and joy a baby brings into the home.

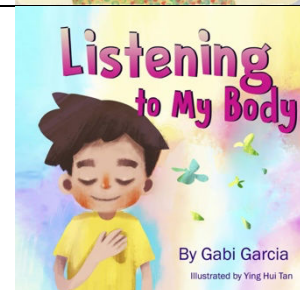
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Listening to My Body by: Gabi Garcia

Age Range: Ages 3-8

Big emotions can be overwhelming! Children need help to understand and express what they feel. Listening to My Body is an engaging and interactive book that guides children through the process of naming their emotions and the physical sensations accompanying them. Teaching kids to tune into their bodies and name their feelings is a foundation for emotional regulation. From wiggly and squirmy to rested and still, Listening to My Body helps children develop a sensations vocabulary to help them express what they are experiencing. It includes kid-friendly "Let's Practice" activities throughout the book so children can practice what they're learning. Listening to My Body is a wonderful social-emotional tool for parents, counselors, and teachers!



Where to find: <https://a.co/d/4voVzHn>

Listening With My Heart: A Story of Kindness and Self-Compassion by: Gabi Garcia

Age Range: Ages 4-7

Kindness matters! Especially towards ourselves.

When Esperanza finds a heart-shaped rock, she sees it as a reminder to spread kindness and love in the world. But when the school play doesn't go as planned, will she remember to show kindness to herself?

We talk to kids a lot about how to be friends with others but less about how to be friends with themselves.

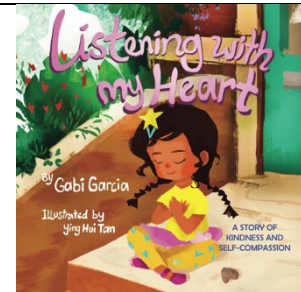
Yet when kids show themselves empathy and understanding, especially when they make mistakes, it helps build their emotional resilience, growth mindset, and sense of well-being.

Listening with My Heart reminds kids of the other golden rule-- to treat themselves with the same understanding and kindness they show others. It also touches on the universal themes of friendship and inclusion.

Listening with My Heart includes kid-friendly mindfulness and self-compassion activities that support the book's message. It's a beautiful addition to your home or school social-emotional library!

(Available in Spanish as: Escuchando con mi Corazón.)

Where to find: <https://a.co/d/iQvbcKG>



Lucy's Family Tree by: Karen Halvorsen Schreck

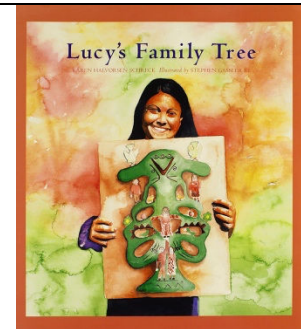
Age Range: Ages 4+

Identity issues can be particularly troubling for adoptive children and this often makes the family tree assignment many teachers are fond of, truly problematic. Lucy's Family Tree tells the story of how one girl completes her class assignment and in the process discovers that few families conform to the "traditional family" definition she has envisioned.

Lucy's adoption makes her feel as though her family is too "different" for a family tree project at school, but as she realizes that many families are different, she ends up creating a family tree that celebrates both her past and present. The last pages in the book offer helpful alternatives to the traditional family tree project.

Teachers will appreciate learning new approaches to designing family trees that are more inclusive of family diversity.

Where to find: <https://a.co/d/gabCPIJ>



May You Love and Be Loved: Wishes for Your Life by: Cleo Wade

Age Range: Ages 3-6

An Amazon Best Book of the Month!

A Barnes & Noble Best Book of 2024 (So Far).

May You Love and Be Loved: Wishes For Your Life is the tender and joyous next picture book from New York Times-bestselling author and poet, Cleo Wade.

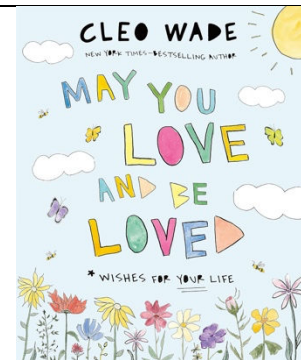
May you know fear but not be driven by it

May you know joy and follow it everywhere

May you know light and shine it every chance you get

From the bestselling author of What the Road Said, Cleo Wade's next heartfelt and lyrical picture book is a love letter to the infinite potential of the future, expressing the many hopes and dreams we hold for our children and ourselves. Gorgeously illustrated by the author and filled to the brim with her signature big-hearted emotions, this book is an important reminder that, above all, what we wish for everyone's precious life is that they can love and be loved.

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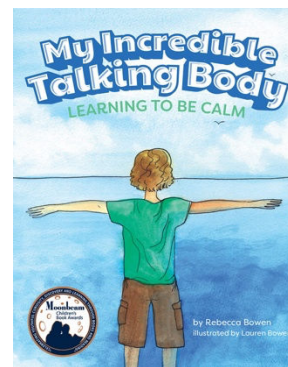


My Incredible Talking Body by: Rebecca Bowen

Age Range:

My Incredible Talking Body: Learning to Be Calm is a beautifully illustrated picture book created to help children understand emotions and how to manage them. This book focuses on cultivating mindfulness of the body's signals about feelings, encouraging acceptance of all types of emotions, and developing strategies for calming strong or uncomfortable feelings. Included in the book is a learning guide designed especially for parents, educators, counselors, and other adults that are supporting children as they build skills to manage their emotions.

Where to find: <https://a.co/d/fuWGQtS>



Riley the Brave - The Little Cub with Big Feelings!: Help for Cubs Who Have Had A Tough Start in Life by: Jessica Sinarski

Age Range: Age 5-8

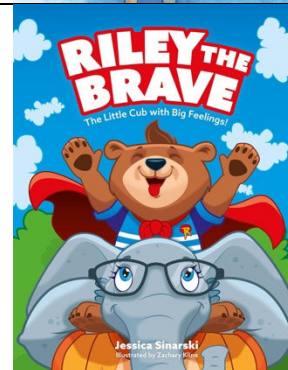
Help your little one unlock their inner courage!

Riley the Brave is the story of a little bear with big feelings! Join this super-cool, cape-wearing cub as he embarks on a journey to face his fears.

Riley is joined by all of his animal friends who care for him as he faces his difficult feelings. Along the way, Riley learns how sometimes, being tough or loud isn't the bravest thing to be - sometimes it's asking for help, or being brave enough to let someone into your heart.

Written for any child who is looking to unlock their inner courage, and particularly those healing from difficult life experiences or trauma, this book creates a safe space for conversations about complex thoughts and feelings. It also features an educational afterword for grown-ups which explains how the book helps children, and how to get the most out of it.

Where to find: <https://a.co/d/a1dlVVy>



Riley the Brave Makes It to School: A Story With Tips and Tricks for Tough Transitions by: Jessica Sinarski

Age Range: Ages 5-9

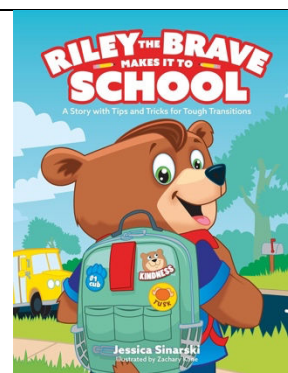
"I'm NOT going to school today!"

Riley the Brave is a little bear with big feelings. Some days he wakes up feeling cheerful and ready to brave the day. He has energy to get dressed, eat breakfast and have some fun!

But some days he wakes up feeling like a grumpy porcupine. His brow is scrunched and he thinks that it is going to be a terrible day. Today, Riley is having one of those days! What can be done to help him?

All children struggle to make it to school some days, and this can be even tougher for children who have had difficult life experiences and extra challenges at school. This book creates a safe space for conversations about big thoughts and feelings, and offers positive tips for families to try. It also features an educational afterword for grown-ups which explains how the book helps children, and how to get the most out of it.

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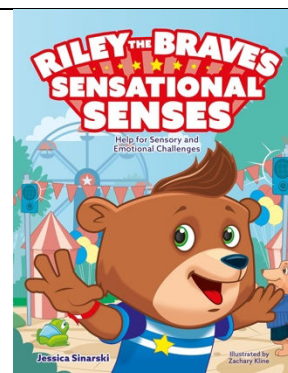


Riley the Brave's Sensational Senses: Help for Sensory and Emotional Challenges by: Jessica Sinarski

Age Range: Ages 3-7

Riley the Brave is a little bear with big feelings. He really wants to have fun at the fair, but sometimes he struggles just making it to school, especially on the STINKY, BUMPY, NOISY bus!

It is hard for Riley to focus and have fun when he is feeling so many confusing sensations! He has porcupine moments and grumps at his friends, or turtle moments when he just wants to be alone. He even had a tiger moment, roaring at his teacher. With all these big feelings, how can he ever go to the fair?



Riley the Brave's Sensational Senses teaches children about their senses through a playful story with real-life strategies for emotion regulation. It also features an educational afterword for grown-ups that explains our eight senses and includes tips for getting the most out of the book.

Where to find: <https://a.co/d/d2MpeVt>

Seven Core Issues in Adoption and Permanency: A Comprehensive Guide to Promoting Understanding and Healing In Adoption, Foster Care, Kinship Families and Third Party Reproduction by: Sharon Roszia

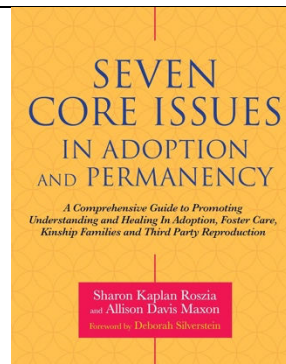
Age Range: PARENTING

Based on a hugely successful US model, the Seven Core Issues in Adoption is the first conceptual framework of its kind to offer a unifying lens that was inclusive of all individuals touched by the adoption experience.

The Seven Core Issues are Loss, Rejection, Shame/Guilt, Grief, Identity, Intimacy, and Mastery/Control. The book expands the model to be inclusive of adoption and all forms of permanency: adoption, foster care, kinship care, donor insemination and surrogacy. Attachment and trauma are integrated with the Seven Core Issues model to address and normalize the additional tasks individuals and families will encounter.

The book views the Seven Core Issues from a range of perspectives including: multi-racial, LGBTQ, Hispanic, Asian, Native American, African-American, International, openness, search and reunion, and others. This essential guide introduces each Core Issue, its impact on individuals, offering techniques for growth and healing.

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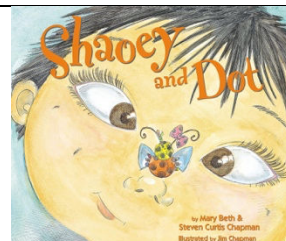


Shaoy and Dot: Bug Meets Bundle by: Mary Beth Chapman

Age Range:

An abandoned Chinese baby who has been befriended by a ladybug finds her way to an orphanage where she is eventually adopted by an American family.

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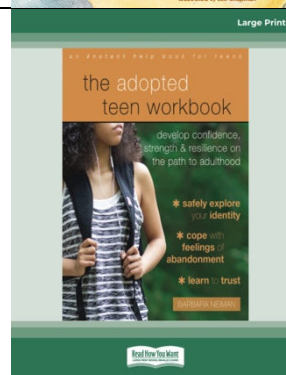


The Adopted Teen Workbook: Develop Confidence, Strength, and Resilience on the Path to Adulthood by: Barbara Neiman

Age Range: TEEN WORKBOOK

Many adopted teens eventually question why they were given up, and may grapple with feelings of isolation, abandonment, and broken trust. This workbook is designed to help these teens open the door to questioning about their birth family, explore painful feelings, and develop skills that will provide the strength, resilience, and confidence they need to thrive on the road to adulthood.

Where to find: <https://a.co/d/42blk0v>



The Color of Love by: Poppy Harlow

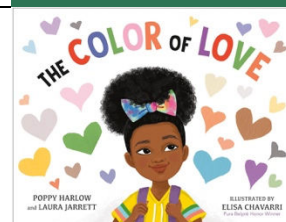
Age Range: Ages 3-7

CNN news anchor Poppy Harlow and Saturday TODAY's Laura Jarrett celebrate how love comes in many forms.

If love were a color, what color would it be?

Everyone in Ms. Clementine's class has a different answer, but Grace doesn't know which color to choose. Love could be blue like her favorite pair of shoes or yellow like the daffodils that grow in her neighborhood. As Grace and her classmates share what love looks like to them, they learn that it comes in many forms.

CNN news anchor Poppy Harlow and Saturday TODAY's Laura Jarrett have created a warmhearted tale that encourages young readers to celebrate the many meanings of love.



Where to find: <https://a.co/d/e60o0FW>

The Connected Child: Bring Hope and Healing to Your Adoptive Family by: Karyn Purvis

Age Range: PARENTING

The adoption of a child is always a joyous moment in the life of a family. Some adoptions, though, present unique challenges. Welcoming these children into your family--and addressing their special needs--requires care, consideration, and compassion.

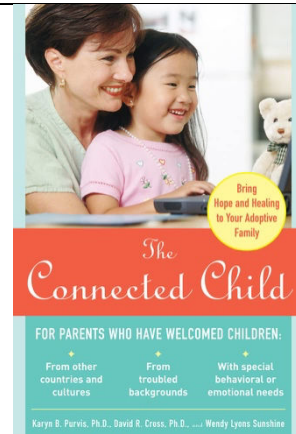
Written by two research psychologists specializing in adoption and attachment, The Connected Child will help you:

Build bonds of affection and trust with your adopted child

Effectively deal with any learning or behavioral disorders

Discipline your child with love without making him or her feel threatened

Where to find: <https://a.co/d/5i6s9wh>



The Rabbit Listened by: Cori Doerrfeld

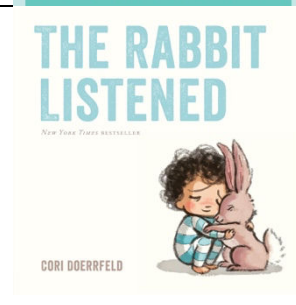
Age Range: Ages 2+

A moving and universal picture book about empathy and kindness, sure to soothe heartaches big and small—now a New York Times bestseller and a perfect gift for any special occasion

When something sad happens, Taylor doesn't know where to turn. All the animals are sure they have the answer. The chicken wants to talk it out, but Taylor doesn't feel like chatting. The bear thinks Taylor should get angry, but that's not quite right either. One by one, the animals try to tell Taylor how to act, and one by one they fail to offer comfort. Then the rabbit arrives. All the rabbit does is listen . . . which is just what Taylor needs.

With its spare, poignant text and irresistibly sweet illustration, The Rabbit Listened is about how to comfort and heal the people in your life, by taking the time to carefully, lovingly, gently listen.

Where to find: <https://a.co/d/dIBTflm>

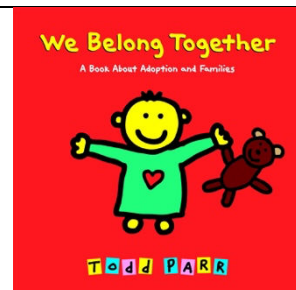


We Belong Together: A Book About Adoption and Families by: Todd Parr

Age Range: Ages 3-6

Aimed at 3-6 year olds writer and illustrator Todd Parr presents a kid friendly approach to the ways adoptive families come together. In a kid friendly accessible way bestselling author/illustrator Todd Parr explores the ways that people can choose to come together to make a family and approaches this challenging subject with humor and sensitivity through his bold and colorful illustrations. Full color. In a kid friendly accessible way this book explores the ways that people can choose to come together to make a family. It's about sharing your home and sharing your heart to make a family that belongs together.

Where to find: <https://a.co/d/jaRb3U9>



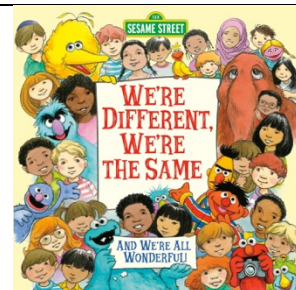
We're Different, We're the Same by: Bobbi Kates

Age Range: Ages 1-4

Who better than Elmo and his Sesame Street friends to teach us that though we may all look different on the outside—deep down, we are all very much alike?

Elmo and his Sesame Street friends help teach toddlers and the adults in their lives that everyone is the same on the inside, and it's our differences that make this wonderful world, which is home to us all, an interesting—and special—place. This enduring, colorful, and charmingly illustrated book offers an easy, enjoyable way to learn about differences—and what truly matters. We're Different, We're the Same is an engaging read for toddlers and adults alike that reinforces how we all have the same needs, desires, and feelings.

Where to find: <https://a.co/d/brJ340y>



When You Joined Our Family by: Harriet Evans

Age Range: Ages 3-7

When you joined our family, I knew you were just who I'd waited and wished for. A picture book celebrating all kinds of adoption, and all kinds of families, steeped in love. Learn to accept differences, to recognize similarities, and—most importantly—to rejoice in both.

Where to find: <https://paperpie.com/brandpartner/C5101/products/detail/title/when-you-joined-our-family>



Whoever You Are by: Mem Fox

Age Range: Ages 2-5

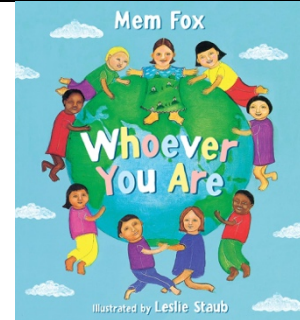
Enjoy this picture book celebration of diverse childhoods, and the essential things that make us all the same.

"A compelling exploration of the differences between children that make them unique as well as the common humanity that unites them." (Publishers Weekly)

Every day all over the world, children are laughing and crying, playing and learning, eating and sleeping. They may not look the same. They may not speak the same language. Their lives may be quite different from each other. But inside, they are all alike.

Stirring words and bold paintings weave their way around our earth, across cultures and generations and remind children to accept differences, to recognize similarities, and—most importantly—to rejoice in both.

Where to find: <https://a.co/d/9BkrB17>



You Are Loved: A Book About Families by: Margaret O'Hair

Age Range: Ages 4-8

From Down syndrome advocate and viral sensation Sofia Sanchez comes this beautiful and inclusive picture book about all the different ways to make a family.

Families come in many different shapes and forms -- but they all teach you how to be strong and show you how loved you are.

Alongside a sweet and simple narrative, the warm illustrations tell their own story. Beginning with Sofia Sanchez's adopted family, readers will meet families with two moms and two dads, families with single parents, and kids raised by grandparents, guardians, or older siblings. Big families, small families, extended families, blended families, and mixed race families -- including parents with their own differences that make them unique, too.

This heartwarming companion book to 2021's You Are Enough highlights the important message that families aren't just the people you live with. They include the people in your school, your community, and the people you choose who love you and empower you just the way you are.

Where to find: <https://a.co/d/6vbpqCK>

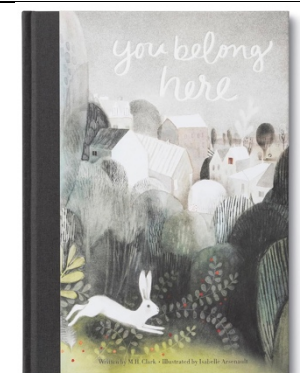


You Belong Here by: M.H. Clark

Age Range: Baby +

The stars belong in the deep night sky, and the moon belongs there too, and the winds belong in each place they blow by, and I belong here with you. So begins this classic bedtime book, richly illustrated by award-winning artist Isabelle Arsenault. The pages journey around the world, observing plants and animals everywhere, and reminding children that they are right where they belong. A beautiful title for new babies, adoptive families, and children of all ages.

Where to find: <https://a.co/d/h0x5f3h>



Your Amazing Brain: The Epic Illustrated Guide by: Jessica Sinarski

Age Range: Ages 7-10

Help Manage Behavior by Understanding How the Brain Works

Faster than a speeding car! Stronger than a supercomputer! Are you ready to harness the power of your amazing brain?

Get the inside scoop on why we do what we do!

In this book, you'll discover:

- *engaging visuals explaining brain cell and nervous system basics*
- *the surprising role of our eight senses - yes, there are more than five!*
- *differences between the two brain "teams" and the ways they impact behavior*
- *proven strategies for helping our rational "upstairs brain" run the show*
- *simple brain-boosting ideas for all ages ...and much more!*

Jam-packed with insights for kids and helpful guidance for adults, this "user's manual for the brain" is sure to become a go-to resource in your home, classroom, or therapy office.

Along with a diverse cast of characters, author and intrepid guide, "Ms. Jessica," transforms complex neuroscience into fun graphics, simple metaphors, and practical solutions for students ages 7 and up.

Where to find: <https://a.co/d/2SBcF96>

