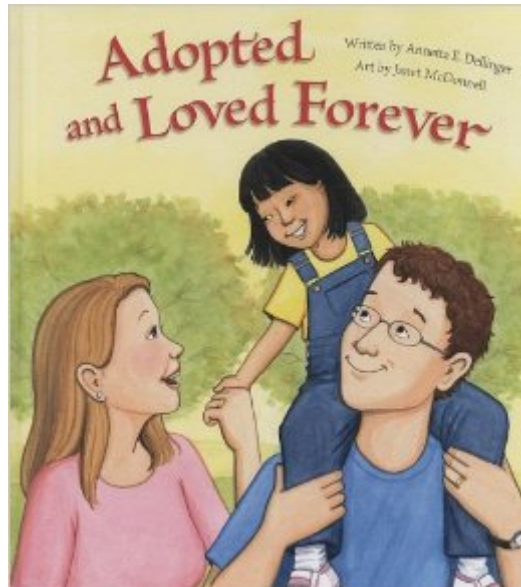


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Adopted And Loved Forever



Synopsis

A young child describes what it means to be adopted emphasizing that parents of adopted children chose them, love them, and will never leave them.

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Customer Reviews

I read the previous reviews. I disagree with most of it. I do agree that some of the terminology is a little out dated. I do agree with the part that it does make a statement in a prayer part that says help me to show my parents how thankful I am they wanted me. I can see where that may be taken in a bad way. But I think the point is that a child can be grateful to God that He put in their parents' hearts the desire that they be their child. And that is not the same message as they should feel they owe something to their parents for having adopted them. I do not get that message at all from this book. I think the point is that it is trying to help the child see that adoption is a thing that is good and that the parents and the child can be thankful about. It also makes the analogy that we are all adopted by God. It may not be politically correct in all areas but the overall message I think is great! There's lots of room to get offended by terms for parents but I have never found kids to be so concerned about these terms. I think one statement here or there is not going to give them a feeling that they should be grateful we adopted them and be mindful of that every day. They get their feeling about adoption from us and our hearts on it. They know we feel we are the lucky ones. I

think if you are afraid your kids will get that they should be grateful to have been adopted in a less than reasonable way then your problem is bigger than bad wording in a Christian kids book. And I personally am not offended by the term "natural parents" vs "birth parents". I do not think the term natural implies that adoption is not natural unless you have a chip on your shoulder. To me the distinction IS by nature vs parents by God. How hung up can we get on this stuff?

This title was originally published in 1987. This year the publisher released a 2nd Edition, an updated version that offers new illustrations and more contemporary wording and explanations. The text provides a first person narrative of adoption from the perspective of a young girl. She tells readers that her parents are very special and she loves them very much. Long ago they were lonely because they had no children, but after talking with someone at the adoption agency, they chose her to be their child. The text explains that an adoption agency "knows where there are children who need families." The book goes on to answer several questions. * Adopted children don't always look like their adoptive parents, but that's okay. * Even adopted kids have to obey their parents. Just like other kids, they are corrected when they misbehave. * Children can be adopted at different ages, some as babies and others as older kids. * Children can be adopted for different reasons, some because their parents died; others because their parents couldn't care for them properly. * The Bible talks about adoption, too! Esther and Moses were adopted, and God adopts all believers into His family. * Adoption is permanent. Adoptive parents won't change their minds when their child gets older. Rather, the child is adopted and loved forever. The illustrations by Janet McDonnell add much to the story. They feature a loving family - Caucasian parents and an Asian daughter - in strong watercolor. WHAT I LIKE: This book answers so many questions! It tackles inquiries held by kids who have been adopted or who know others who have been adopted. It's fantastic.

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