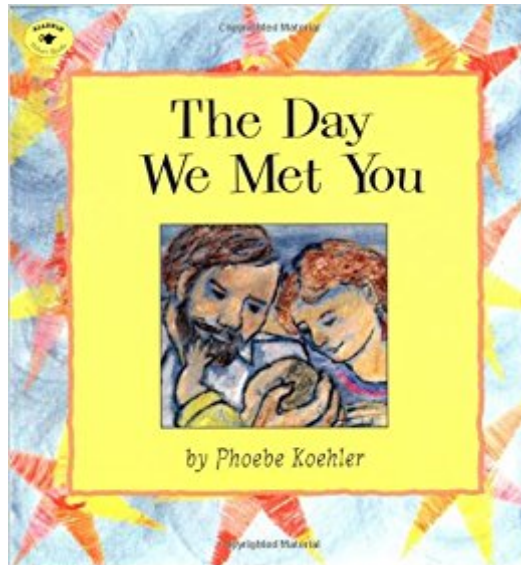


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The Day We Met You (Aladdin Picture Books)



Synopsis

Step by loving step, a couple prepares their home for the arrival of their adopted baby. "When the happy couple holds their smiling infant for the first time ... the joy is almost palpable". -- Publishers Weekly. "Adopted children love to hear their homecoming stories over and over, and this is a perfect book to encourage such retellings". -- School Library Journal. Includes an Afterword that provides parents with guidance about how and when to explain adoption to their children.

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Customer Reviews

"The sun shone bright the day we met you"--and it continues to radiate its warmth throughout this unadorned tale of an adoption. Eager to pick up their new baby, the parents-to-be describe their preparations and purchases: "We bought diapers and pajamas . . . so you would be dry and warm." Friends and neighbors share the excitement by providing a quilt and a cradle; Grandpa brings reassurance in the form of a teddy bear. When the happy couple hold their smiling infant for the first time at the book's conclusion, the joy is almost palpable. Designed to be read aloud to an adopted child, Koehler's first picture book addresses an important issue in a loving, direct style. Her pastel crayon drawings, bordered in warm yellows, oranges and greens, strike the perfect note of childlike innocence. Ages 2-5. Copyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of

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Adoptive parents narrate the loving preparations made for the day they took their child home. The story begins simply, with the phone call that notifies them of the baby's arrival, and ends with the joy of seeing their child: "The minute we saw you we knew that we loved you." Pastel crayon close-ups of objects illustrate the straightforward story very well. Younger children will like the cradle, teddy bear, and tiny clothes named in the story. The text is easy enough for beginning readers, and the short sentences are set in unusually large type and fit nicely into the illustrations. Adopted children love to hear their homecoming stories over and over, and this is a perfect book to encourage such retellings. Pastel-colored borders on each page, homey objects outlined in black, and dancing suns glowing on the endpapers communicate the delight of "the day we met you." It is difficult to think of any adoptive family who would not like this book. *Waiting for Hannah* (Greenwillow, 1989) by Marisabina Russo and *Waiting for Noah* (Harper, 1990) by Shulamith Levey Oppenheim, both about anticipating the birth of a child, make fine companions to this excellent picture book about adoption. --Anna Biagioni Hart, Sherwood Regional Library, Alexandria, VA Copyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

We just adopted a baby boy and I am adopted myself. I found a lot of books about adoptions of girls from China, but this was the first one that really fit our domestic infant adoption situation. I read it to my 8 week old son the day he was placed with us along with my 3 year old daughter. It really helped introduce the concept of adoption to my older child who has seen her friends' moms have babies in their tummies. She was there on placement day so it really made her feel part of the process. She could talk about all the steps we took to adopt our child like, get formula, a car seat and driving to pick him up. It's the best adoption book I've found so far.

Simple read. plain pictures which I like for my 3 1/2 yr o.l.d adopted at birth. We r talking about his adoption now. we have minimal contact with birth parents and its a qomderful thing. We have 2 other books to read and bring up small phrases.

I read this to my two year old before nap time and she really likes it. She points at the pictures and says "mommy, daddy & Sasha". She has only been with us for 4 months, but already we are family. As I read I change a few things around to adjust for what our experience was with bringing her and her sister home with us - the part about we borrowed a crib from a friend becomes we decorated

your room just for you and your sister in your favorite colors and filled it with lots of toys.

This book closely mirrored our own adoption experience. Family and friends were a big part and the book includes it in a very simple and friendly way. I love it and my daughter loves it.

Read this book almost every night to my son! He and I both love it.

We bought numerous adoption books for children and this is one of the less stronger of the bunch. A sweet book, no doubt, but there are others more preferable.

We like this book. Our 7 1/2 yr old loves books and loves to read so we cannot make many negative comments about any book. However, I as a parent of two adopted daughters think the book is geared towards much younger children and definitely meant for a child you are just introducing the subject of adoption to, unlike our 7 1/2 year old where we've started the conversation with her younger than age 3. The wording is also for younger children.

This is a nice, short, simple book about adoption that my two year old daughter has responded well to. It's nice to just have around, and can provide a good opening to make the discussion your own as you relate your own details to your child.

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