

ADOPTION

Caseley, J. Sisters. Kika has just been adopted -- and she's worried. There's so much that's new to her: a different language, new friends to make, and something she's never had before -- a family. Melissa has a new sister -- and she's excited. There's so much to share with Kika: trips to the playground, afternoons at the library, and birthday parties. Through each new experience, Kika and Melissa discover that sisterhood can be fun, challenging, and sometimes unpredictable, but always rewarding. Best of all, a sister is a friend for life. j PAR PIC Caseley

Curtis, J. Tell Me Again About the Night I Was Born. "Tell me again about the night I was born," begs a little girl, who then joyously proceeds to supply all the details herself: how the phone rang in the middle of the night; how her parents got on an airplane and traveled to the hospital, where they would pick up the baby they would adopt; how they cradled her and called her "baby sweet". jP Curtis

Fowler, S. When Joel Comes Home. Joel is newly adopted, and his arrival at the airport is eagerly awaited by the young narrator. "A new baby is better than a party," she comments. She has all kinds of plans to greet her parents' best friends' baby. This is the story of many adopted children, and it will give them and their friends hours of pleasure in the telling and retelling. j PAR PIC Fowler

Friedrich, Molly. You're Not My Real Mother. An adoptive mother tells her daughter all of the reasons why she is a "real mother," even though they do not look alike - "does a real mother drive to Parker's house to pick up Polar Bear [her stuffed animal] when you've left him there?" j PAR PIC Friedrich

Girard, L. Adoption is For Always. Although Celia reacts to having been adopted with anger and insecurity, her parents help her accept her feelings and celebrate their love for her by making her adoption a family holiday. j PAR PIC Girard

Girard, L. We Adopted You, Benjamin Koo. Nine-year-old Benjamin Koo Andrews, adopted from Korea as an infant, describes what it's like to grow up adopted from another country. j PAR PIC Girard

Heo, Y. Ten Days and Nine Nights : An Adoption Story. A young girl eagerly awaits the arrival of her newly-adopted sister from Korea, while her whole family prepares. j PAR PIC Heo

Joose, B. Nikolai, the Only Bear. There are one hundred orphans at the Russian orphanage, but Nikolai is the only bear. He growls when he speaks and claws the air when he plays. "Play nice, Nikolai," the keepers say. No one wants to take Nikolai home. Until one day, when a fur-faced man and a smooth-faced woman come to visit from America. They growl with him and play with him, and sing songs that make him feel soft-bearish. And when it's time for them to go home, Nikolai knows that he has found the right family at last. j PAR PIC Joosse

Kasza, K. A Mother for Choco. Choco wishes he had a mother, but who could she be? He sets off to find her, asking all kinds of animals, but he doesn't meet anyone who looks just like him. He doesn't even think of asking Mrs. Bear if she's his mother-but then she starts to do

just the things a mommy might do. And when she brings him home, he meets her other children-a piglet, a hippo, and an alligator-and learns that families can come in all shapes and sizes and still fit together. j PAR PIC Kasza

Keller, H. Horace. Horace, a leopard, is the adopted son of tiger parents. Every night, at bedtime, Mama tells him how he came to be their child. But Horace always falls asleep before the story ends. As Horace grows older, he begins to wonder whether he belongs -- really belongs -- with his adopted family. He runs away. When Mama and Papa find him, Horace is glad. And that night, as he goes to sleep, he provides his very own ending to the story he has heard so often. j PAR PIC Keller

Koehler, P. The Day We Met You. "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. When the happy couple hold their smiling infant for the first time at the book's conclusion, the joy is almost palpable. j PAR PIC Koehler

Krementz, J. How it Feels to Be Adopted. Interviews with adopted children and adoptive families about their experiences and feelings concerning adoption. j 362.7 K92

Lewis, R. Every Year on Your Birthday. In *I Love You Like Crazy Cakes*, Rose Lewis and Jane Dyer told the heartfelt story of one woman's adoption a baby girl from China. These sentiments are brought to life again in this touching portrait of birthday celebrations and unforgettable moments between a mother and her little girl: from joyous hugs for a new puppy, to quiet nights gazing at the stars remembering a faraway family. Capturing the richness of both Chinese and American cultures, *Every Year on Your Birthday* is a poignant tribute to the growing bond of love only a parent and child can know. j PAR PIC Lewis

Lewis, R. I Love You Like Crazy Cakes. Mother-love is profound, however a baby comes into a woman's life. For Rose Lewis, the journey to motherhood begins with a letter to Chinese officials, asking if she can adopt from the "big room with lots of other babies." The infants in that room in China are each missing a mother, but Lewis is missing something, too--a baby. She travels to China to meet her new little girl and falls head over heels in love. j PAR PIC Lewis

Livingston, C. "Why Was I adopted?" This book offers honest, clear explanations such questions as adopted children looking nothing like their parents or siblings, having been adopted from another country, etc.. j 362.7 L

Masse, J. Motherbridge of Love. This beautiful poem celebrates the bond between parent and child in a special way. Exchanges between a little Chinese girl and her mother offer a poignant and inspiring message to parents and children all over the world. j PAR PIC Masse

McCully, E. My Real Family. Sarah, convinced that she is adopted, runs away from the Bear Family Theater to find her "real parents." jP McCully

McCutcheon, J. Happy Adoption Day! Parents celebrate the day on which they adopted their child and continue to reassure the new addition to their family that it is wanted, loved, and very special. j PAR PIC McCutcheon

Miller, K. Did My First Mother Love Me? A Story for an Adopted Child. When young Morgan asks, "Did my first mother love me?" her adoptive mother reads her a letter written by Morgan's birth mother. This birth mother's love, concern, and caring for her child come through loud and clear as she explains the kind of life she wants for her child. Sadly, she explains, she cannot provide that life for her child, so she has given her a different set of parents.. Includes a section: "Talking with your child about adoption." j PAR PIC Miller

Rosenberg, M. Being Adopted. Several young children recount their experiences as adopted members of their families. j 362.7 R

Smalls, I. Because You're Lucky. Jonathan isn't very happy when his cousin Kevin comes to live with him and his family. He has to share his clothes, his bedroom, his toys, and even his friends with Kevin. When Jonathan complains and asks why, his mother tells him "Because you're lucky." j PAR PIC Smalls

Stoeke, J. Waiting for May. A young boy looks forward to the day when a new sister, who will be adopted from China, joins his family. j PAR PIC Stoeke

Young, E. My Mei Mei. Speaking in the voice of his eldest daughter, Antonia, Young tells his family's tender, personal adoption story. In simple, brief sentences, Antonia describes how her parents carried her home from China when she was a baby. As she grows older she wistfully befriends an invisible "Mei Mei"-a younger sister. When she is three, return to China to bring home a Mei Mei, or younger sister, for her. j PAR PIC Young