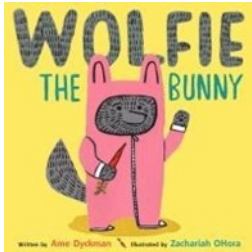


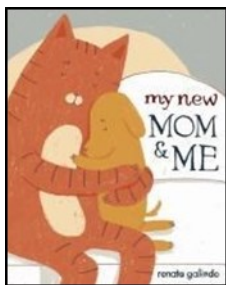
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Curtis, J. Tell Me Again About the Night I Was Born. "Tell me again about the night I was born," begs a little girl, who then joyously proceeds to supply all the details herself: how the phone rang in the middle of the night; how her parents got on 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". j PAR PIC Curtis

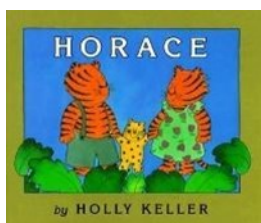


Dyckman, A. Wolfie the Bunny. Dot gets a new little brother, a baby wolf. Dot's concern over the fact that her new brother may devour the bunny family goes unnoticed by her parents. Are Dot's concerns justified or is she simply experiencing jealousy over the new addition? jP Dyckman

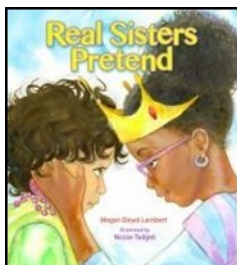


Galindo, R. My New Mom & Me. Here is a heartwarming and completely accessible story about adoption, diversity, and acceptance. When the puppy comes to live with his new mom (a cat), he is nervous. After all, his mom has stripes and he doesn't. But his mom says she likes that they look different, and soon the puppy likes it, too. (And who cares what anyone else thinks!) The puppy's new mom does all the things other parents do. She plays with him, takes care of him, and sometimes even makes him mad! But that's okay, because when he's feeling sad, she knows just what to say.

j PAR PIC Galindo

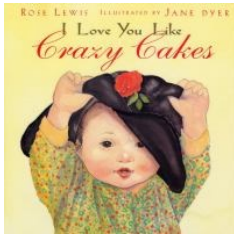


Keller, H. Horace. Horace, a leopard, is the adopted son of tiger parents. Every night, at bedtime, Mama tells him how he came to be their child. But Horace always falls asleep before the story ends. As Horace grows older, he begins to wonder whether he belongs -- really belongs -- with his adopted family. 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



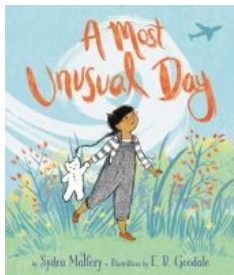
Lambert, M. Real Sisters Pretend. As they play, Mia and Tayja confirm that there's one thing they don't have to pretend: They know in their hearts that they're real sisters, even though others don't always recognize this since they're adopted and don't look alike. Safe in the knowledge that adoption has made them "forever family," the sisters end their make-believe journey with a joyful homecoming to a real home with their two moms. j PAR PIC Lambert

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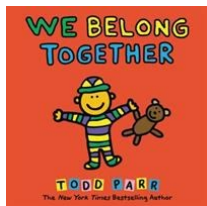
Lewis, R. I Love You Like Crazy Cakes. Mother-love is profound however a baby comes into a woman's life. For Rose Lewis, the journey to motherhood begins with a letter to Chinese officials, asking if she can adopt from the "big room with lots of other babies." The infants in that room in China are each 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



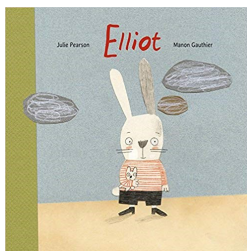
Mallery, S. A Most Unusual Day. Today is a very unusual day! Caroline wakes up late, forgets her socks, and feels strange all the way to school. She tries to help her teacher, but everything is mixed up today and all Caroline manages to do is make a great big mess. Finally, the school day ends and Caroline rushes outside to greet her parents, who are having a rather extraordinary day themselves. In their arms they hold Caroline's new baby sister, who has just arrived from far away.

jP Mallery



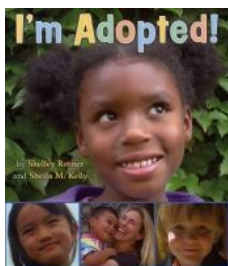
Parr, T. We Belong Together. In a kid-friendly, accessible way, this book explores the ways that people can choose to come together to make a family. It's about sharing your home and sharing your heart to make a family that belongs together.

j PAR PIC Parr



Pearson, J. Elliott. Not all children are born into families where their needs can be met....Whatever the reason, there are times when children must be placed in foster care to ensure their growth and well-being....Honest and heartfelt, this book about foster parenting and adoption is a needed addition to any collection. Told in soothing, repetitive text prose, with soft illustrations featuring approachable rabbit characters, this book reflects the experiences of many children.

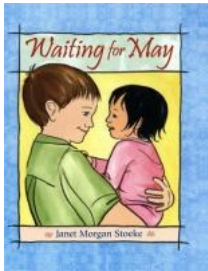
j PAR PIC Pearson



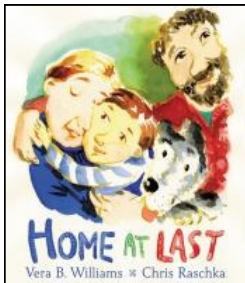
Rotner, S. I'm Adopted! Large, casual photographs of contemporary children, sometimes alone but mostly with their adoptive families, dominate this clear and reassuring introduction to the topic of adoption. The simple text explains why adoptions take place and addresses the questions that adoptees often ask, such as why their birth mothers could not keep them.

j PAR PIC Rotner

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Stoeke, J. Waiting for May. A young boy eagerly anticipates the arrival of his new sister, who is living in China and waiting to be adopted by his family. As the weeks pass by, his excitement builds until, one day, the family receives a photo of the new baby. to go to China to meet her and bring her home. in honor of this, the family decides to name her May. And then—at last—the waiting for May is over, and they are finally able to bring their new baby home. j PAR PIC Stoeke



Williams, V. Home at Last. After Lester is adopted by Daddy Albert and Daddy Rich, he develops a big problem—he can't fall asleep. Night after night he creeps into his parents' room and attempts to crawl in between his two daddies, confident that if he's with them and their dog, Wincka, nothing bad will happen to him ever again. But every night, Lester's new dads walk him back to his own room, hoping that eventually Lester will get used to the new house and his new family and feel as though he belongs. They buy him a bike and take him for ice cream. They make cocoa and introduce him to his cousins. But no matter how happy Lester seems during the day, he still gets scared and worried at night! It's the sweet dog Wincka who finally solves the problem when she climbs into Lester's bed and promptly falls asleep, serving as both his pillow and his protector. Lester feels home at last.

j PAR PIC Williams