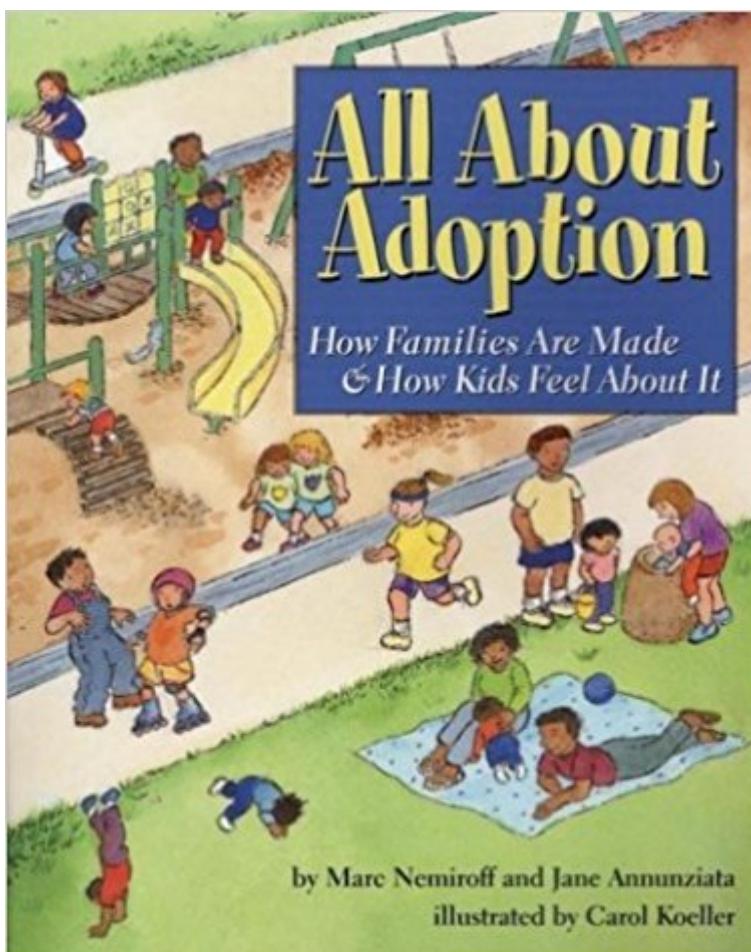


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# All About Adoption: How Families Are Made & How Kids Feel About It



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illustrated by Carol Koeller



## **Synopsis**

For the child who already understands the concept of adoption, this work provides a deeper understanding of how the adoption process works and the feelings that many children have about being adopted. Topics include why children are given up for adoption and why adoptive parents want to adopt.

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## **Customer Reviews**

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So, so helpful to my 7 year old (adopted at 23 months) who's really struggling with understanding the concept of adoption from why he's not with his birth parents through to the fact that he's not the only child in the world who's been adopted. We read this book together - a few pages at a time each night so that we could talk it over and absorb it properly. He said he loved this book once we'd gotten through it.

Cute book. Great explanations. Really targeted towards a middle-late elementary age.

Very well written, and explains the process of adoption.

I am a therapist working with foster kids. I found this book to be very helpful to kids who are on the brink of being adopted. Children I've read this book with are attentive because they can identify with the information presented.

We have a 5 year old son and are planning to adopt a child through county DHR. We looked everywhere to find a book that explains adoption to our birth child. This one did the trick. It is written to the adopted child but we were able to use it with our birth child. It is full of facts instead of just being a sweet family story. It also points out that children don't have to look like the rest of the family.

This book gives a brief overview of all types of adoption and the emotions that are felt by parents and children alike. It might be more valuable in a school library rather than a home bookshelf, as it is so broad it lacks personal connection.

I think this book is more appropriate for domestic adoption. There were a few things that bothered me such as that "usually" adoptive parents know something about birth parents. Most people I know through adoption groups(international) know pretty close to nothing about the birth parents.

I am a therapist and I bought this book because I was looking for something to use with a family who has a foster child they are considering adopting. I had read that this book covered foster care as well, so I thought it sounded like a good option. Unfortunately, I was not able to use it. The book begins with a warm and fuzzy intro about how an adopted child's biological family chose adoption because they wanted their child to have a better life than they could offer. The book mostly focuses on this type of situation, though it does mention that sometimes older children may have lived in a foster home or a group home before being adopted. Most foster children are in foster care because they have been removed from a situation of abuse or neglect. I was not comfortable using this book because the child I am working with was severely abused by his parents and I did not want to present a book that made it sound like most parents choose adoption because they have the child's best interest in mind. This would be hurtful and confusing for him. If you want to talk to your child about adoption and he or she was adopted at a very young age, this book would be great. I would

not recommend it for older children adopted through the foster care system.

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